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CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

As we close two chapters – both the 2024/25 financial year and our 2022–2025 strategy – I find myself reflecting on the profound changes around us. The complexity of the challenges our team faces continue to grow: the repercussions of global and local conflicts, sector-wide shifts in funding and the increased exposure of communities to social and environmental issues.

I am incredibly proud to share that from 2022–2025 we supported 186,226 children, exceeding our 2025 strategy goal by 24%. During the accounting period, Chance for Childhood reached a record total income of £1,804,371, a 23% year-on-year increase. We also achieved:

- The successful integration of Chance for Childhood and Hope for Children into one merged organisation.
- Our selection as implementing partner for the RISE inclusive education project in Rwanda, endorsed by the government and Ministry of Education of Rwanda and supported by the Scottish Government, securing £2.3m over five years.
- The scaling up of our innovative Disability Detect app, which has identified the learning needs of 18,619 children to date.

We rely on partnerships to achieve lasting change. We are privileged to have maintained the trust of long-term partners including Thinkmoney, UNICEF and Theirworld, and are very grateful to our corporate and foundation partners – Vitol Foundation, Fondation Pro Victimis, Addax & Oryx Foundation, EA Foundation and The Forrester Family Trust.

We are excited to launch our new 2030 strategy during the second half of the year. This next phase capitalises on our achievements and learning of the past while focusing even more on the sustainability of our income, operations and programmes. At the core of our strategy is to continue to shift the power to the communities we work with. Now, as we transition to an Africa-based CEO, we turn commitment into action and set a precedent ahead of many of our peers.

Thank you to our trustees for maintaining high standards of governance while supporting the CEO transition and the strategy development. I would also like to thank our former CEO, Anna-mai Andrews, for her vision, dedication and outstanding leadership during the last 13 years, and to interim CEO Ven Nyamondo and her team for shaping the future strategy while relentlessly delivering on our commitments.

And to our donors: thank you for your trust, your support, and belief in our work. In a world that is changing faster than ever, we remain focused on what matters most: ensuring that every child can learn, grow and thrive.

Dr. Nicoletta Gopsill-Piccolrovazzi

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARITY

Chance for Childhood is a charitable company limited by guarantee (no.02735643) and a registered charity in England & Wales (no. 1013587). It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which set out its charitable objectives as existing to "prevent and relieve poverty, improve wellbeing among disadvantaged and vulnerable children, young people and their families, advance education for disadvantaged and vulnerable children, young people and their families and advance human rights of children and young people."

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We believe that no child should have to fight for a safe, happy childhood. We exist to ensure that every child in Africa can thrive from their early years through to adulthood. We don't work alone. Together with partners, supporters, children and their communities, we protect, educate and create lasting change for every child threatened by violence, neglect and conflict. We specialise in ensuring access to inclusive education and safe spaces so that children in Africa can play, grow, learn and thrive.

OUR APPROACH

Chance for Childhood's approach to programming is led by our value of being child centred. Our strong ethos of partnership and collaboration is the driver of our work, and we strongly believe that lasting change is only possible through locally driven development. We are acutely aware of the power imbalance between donors and the children and communities we work with, and our approach aims to shift this power to them.

With this in mind, our programmes are designed and implemented by centring the voices and the views of the children and communities that we work with. Through our dedicated local staff and partners, our proximity to the community puts us in a strong position to co-create the best solutions to meet the complex needs of children in challenging contexts, such as slum settlements, remote rural areas or refugee settlements.

Chance for Childhood works from two locally led operational hubs in East and West Africa. These operational centres support a range of partners across five countries: DRC, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. We also have some projects in Sri Lanka, which we inherited in our merger with Hope for Children in 2024. We work strategically at a national level to influence better policy and practices for children in vulnerable situations who are unable to access their basic rights to safety, privacy, protection, and quality education.

2024/25 CHILDREN REACHED

Country	CHANCE FOR CHILDHOOD PROJECTS *Direct children	**Indirect children	
DRC	774	712	
Ghana	16,066	16,452	
Kenya	6,482	8,315	
Rwanda	9,078	16,701	
Uganda	4,019	6,592	
Totals:	**36,419**	**48,772**	**Overall: 85,191**

Country	HOPE FOR CHILDREN PROJECTS *Direct children	**Indirect children	
Uganda	1,635	6,970	
			Overall: 8,605

*Direct children: This refers to those that benefit directly from CfC's interventions or are the direct recipients of CfC's service or product.

**Indirect children: This refers to those who are not directly targeted by the project interventions but may benefit from these interventions through direct beneficiaries or other means.

RWANDA

At the heart of our work in Rwanda are children with disabilities and their families. This year, we strengthened our support so more children could learn, play, and grow in safe, inclusive communities. Guided by our belief that no child should have to fight for a safe, happy childhood, we worked closely with local partners, communities and families to design solutions driven by the needs and voices of children themselves.

Our work in Rwanda uses a Community-Based Inclusive Development approach, which means working directly with families and communities so children with disabilities can take part fully in school, play and community life. We use digital screening tools and teams of health, education and social care specialists to identify needs early and provide the right support. This year, our Rwanda team grew from 10 to 20 staff, and we opened a larger field office in the Northern Province to be closer to the children and families we serve.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, in 2024/25 we invested £641,899 in Rwanda, enabling us to directly support 9,078 children and positively impact a further 16,701.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

UNICEF partner project: Partnering with UNICEF in Bugesera and Huye districts

Together with UNICEF, we built on last year's achievements by improving access to water and sanitation, strengthening child protection, and supporting families. More than 7,270 parents, well above our target, gained the skills and confidence to care for their children at home.

All 146 Parent Support Groups we work with are now linked to local rehabilitation committees. These groups have evolved to do more than just provide emotional support: they have become community-led savings and loan groups, where members pool their money together and offer small loans to each other to start businesses or pay for urgent family needs. Some groups have grown further into full cooperatives, which operate as formal businesses owned by their members.

"We started small by buying crops from farmers, storing them, and selling them later. We initially saved money, and once we accumulated enough, we invested in crops. Today, we have grown into a cooperative that has even received one million RWF from the district."

- Female parent, Huye district.

As part of this project, we provide physiotherapy support to children at local community centres. Through these sessions, 584 volunteers and parents were trained in simple exercises and techniques to help children improve their movement, balance, and independence. By March 2025, 181 children had successfully completed their programmes and are now able to participate more actively at home and in school.

We also built accessible toilets in 114 homes, 30 schools and 21 early childhood centres, and provided 434 families with soap, basins and other hygiene supplies. One headteacher told us that before these facilities, a child with disabilities had to leave the school altogether; today, they are proud to welcome every child.

Community awareness campaigns, including radio broadcasts, reduced stigma around disability from 53 to 43 percent, with more fathers now actively involved in caring for their children.

"My child could not walk, but after attending physiotherapy sessions, he was able to walk."

- A female parent from Mbazi Sector, Huye, describing her experience with the rehabilitation services

"Today we are ready to receive children with disabilities due to the provided toilet. This is a facility that each school must have regardless of whether they have a child with disabilities or not."

- Head teacher, Bugesera district.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Learning and Inclusion for Transformation (LIFT) project

Launched in December 2024 with UNICEF, the project aimed at improving access to inclusive basic education for children with disabilities by identifying them through professional assessments, fitting and distributing appropriate assistive devices, and providing post-fitting support to ensure effective use and participation.

For a comprehensive assessment, a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) of 40 professionals, composed of ENT specialists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, orthopaedics surgeons, audiologists, mental health nurse specialists, and ophthalmologists worked through 41 targeted schools in Gisagara, Gakenke and Ngororero districts.

2,455 children were assessed across the three districts to understand their unique needs. The project found that 707 children required assistive devices - such as, but not limited to, wheelchairs, hearing aids, and walking frames - so they could fully participate in school and community life. A total of 973 devices were procured and distributed to these 707 children, some of whom needed multiple devices.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Realising Inclusive and Safe Education (RISE Project)

RISE is a five-year initiative funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Link Education International. It operates across eight districts in Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia from July 2024 to March 2029. Across the consortium it will work with 422 government schools, 5,952 teachers and school leaders, 402,981 learners including 10,031 children with disabilities, and 16 resource centres. Delivery partners are Link Community Development in Malawi, Chance for Childhood in Rwanda, and School to School in Zambia.

In Rwanda, our role is to strengthen the national system so children with disabilities, especially girls, can access a safe, quality education. This includes identification and assessment, supporting the provision of assistive devices, building teacher and leadership capacity in gender-responsive inclusive education, and engaging communities and school governance bodies.

In 2024/25 we worked in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Rwanda Basic Education Board and the National Examination and School Inspection Authority, alongside other NGOs and local authorities, to deepen engagement around inclusive education.

Over the year, we trained more than 180 education leaders and teachers in practical strategies to support learners with diverse needs, and a further 114 educators learned to use our Disability Detect App to identify signs of disability and special educational needs.

To extend reach beyond schools, we engaged national audiences through live television and radio programmes on inclusive education and children's rights, helping to build wider understanding and acceptance.

BIG PIG PROJECT

With funding from the Pro Victimis Foundation, the Big Pig Project is helping families build sustainable incomes through pig rearing. The project started in January 2025 and will run to December 2026. So far, 227 participants learned how to build pigsties, care for and breed pigs, and use manure as fertiliser. They also received training in business skills and cooperative management. 40 families have now received pigs to start small-scale farms, giving them a new way to support their children's needs.

NYABIHU SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN

The Nyabihu School, the only one for deaf children in its district, has expanded by opening a pre-primary class where children can learn sign language before starting primary school. The school has developed individual learning plans, gained accreditation to host national exams, and provided hearing aids to 16 pupils.

While the school now covers almost half of its running costs through its own efforts, our ongoing support remains essential to ensuring every one of the 67 deaf children there receives the quality education they deserve.

KENYA

In Kenya, our work focused on supporting street-connected children and those at risk of exploitation, ensuring they could access education, protection and a safe place to grow. By partnering with local organisations who know their communities best, we worked together to create lasting change for children in highly vulnerable situations. We continued our partnership with Glad's House Kenya, providing them with emergency funds for their premises.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, in 2024/25 we invested £106,569 in Kenya, directly reaching 6,482 children and improving the lives of a further 8,315 indirectly.

GLAD'S HOUSE KENYA

Supporting Street-Connected Children through Glad's House Kenya

Through our long-term partnership with Glad's House Kenya, we reached 1,242 children and young people living or working on the streets of Mombasa. Our team of social workers and mentors met children in the places they spend their time, such as markets and public spaces, to build trust and offer immediate support. This included emergency food, clothing, medical care and help to escape dangerous situations.

We worked with children to identify their needs and goals. For some, this meant returning to their families where it was safe to do so. For others, it meant enrolling in school, vocational training or finding stable housing. Over the past year, 384 children returned to education, while 52 young people began vocational training in carpentry, hairdressing and mechanics.

LEAP FORWARD

LEAP Forward (Learning, Education and Protection)

In Kisumu, 80% of children in remand homes are primary school age, over half of schoolchildren have experienced sexual violence, and teenage pregnancy rates exceed 20%.

Launched in May 2023 in Kisumu and Vihiga counties with local partner KUAP, LEAP Forward was funded by Theirworld and the David and Ruth Lewis Foundation. It aimed to improve education for street-connected children and children in conflict with the law, strengthen families, and influence inclusive education policy.

To address this:

- 60 Learning Support Assistants supported 891 learners, including 261 street-connected children and 59 in conflict with the law, exceeding the target by 120%.
- 68 teachers were trained in inclusive education and safeguarding.
- 30 Violence Prevention Activists worked with 77 parents to create safer home environments.
- 881 vulnerable learners received school materials, which helped boost attendance.

The project concluded after its first year, leaving behind strong community relationships, trained local educators and activists, and valuable lessons to inform future inclusive education and child

"These children, through support... they are able to remain positive about life and also the support makes them not go back to the streets because they are mentored well. They don't easily forget what was taught in school."

- Headteacher, St. Beatrice School

CIVS PROJECT

Community Initiative for Voluntary Services (CIVS) Project – Early Childhood Development

Community Initiative for Voluntary Services (CIVS) is one of Hope for Children's partners that became part of Chance for Childhood through the 2024 merger. In 2024/25, CIVS continued to deliver an Early Childhood Development (ECD) project in Kisumu and Ahero counties, supporting more than 250 children in ECD centres.

Over the past year, 178 children aged three to seven, including HIV/AIDS orphans and children in vulnerable situations, benefitted from a holistic programme designed to prepare them for entry into government primary schools.

The programme combined quality pre-primary education with daily nutritious meals and clean water, improving both health and learning outcomes. Alongside core literacy and numeracy, children developed essential life skills such as adaptability, communication, innovation and problem-solving.

This year, 29 children successfully graduated from the programme and transitioned into grade one in public primary schools, and we raised community awareness around child safety.

Staff retention, including teachers, remained at 100%, ensuring continuity and the smooth delivery of services.

Responding to Climate-Related Emergencies

As we conclude this year's summary of our work in Kenya, we cannot exclude mention of the devastating effects of climate change.

In May 2024, intense rainfall caused floods that destroyed homes, schools and farms in several regions of Kenya. Hundreds of children's lives were impacted, including those in the primary school where we work.

Chance for Childhood quickly launched an emergency appeal in June 2024 to raise funds from the public to support rebuilding essential infrastructure. We were able to provide CIVS with £7,354 to help reconstruct the girls' toilets at primary and ECD facilities.

The toilet blocks were completed in September 2024, significantly improving sanitation for the children. Teachers at CIVS confirmed that these toilets have boosted the confidence of girls, who now have better access to decent and private changing facilities for their menstrual hygiene.

"Previously, the girls in the adolescent stage would miss school on the days they were on their periods, for lack of decent changing rooms – but with the construction of the new toilet block, the absenteeism has reduced, and this will greatly impact on the academic standards of the girls in our school."

- Class Eight learner

"I am short of words of what to say to Chance for Childhood for what they have done to the school. In fact, the school had no toilets and Ministry of Health Inspectors came to the school and threatened that they would close it because of the state of the old toilets. They were no longer fit for usage even before flooding but because of financial constraints, we didn't have money to finance the project until Chance for Childhood came along."

- Moses Warah, the School Board of Management Chair

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

In the DRC, we continued working closely with our local partner, Children's Voice, to improve education for children affected by conflict. This year we launched a new inclusive education project and raised emergency funds to support children during the outbreak of war in early 2025.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, in 2024/25 we invested £103,810 in our work in the DRC, directly reaching 774 children and improving the lives of a further 712.

EDUCATION - THE RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD

In March 2024, Children's Voice began delivering Education – The Right for Every Child, a three-year initiative designed to address the urgent educational needs of war-affected children in Goma and Nyiragongo. The project aims to increase enrolment, retention, and attainment, with a strong focus on children with disabilities and creating inclusive learning environments.

Despite the war in North Kivu, 774 children were enrolled in schools and catch-up learning centres, maintaining a 96.5% attendance rate. Eighty teachers and headteachers were trained to foster inclusive classrooms, benefiting more than 6,100 learners across 15 schools. In addition, 15 Learning Support Assistants were recruited to provide individual support to children with disabilities and/or special educational needs.

The project also provided 100 families of children with disabilities with financial support to launch income-generating activities through Village Savings and Loan Associations.

To date, 68 businesses are fully operational, with the remainder in development, enabling families to better support their children's education. Weekly radio shows and community events continued to address stigma and negative attitudes towards disability, promoting inclusion at community level.

Responding to Conflict

When fighting between the government and M23 rebels erupted in early 2025, the number of out-of-school children identified in our project areas rose from 1,200 to 1,950. In response, we launched an emergency appeal in February 2025, raising $14,900 (c. £12,000).

With this support, Children's Voice reached more than 400 children who had been separated from their families.

UGANDA

In Uganda, our team continues to deliver intensive support for children and families living in Namuwongo, a slum settlement on the outskirts of Kampala. We also work in the Kyaka II refugee settlement to give children with disabilities access to education.

By working closely with the community, we identify the most urgent needs and provide tailored support to help children access education, stay safe, and thrive.

In 2024/25, we invested £340,534 in charitable activities in Uganda, reaching 5,654 children directly and 13,562 indirectly.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

In 2024/25, the Walk to School, Literacy and Lights, and Girls United projects together directly reached 1,080 children and young adults, with a further 1,334 people benefiting indirectly through community resilience activities.

Walk 2 School

Established in 2008, this project ensures vulnerable children in Namuwongo can access quality education, regardless of their age at enrolment. Alongside covering school fees, we work with families to provide the support children need to stay in school and complete their education, whether through secondary level or vocational training.

In 2024, we supported 52 students. By the end of the year, seven had graduated from secondary school or vocational training, and 45 continued on the programme in January 2025. Of these, 11 are in vocational training, 30 in secondary school, two in primary school and two attending university.

Literacy and Lights

Launched in January 2024, this project tackles education gaps in Namuwongo by providing literacy and numeracy classes for 405 out-of-school children aged 3 to 12, helping them prepare for reintegration into formal education.

For 285 school-going children aged 12 to 18, the project offers learning materials and support to improve attainment, reduce dropout rates, and boost engagement in education. Solar-powered lights are also distributed so children can continue their studies at home after dark.

Girls United

Girls United uses weekly football training and life-skills sessions to address the risks of teenage pregnancy, HIV infection, and substance abuse. Through football, 65 girls learned teamwork, leadership, and resilience, while social workers and counsellors delivered vital sexual and reproductive health education.

The project provides a safe and supportive space for girls, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to make informed choices about their futures.

Trauma and Wellness

This project addresses the mental health needs of communities affected by poverty, violence, and instability. Services include counselling, support groups, mindfulness workshops, and art therapy to help families manage stress, build resilience, and strengthen community cohesion.

Many families in Namuwongo live in extreme poverty, with limited access to food, shelter, and healthcare. By focusing on emotional well-being, the project supports both immediate recovery and long-term stability for children and families.

Welfare Programme

Formerly the Namuwongo Community Project, the Welfare Programme acts as an umbrella for all our work in Namuwongo and surrounding areas. It identifies children, families, and youth in greatest need, including orphans, child-headed households, and those at risk of exploitation, and connects them with the support provided through our core projects.

From April 2025, the activities of the Welfare Programme and the Trauma and Wellness project have been integrated into our main projects to ensure more streamlined and targeted support for the community.

Best Start Together - Uganda

Since 2021, we have been working to support children with disabilities and/or special educational needs in the Kyaka II refugee settlement to access primary education.

With the support of Theirworld, we are now expanding our focus to Early Childhood Education, specifically targeting children with disabilities and/or special educational needs. This marks a pioneering effort, as no organisation in Uganda has previously attempted to address inclusion at the early childhood level.

980 learners have been screened using the Disability Detect App, 32 teachers have been introduced to inclusive education, and 200 parents of children with disabilities have formed support groups across seven zones.

GHANA

In Ghana, we continued to expand our inclusive early years education programme, reaching more schools and ensuring children with disabilities and/or additional needs are identified and supported.

This year also marked a milestone with the successful pilot and rollout of the Disability Detect App, enabling early and accurate identification of children requiring additional support.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, in 2024/25 we invested £218,683 in Ghana, providing direct support to 16,066 children and creating positive change for an additional 16,452.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Education Outcomes Fund

The project aimed to train, re-integrate, and retain out-of-school children while improving learning outcomes in public basic schools across six districts in Ghana's Northern and Northeast regions.

Targeting 20,000 children aged 8–16 and working with 200 government schools, it focused on two core programmes: the Mainstream School Improvement Program (MSIP) to enhance literacy and numeracy in primary grades 2 and 4, and the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) to support enrolment, retention, and learning gains for out-of-school children.

Achievements during the year included:

- Mobilised and sensitised over 12,000 out-of-school children through district animation teams.
- Distributed 1,600 IEC materials on child rights, inclusion, and safeguarding to schools and communities.
- Built the capacity of 665 MSIP teachers in inclusion, safeguarding, and child rights.
- Trained 200 MSIP teachers on preparing and using Individualised Education Plans for children with special needs.

Best Start Together

Best Start Together promotes inclusive and play-based learning in 55 government schools across the Greater Accra and Northern Region of Ghana.

The project trains teachers in inclusive teaching methods, screens children for disabilities and provides tactile teaching and learning resources to schools.

Inclusive Early Childhood Education (IECE)

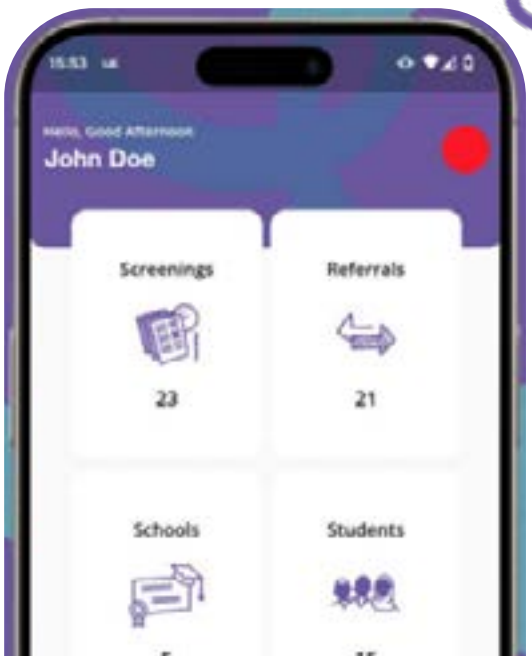
By March 2025, the IECE project had expanded to 30 government schools and 20 low-fee private early childhood education centres in the Greater Accra region. Using the Disability Detect App, 2,700 pupils were screened for disabilities and additional needs.

Alongside this, 155 teachers and headteachers participated in training on universal design for learning, play-based teaching, and inclusive education methodologies. We also engaged 1,245 parents and caregivers through sensitisation activities to build awareness and promote disability inclusion.

Enhanced Disability Detect App

Following a successful pilot in 2023/24, the Disability Detect App was upgraded this year with new features, including an improved data structure, integrated language translation, and a dashboard for easier data access. This enhancement not only improved the app's use in Ghana but also enabled its rollout in other Chance for Childhood programme countries, including Rwanda and Uganda.

By the end of March 2025, the app had screened 3,650 pupils in Ghana and Uganda, contributing to a total of 18,619 children screened across all countries to date.



SRI LANKA

In Sri Lanka, we continued our work with local partners to support children in vulnerable situations, a legacy of our merger with Hope for Children. Our projects focus on providing quality, inclusive education for children, including those with visual impairments at the Ceylon School for the Blind.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, in 2024/25 we invested £24,318 in Sri Lanka, directly helping 54 children and strengthening opportunities for many more in their communities.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Living Positively programme

In partnership with Lanka Plus, the Living Positively Project provides essential financial assistance to children affected by HIV/AIDS. Many come from severely disadvantaged families, often having lost a parent or relying on elderly relatives with limited income. The project offers bursaries to meet health, nutrition, and education needs, ensuring that children can remain healthy and in school.

Between July and December 2024, we directly supported 54 children (32 boys and 22 girls). Over time, the programme has now reached 120 children in total. Increasingly, young people supported by the programme are completing their education and moving into employment or further studies, helping to break cycles of poverty and stigma.

Ceylon School for the Blind

Established in 1912, the Ceylon School for the Blind provides free education for children with visual impairments, following the national curriculum and offering a wide range of extra-curricular and vocational opportunities. Many pupils come from low-income households where parents lack the knowledge or resources to support their child's learning, making the school a vital gateway to opportunity.

Our support funds a variety of programmes that enhance education, wellbeing, and inclusion:

- Playroom facilities
- Swimming sessions
- A chess programme
- Blind cricket
- Eastern dancing
- Choir singing

Moratuwa Social Service Society Project

The Moratuwa Social Service Society runs the Surdhashan pre-school, providing early childhood education and social development for children from families living in extreme poverty. The programme provides milk, yoghurt, lunch, books, and uniforms, and covers some operational costs.

Children's health is closely monitored through quarterly growth clinics, with all pupils currently within healthy ranges for their age. Storytelling sessions are held regularly to foster creativity and listening skills, and the school community celebrates key events together.

HOW WE MANAGE OUR AFFAIRS

MANAGEMENT AND OUR TEAM

In 2024/25, Chance for Childhood's average headcount was 53 (compared to 58 staff in 2024). Our staff during the year were 84% African nationals, living and working in Africa. The lower headcount was due to the Education Outcomes Fund (EOF) project being prematurely terminated by the consortium lead, reducing our staff numbers.

Our operational guidelines set out authority limits for the leadership team and CEO, outside of which matters were referred to the Board.

Overall, we reviewed our operational objectives, activities and impact as a part of our annual strategic planning process and monthly leadership meetings. We examined, monitored and recorded the depth and breadth of our impact on the children's lives as well as the impact that our work has on the wider families communities, environment and economies of where we work.

GOVERNANCE

Chance for Childhood is governed by a Board of Trustees (see page 3) who are also directors for the purposes of company law. Board meetings are held quarterly each year (and additionally if required).

New Trustee appointments are advertised and selected through a transparent recruitment process. Roles are defined in accordance with recognised skill gaps within the governing structure.

All candidates are interviewed by two members of the Board including the Chair of the Board. If they meet the standards of competence and experience required and are considered to bring value to the Board in pursuit of our charitable aims and objectives, all Trustees will vote to appoint the new Trustee. Trustees retire after a term of three years but may be reappointed.

Once appointed, new Trustees are provided with an induction pack, relevant publications and an induction to key staff members. All Trustees attend an annual strategy day with staff and regularly discuss committee membership and training needs with the Chair. Members of the Board also participate in three sub-committees: the Finance Sub-Committee, the People and Culture Sub- Committee, the newly formed Partnership for Growth Committee.

The Board of Trustees delegates financial oversight to a Finance Committee that meets quarterly to coincide with quarterly reviews of results and budget forecasts. The Finance Committee is chaired by Carole Ramella.

The Board of Trustees delegates oversight on Human Resource topics to a People and Culture Committee that meets quarterly which is responsible for managing the recruitment of new Board members as well as regularly reviewing organisational effectiveness, attrition, remunerations. The People & Culture Committee is chaired by Elizabeth Ntege.

The Board of Trustees delegates oversight of funding and strategic partnerships to the Partnership for Growth Committee, newly established this year. The committee meets quarterly and is responsible for managing a robust funding pipeline with strategic partners to de-risk program delivery and secure appropriate unrestricted income. The Partnership for Growth Committee is chaired by Max Whicher.

As part of our longstanding strategy to ensure all our work is locally owned and decision-making and governance is strongly informed by individuals with lived experience in the countries we work in, we continue to have an independent Ghanaian Board of Trustees which reports to our global board.

Consideration of public benefit

Chance for Childhood trustees ensure that the charity carries out its aims and objectives and that these benefit the public. Chance for Childhood's public benefit includes our work with vulnerable children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

In the UK, Chance for Childhood works to inform and raise awareness among the general public of the circumstances facing the most vulnerable children in Africa. The trustees refer to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning and reviewing objectives and activities annually.

SAFEGUARDING

Chance for Childhood continues to place safeguarding at the core of its mission and initiatives. We ensure that safeguarding remains pertinent across all our partnerships and programmes. Our Safer Spaces initiative has been key in developing additional programmes focused on safeguarding, with current operations in Rwanda and Uganda, as well as integrated safeguarding efforts in Ghana.

This year, our safeguarding training reached:

- 64 district education officers in Rwanda
- 33 caregivers and community health leaders in Uganda
- 48 project participants in Uganda
- 85 teachers, and 47 head teachers in Ghana
- 15 district education officers in Ghana
- 14 board members, including 5 in Ghana
- 3 volunteers in Ghana
- 18 staff from partner organisations
- 41 global staff

We have enhanced our training programmes by developing and distributing inclusive safeguarding communication materials in schools and communities. These materials include:

- 200 materials on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in Rwanda
- 200 materials on SEA in Uganda
- 1,710 materials on SEA, verbal abuse, physical abuse, child trafficking, child labour, child marriage and teenage pregnancy in Ghana
- 10 mural paintings promoting inclusive and safe school environments in Ghana, benefiting 700 direct children and 6,750 indirect children.

We remain committed to providing technical support so that partners and Chance for Childhood offices can adopt Policies, Procedures, and Practices that are contextually relevant, survivor-centred, and accessible to all who need them.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Principal risks and uncertainties are identified bi-annually and recorded in the risk register. The Senior Management Team (SMT) reviews the latter quarterly to manage the risks and discuss mitigation strategies. The Finance Committee reviews these risks and presents updates to the Board of Trustees quarterly. The key risks include:

Global events - conflict and environmental disasters

The ongoing wars in areas such as the DRC and Ukraine and conflict in Gaza, alongside natural disasters, negatively impact key unrestricted income streams and present a risk to our fundraising capabilities as public giving is redirected towards the urgency of the humanitarian crises. We are continually monitoring the impact and adapting the strategies of our fundraising campaigns.

Being accountable to the children we support

Safeguarding everyone that interacts with Chance for Childhood remains our biggest priority and features as one of our major risks, due to the complexity of needs and the remoteness of the environments where we work. Our Safeguarding Lead continues to embed strong policy, procedure and practice across Chance for Childhood, our partners and our programmes. We continue to model a more holistic, person-centred approach to safeguarding that focuses on being contextually relevant as well inclusive and accessible to everyone.

Risk of losing donors' trust

The funding climate for international development charities remains challenging, and there is a high level of public scrutiny on this sector. Enhancing our transparency to both donors and beneficiaries would lessen this risk as we enter an increasingly dynamic and challenging funding environment.

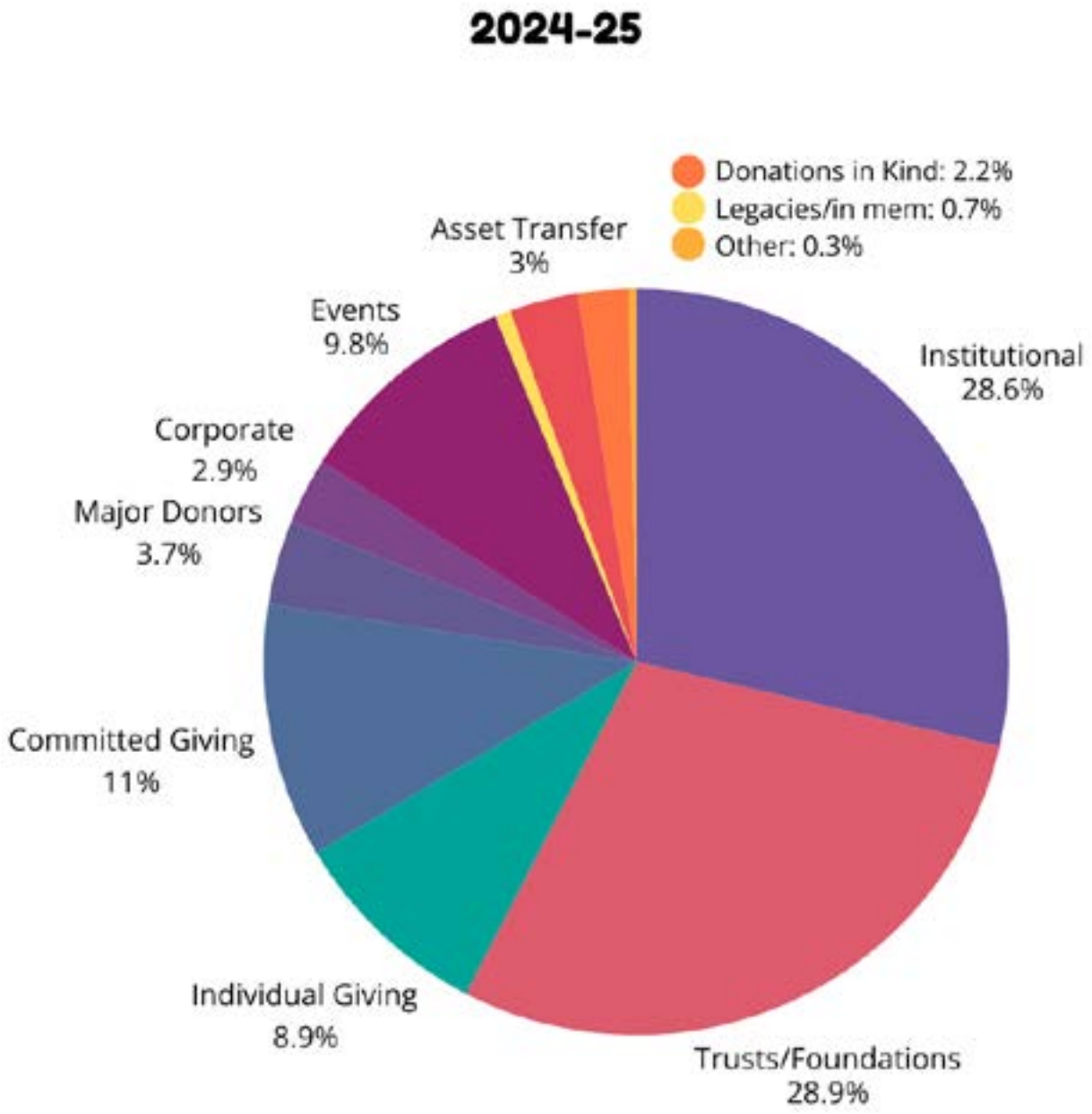
Safety and security of our staff

Along with ensuring the safeguarding of the communities we work with, the safety and well-being of our staff and our partners' teams remains a key concern. We are especially mindful of the wellbeing of our staff and the frontline workers who support children in vulnerable situations every day, whilst working under significant internal and external pressures. As we continue to experience growth in our programmes, and in line with our commitment to staff and partner teams, we are stepping up our duty of care by rolling out a Wellbeing Plan.

Relationship with community partners

Chance for Childhood continues to acknowledge the significant impact that our community partnerships play in delivering impact in hard-to-reach communities. The benefit of working with small community partners far outweighs the risk but it is important to acknowledge significant factors have increased the risk rating of our partner model. The ongoing economic and psychological strain faced by partners through economic downturn can lead to irrational decision making. Chance for Childhood has prioritised project visits and the continued strengthening of relationships during the year.

RAISING FUNDS



£1,804,371

Chance for Childhood's total income during 2024/2025 amounted to £1,804,371, a 23% rise on the results for the 2023/2024 year.

The primary reason for this increase is our involvement in the Scottish Government's RISE (Realising Inclusive and Safer Education) inclusive education project spanning three countries. Chance for Childhood is part of a consortium implementing the project for the next five years, ending in March 2029. We are leading the project in Rwanda and it accounts for £193,165 of our total income this year.

Trusts and Foundations accounted for £522,256 of our total income this year. We were honoured to receive grants from funding partners who continue to know and trust our work, including:

- **Vitol Foundation**, whose backing for Education: The Right for Every Child means 1,200 children in war-affected DRC can get access to a quality, inclusive education – including those who are the most marginalised, such as those with disabilities or additional needs. The project was also supported by the **Addax & Oryx Foundation**, who are providing $90,000 (around £72,000) over three years.
- **Fondation Pro Victimis**, whose generous grant enabled us to launch the Big Pig Project in Rwanda. The project will reach 470 families of children with disabilities, providing parents with pregnant sows and opportunities to learn how to run successful pig-rearing businesses.
- **The Forrester Family Trust**, who provided a gratefully received contribution of £40,000 towards the Nyabihu School for Deaf Children in Rwanda.
- **Educational Opportunity Foundation** (formerly British and Foreign Schools Society, or BFSS) provided £30,000 for year one of a two-year grant to train teachers in screening early years children in Accra using our Disability Detect App, and also in providing an inclusive learning environment to 2,400 children
- **EA Foundation** provided the first half of a £75,547 grant towards an inclusive education project in public schools in Accra.

We are also deeply privileged to have retained the trust of long-term partners **Theirworld**, with our collaboration now entering its fifth year via the Best Start Together project.

Against the unpredictable and difficult backdrop of major changes to the aid sector, maintaining steady unrestricted income is of paramount importance.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge remains the centrepoint of our unrestricted fundraising year, and this year we achieved the second highest amount raised in our history, achieving a total of £71,746. This was made possible by the generosity of several pledgers including very generous individual donors and corporate partners. The campaign was notable for the donation by our longstanding corporate partner Rockahula Kids, who made an incredible £12,000 donation (which was doubled by a champion funder, and therefore worth £24,000 to us).

We are privileged to have retained the support of some of our long-term corporate partners. Thinkmoney has generously supported Chance for Childhood's work for more than 15 years, particularly the Nyabihu School for Deaf Children. The fundraising efforts of the team, and monthly payroll giving contributions, provided nearly £10,000 in income.

In terms of committed giving, 2024/25 has been the steadiest year since the COVID-19 pandemic. We have seen fewer cancellations (27 cancelled gifts compared to last year's 47) and although we have had fewer new gifts (11 gifts compared to 14 last year) the total amount given has increased by £278 for the year. Our average regular gift has also increased by £1 this year. This reflects the trend across the sector, with fewer total donors making a larger net contribution. We are deeply grateful to those donors who have felt able to continue supporting us, and even increased the value of their gifts.

None of the fundraising work we do is carried out by third parties, but we do rely on third party platforms (such as JustGiving) and events (such as the London Marathon) to enable us to raise funds.

As set out by the Chartered Institute of Fundraising, we recognise that every donor is an individual with a unique background, experience and circumstances. Every interaction between a fundraiser and a donor is different.

When dealing with potentially vulnerable people we follow the principles of respect, fairness, responsiveness, and accountability and take all reasonable steps to treat a donor fairly, enabling them to make an informed decision about any donation. If a team member believes that a supporter may lack the capacity to make a decision, the Head of Fundraising and Communications (and the CEO for larger donations) is consulted and may decide not to accept the donation. In 2024/25, we received no complaints from the Fundraising Regulator.

HOW SUPPORTERS CAN GET INVOLVED

Individuals can make a one-off donation, set up a regular gift, support one of our digital fundraising campaigns, take part in a challenge event, or may choose to remember Chance for Childhood in their will.

We welcome the opportunity to work with companies or individuals who are interested in making a significant donation and forming a long-term partnership.

We are keen to meet with any Trusts or Foundations who wish to support our work so we can discuss how you can make the biggest difference.

To find out more about how you can make a difference in making sure no child is forgotten, please call **01483 230 250**, email supportercare@chanceforchildhood.org, or visit **www.chanceforchildhood.org**.

2022-25 STRATEGY SUCCESS

As our 2022-25 strategy cycle ends, Chance for Childhood celebrates three years of growth and impact across East and West Africa. We have become a key voice for inclusive early childhood education for children aged 0–6.

Our work focused on child protection and inclusive education, with strong grassroots efforts driving community-led change. We expanded into underserved areas and prioritised local leadership - over 80% of our staff are Africans based in our countries of operation.

Key achievements:

- Reached 186,226 children, exceeding our goal of 150,000.
- Maintained £1.5m average annual income, and raised record funds for future years.
- Sustained 80% African staff, ensuring local ownership and relevance.
- Gained recognition from global entities including UNICEF Rwanda for disability screening and rehabilitation.

186,226

children reached 2022-25

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As we transition into a bold new strategic phase running to 2030, Chance for Childhood is embracing a future defined by ambition, depth and resilience.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to prioritising depth of impact over breadth of coverage - targeting 200,000 children with meaningful, lasting change. This new strategy is about transforming lives through sustained, community-led solutions. To reach our goals, we will:

- Grow and diversify funding and partnerships to strengthen our financial base and expand our reach.
- Deliver multi-year programmes that allow for deeper engagement and long-term outcomes.
- Provide intensive, tailored support to children through personalised interventions and sustained care.
- Advance systems-change to drive long-term transformation across communities.
- Build resilience within our organisation and team to adapt and thrive amid sector shifts.
- Accelerate our Shifting the Power initiative, placing communities at the heart of decision-making, including the transition to an Africa-based CEO to lead this next chapter.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

INCOME

Income for 2024/25 reached £1,804,371 - a notable 23% increase compared to the previous year (2023/24: £1,468,522), the organisations highest income to date. This growth reflects the success of our new consortium partnership with Link Education International for the RISE project and the UNICEF initiatives in Rwanda, alongside strengthened relationships with donors, particularly trusts and foundations. It also marks the positive impact of our merger with Hope for Children.

Support from both long-standing and new individual donors remained strong. Despite global challenges such as climate emergencies, displacement, and conflict, donors responded generously to our fundraising campaigns and events throughout the year.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

We are proud to have maintained a strong level of expenditure in 2024/25, with 84p of every £1 spent again going directly to support the most vulnerable children across Africa (2023/24: 84p). This outcome remains strong despite the introduction of the new challenge events income stream, and the corresponding costs, which were expected to impact this ratio. It should be noted that this figure excludes in-kind donations.

GOING CONCERN

We are of the view that, together with committed and expected income, the charity's cash reserves will enable us to meet our obligations for at least the next 12 to 18 months. It is on this basis that the charity has been deemed a going concern — a conclusion formed by considering the financial aspect of the risks in the Risk Management section of this report.

Underpinning this assessment is the consistent level of core funding from individual donors, the fact that programmes are undertaken only when funding is certain, and that staffing levels and indirect costs are kept under constant review.

RESERVES POLICY

We believe that our donors wish for their contributions to be used for charitable purposes as soon as possible, given the urgent needs of the children we support. However, it is prudent to maintain reserves to cover variations in income while managing our partner relations, providing investment funds for new programmes, and enabling the charity to grow.

We maintained our risk-based approach during 2024/25 which is based on an understanding of the income streams and their risk profile, the degree of commitment to expenditure and the overall risk environment in which we operate. We believe that this approach provides the charity with more certainty during a time when international aid funding continues to shift dramatically, relying on pre-financing, matched funding, and other forms of security from service providers.

Subsequent to the merger, the board of trustees conducted a review of our reserves policy and has revised it to account for the expanded scale of the organisation. The policy aims to maintain a period-end minimum unrestricted reserve of £122,500, with a target level of £245,000.

Throughout the year, we continued to invest in programme delivery and fundraising capacity to lay strong foundations for long-term impact and to diversify our income streams.

As a result, unrestricted reserves increased to £139,123 as of 31 March 2025, up from £68,886 in 2023/24. We closed the year with our highest level of secured future income to date, reinforcing our ability to meet our reserves policy in the coming period.

As of 31 March 2025, restricted reserves allocated to specific projects stood at £310,567 (compared to £182,789 in 2023/24). An additional £46,852 (2023/24: £183,832) in group reserves—classified as restricted—relate to Hope for Children's unrestricted reserves, which will be spent in accordance with its charitable objectives.

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees (who are also directors of Chance for Childhood) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, and these statements must give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the incoming resources, and the application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees must:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practise (SORP)
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company 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.

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

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 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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- The special provision relating to the small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006
- The requirements of SORP (FRS 102).

Approved by Chance for Childhood's Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Nicoletta Gopsill-Piccolrovazzi
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHANCE FOR CHILDHOOD

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Chance for Childhood (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the group and parent charitable company balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the 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 FRS 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 group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the group's 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 and the Charities Act 2011.

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 group financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on Chance for Childhood's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report, other than the group financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the group 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. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the group financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the group financial statements themselves. 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 group and the parent charitable company and their 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 and Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The parent charitable company 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 directors 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 parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 group or the parent 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

We have been appointed auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with those Acts.

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

CAPABILITY OF THE AUDIT IN DETECTING IRREGULARITIES

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the group's policies and procedures relating to:
    - Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
    - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
    - The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the group operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the group from our professional and sector experience.
- We communicated applicable laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We reviewed any reports made to regulators.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to support documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. 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.

Jonathan Orchard
(Senior statutory auditor)

2 September 2025

for and on behalf of Sayer Vincent LLP,
Statutory Auditor
110 Golden Lane, LONDON, EC1Y 0TG
Sayer Vincent LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Including an Income and Expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended March 2025 Total Funds	Year ended March 2024 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	5	584,216	1,160,281	**1,744,497**	1,216,508
Income from charitable activities	5	153	-	**153**	14,537
Trading income	5	1	628	**629**	570
Income from investments	5	2,610	2,777	**5,387**	1,591
Other income	5	-	-	**-**	133
Net assets of subsidiary on initial consolidation	3	-	53,705	**53,705**	235,183
Total income		**586,980**	**1,217,391**	**1,804,371**	1,468,522
Expenditure on:					
Total raising funds	7	218,781	85,883	**304,664**	288,445
DRC		22,175	81,635	**103,810**	3,286
Ghana		33,862	184,821	**218,683**	429,677
Kenya		25,473	81,096	**106,569**	132,532
Rwanda		140,725	501,174	**641,899**	388,157
Uganda		66,932	273,602	**340,534**	184,360
Sri Lanka		5,936	18,382	**24,318**	-
Total charitable activities	7	295,103	1,140,710	**1,435,813**	1,138,012
Total expenditure		**513,884**	**1,226,593**	**1,740,477**	1,426,457
Net income/(expenditure)		**73,096**	**(9,202)**	**63,894**	42,065
Transfers between funds	18	-	-	-	-
Exchange gains/(losses) on regional office activities		(2,859)	-	**(2,859)**	(1,592)
Net movement in funds		**70,237**	**(9,202)**	**61,035**	40,473
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	18	68,886	366,621	**435,507**	395,034
Total funds carried forward	18	**139,123**	**357,419**	**496,542**	435,507

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. All the above results are derived from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Group 2025 £	Charity 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	5,181	4,120	6,993	6,763
Current assets					
Debtors	14	53,336	144,185	82,386	176,257
Cash at bank and in hand		498,603	455,359	416,453	180,585
Total current assets		551,939	599,544	498,839	356,842
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(60,578)	(52,367)	(70,325)	(33,713)
Net current assets		491,361	547,177	428,514	323,129
Total assets less current liabilities		496,542	551,297	435,507	329,892
Total net assets		**496,542**	**551,297**	435,507	329,892
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	17, 18	139,123	110,094	68,886	86,772
Restricted funds	17, 18	357,419	441,203	366,621	243,120
Total charity funds		**496,542**	**551,297**	435,507	329,892

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by

Nicoletta Gopsill-Piccolrovazzi
Chair of the Trustees
2 September 2025

Chance for Childhood, registered charity in England & Wales no. 1013587, registered company in England & Wales no. 02735643.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	63,894	42,065
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	7,126	2,962
Interest received	(5,387)	(1,591)
Assets of subsidiary on initial consolidation	(53,705)	(235,183)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	29,579	104,683
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(10,622)	(30,773)
Net cash generated from / (used in) operating activities	**30,885**	(117,837)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	5,387	1,591
Purchase of fixed assets	(549)	(799)
Cash balances of subsidiary on initial consolidation	49,286	243,097
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities	**54,124**	243,889
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**85,009**	126,052
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	416,453	291,993
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	(2,859)	(1,592)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	**498,603**	416,453
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		
Bank current accounts	498,603	416,453
	498,603	416,453

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. LEGAL STATUS

Chance for Childhood is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of each member shall not exceed £1. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 3.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and 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 2019) - ("Charities SORP (FRS 102)"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), and the Companies Act 2006.

SORP 2015 stipulates that, where overseas offices are legally registered in their country of operations as separate legal entities, this is an indication that they should be treated as subsidiaries for accounting purposes. However, having reviewed the governance and management procedures in place, oversight from Chance for Childhood in the UK is such that overseas offices in Uganda, Rwanda, and Ghana are, in substance, branches and so are included in the results and position of the charity until such point at time at which they have a functioning independent Board of Trustees. Ghana met this definition at the end of August 2023 and has been accounted for as a subsidiary from the beginning of September 2023.

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Charity-Chance for Childhood Development in Ghana and Hope for Children, on a line-by-line basis. The subsidiaries adopt the same accounting policies as the charity. Transactions and balances between the Charity and its subsidiaries have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the charity and its subsidiaries are disclosed in the notes of the Charity's balance sheet.

A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the Charity itself is not presented because the Charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the result for the year is disclosed in Note 4 to the accounts.

The Charity meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in relation to a presentation of a cash flow statement in respect of its separate financial statements, which are presented alongside the consolidated financial statements.

Public benefit

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

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees are of the view that the cash reserves of the Charity together with committed and expected income will enable the Charity to meet its obligations for the next 12 to 18 months and on this basis, the assessment of the Trustees is that the Charity is a going concern.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt once it is probable that it will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred only where the donor has imposed restrictions on the resources which amount to pre-conditions for use.

Specific legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted, provided that sufficient information has been received to enable the valuation of the Charity's entitlement.

Donations of goods and services ('Donations in kind') for the Charity's own use or for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income at market value when receivable and as an expense when the goods or services are used or provided to beneficiaries. Donations in kind provided for use in events (e.g. auction prizes) are recognised at the amount realised for their sale. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time given to the Charity is not recognised and the Trustees' Annual Report gives more information about their contribution.

Revenue grants are recognised on a systematic basis over the periods in which the company recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate. Grants for the purchase of assets are recognised on a systematic basis over the periods matching the useful life of the acquired asset.

Challenge event income is recognised as a donation on receipt as unconditional entitlement is met on receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accrual basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity makes an accrual for challenge events expenditure of the total costs not yet paid for each place booked on future challenges on the basis that these are not recoverable if the places are cancelled.

VAT

The Charity is not registered for VAT and cannot therefore recover VAT on costs incurred. Expenditure is therefore shown gross of any relevant VAT in these financial statements.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or raised by the Charity for particular purposes. Transfers between funds are made when agreed with the donor of the funds. The cost of raising and managing such funds is charged against the specific fund when permitted by the donor's restrictions. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Allocation of costs

Costs directly attributable to specific activities are allocated to the relevant activity. Personnel costs which cannot be wholly attributed to a specific activity are allocated to individual activities and to the cost of the general support of the Charity and its governance on a basis consistent with the time spent on each activity. Support and governance costs, including any allocated personnel costs, are in turn allocated to specific activities on a basis which reflects the overall use of resources.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities themselves. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll, and governance costs. Governance costs comprise the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the Charity and include audit fees, legal advice (if any) for Trustees, and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currency are converted at the rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date. Exchange rate differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds for the year.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciation is provided at 33.33% pa on a straight-line basis calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

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.

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.

3. SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

Charity-Chance for Childhood Development in Ghana (CfC Ghana)

CfC Ghana (of No. 12 Abetam Close - Lame Dwaahe Street, Adenta - Accra, Ghana) is a registered non-governmental organisation in Ghana (Registration no. CG123952019). It is audited locally and files appropriate returns within Ghana. It has had a functioning independent Board of Trustees since the end of August 2023 and has been accounted for as a subsidiary from the beginning of September 2023; previously it was accounted for as a branch office.

	Year ended March 2025	7 months ended March 2024
	£	£

A summary of the results of the subsidiary included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities is shown below:

Income	327,919	91,178
Expenditure	(205,471)	(189,687)
Net expenditure	122,448	(98,509)

	Year ended March 2025	7 months ended March 2024
	£	£

A summary of the CfC Ghana position as at 31 March 2025 is as follows:

Assets	29,084	19,086
Liabilities	(5,145)	(117,595)
Total net assets	23,939	(98,509)
Represented by:		
Unrestricted funds	26,712	(17,886)
Restricted funds	(2,773)	(80,623)
Total charity funds	23,939	(98,509)

Any negative net assets reported reflect the subsidiary's full underwriting by Chance for Childhood, which raises funds utilised in project implementation throughout the Group.

Hope For Children

Hope For Children is registered in England & Wales and is a company limited by guarantee no. 09553484 and a registered charity no. 1161729. It became a wholly owned subsidiary of Chance for Childhood on 29th February 2024 and subsequently transferred its assets and activities for nil consideration to Chance for Childhood on 31st December 2024.

	As at 31 December 2024
	£
The value of the net assets transferred to the Charity on 31st December 2024 was:	
Assets	203,579
Liabilities	(48,231)
Total net assets	**155,348**
Represented by:	
Urestricted funds	74,660
Restricted funds	80,688
Total charity funds	**155,348**

	9 months ended 31 December 2024	March 2024
	£	£
A summary of the results of the subsidiary included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities is shown below for the period from 1st March 2024 to 31st December 2024 which spanned two accounting periods:		
Income	159,534	36,948
Expenditure	(174,307)	(68,006)
Net expenditure	**(14,773)**	**(31,058)**

	2025	2024
	£	£

A summary of the Hope For Children net assets as at 31st March 2025 is as below following the transfer of the net assets to Chance for Childhood on 31st December 2024:

Assets	-	228,094
Liabilities	-	(22,667)
Total net asset	**-**	**205,427**
Represented by:		
Unrestricted funds	-	185,134
Restricted funds	-	20,293
Total charity funds	**-**	**205,427**

The Objects of the Charity and Hope For Children are similar but not identical and the unrestricted funds of Hope For Children are accounted for as restricted funds in the Group and Charity accounts as their use will be governed by the objectives of Hope For Children. All the above income and expenditure has been accounted for as restricted funds in the Group and Charity accounts.

Hope For Children International Limited (Hope Uganda)

Hope Uganda (of Plot 3425, Block 244, Kisugu-Muyenga, P.O Box 25824, Kampala, Uganda) is a registered non-governmental organisation in Uganda (Registration no. S.5914/8487). It is audited locally and files appropriate returns within Uganda. It is a wholly controlled subsidiary of Hope For Children and as such became a part of the Group on 29th February 2024 for nil consideration. The Trustees of Hope For Children previously opted not to prepare consolidated accounts on the basis of immateriality and the results of Hope Uganda for the month of March 2024 were not included in the 2023-2024 Group accounts. The Trustees of Chance for Childhood consider that this accounting treatment is no longer appropriate and have consolidated the results of the subsidiary with effect from 1st April 2024.

The assets and activities of Hope Uganda have not yet been transferred to the Charity because ownership of the subsidiary has not yet been legally transferred within Uganda.

	Year ended March 2025
	£

A summary of the results of the subsidiary included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities is shown below:

Income	842
Expenditure	(133,191)
Net expenditure	**(132,349)**

	31 March 2025	1 April 2024
	£	£

A summary of the Hope For Children International Limited net assets on initial consolidation on 1st April 2024 and as at 31st March 2025 is as follows:

Assets	24,273	54,580
Liabilities	(102,917)	(875)
Total net assets/ (liabilities)	**(78,644)**	**53,705**
Represented by:		
Unrestricted funds	11,151	-
Restricted funds	(89,795)	53,705
Total charity funds	**(78,644)**	**53,705**

Any negative net assets reported reflect the subsidiary's full underwriting by Chance for Childhood, which raises funds utilised in project implementation throughout the Group.

Parent Charity

	Year ended March 2025	Year ended March 2024
	£	£

The parent charity's gross income and the results for the year are disclosed as follows:

Income	1,695,352	1,105,213
Net movement in funds	463,567	(65,142)

4. DETAILED COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 2024 Total Funds £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	5	488,011	728,497	1,216,508
Income from charitable activities	5	14,537	-	14,537
Trading income	5	570	-	-
Income from investments	5	1,200	391	1,591
Other income	5	133	-	133
Net assets of subsidiary on initial consolidation	5	-	235,183	235,183
Total income		**504,451**	**964,071**	**1,468,522**
Expenditure on:				
Total raising funds	7	272,621	15,824	**288,445**
DRC		1,163	2,123	**3,286**
Ghana		86,760	342,917	**429,677**
Kenya		46,210	86,322	**132,532**
Rwanda		103,627	284,530	**388,157**
Uganda		85,912	98,448	**184,360**
Total charitable activities	7	323,672	814,340	**1,138,012**
Total expenditure		**596,293**	**830,164**	**1,426,457**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(91,842)**	**133,907**	**42,065**
Transfers between funds	18	-	-	-
Exchange gains/(losses) on regional office activities		(1,592)	-	**(1,592)**
Net movement in funds		**(93,434)**	**133,907**	**40,473**
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	18	162,320	232,714	**395,034**
Total funds carried forward	18	**68,886**	**366,621**	**435,507**

5. INCOME

	Year ended 2025			Year ended 2024		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies						
Grants	91,247	947,521	**1,038,768**	51,555	683,197	734,752
Donations & appeals	212,052	65,928	**277,980**	144,186	14,323	158,50
Committed giving	168,578	30,501	**199,079**	169,059	4,292	173,35
Event fundraising	66,773	109,999	**176,772**	19,948	7,697	27,645
Legacies	6,121	6,332	**12,453**	2,112	18,988	21,100
Donations in kind (note 6)	39,445	**-**	**39,445**	101,151	-	101,151
	584,216	1,160,281	**1,744,49**	488,011	728,497	1,216,508
Income from charitable activities						
Consultancy fees	153	-	153	14,537	-	14,537
Trading income	1	628	**629**	570	-	570
Income from investments						
Interest receivable	2,610	2,777	**5,387**	1,200	391	1,591
Other income						
Insurance settlement	-	-	-	133	-	133
Assets of subsidiary on initial consolidation	-	53,705	**53,705**	-	235,183	235,183
	586,980	**1,217,391**	**1,804,371**	504,451	964,071	1,468,522

Grants income includes £193,165 received from the Scottish Government for the RISE project, Rwanda (2024: £nil) and £85,731 received from the Ghana Ministry of Education for the Education Outcomes Fund project, Ghana (2024: £177,919).

6. DONATIONS IN KIND

During 2024/25, the Group received staff training and marketing and communications support on a “pro-bono” basis from several organisations.

7. EXPENDITURE

	Activities delivered through grants (note 8)	Activities delivered directly		Allocation of programme support costs (note 10)	Allocation of management & admin costs (note 10)	Year ended March 2025 Total	Year ended March 2024 Total
		Staff costs (note 9)	Other direct costs				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds	-	**137,134**	**104,725**	-	**62,805**	**304,664**	288,445
Charitable activities							
DRC	59,499	26,221	404	919	16,767	**103,810**	3,286
Ghana	-	114,169	78,851	3,592	22,071	**218,683**	429,677
Kenya	66,715	16,406	3,179	705	19,564	**106,569**	132,532
Rwanda	21,362	195,906	322,537	5,833	96,261	**641,899**	388,157
Sri Lanka	16,663	2,960	-	31	4,664	**24,318**	-
Uganda	63,447	97,001	108,020	24,071	47,995	**340,534**	184,360
	227,686	**452,663**	**512,991**	**35,151**	**207,322**	**1,435,813**	1,138,012
Support costs	-	193,277	112,001	(35,151)	(270,127)	**-**	-
Total expenditure	**227,686**	**783,074**	**729,717**	**-**	**-**	**1,740,477**	1,426,457

Expenditure - Previous period	Activities delivered through grants	Activities delivered directly		Allocation of programme support costs	Allocation of management & admin costs	Year ended March 2024 Total
		Staff costs	Other direct costs			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds	**-**	**120,711**	**126,085**	**-**	**41,649**	**288,445**
Charitable activities						
DRC	2,093	529	-	29	635	**3,286**
Ghana	8,808	225,470	146,864	1,335	47,200	**429,677**
Kenya	75,328	31,090	1,695	1,065	23,354	**132,532**
Rwanda	39,317	148,258	140,896	5,045	54,641	**388,157**
Uganda	75,077	44,929	22,310	12,516	29,528	**184,360**
	200,623	**450,276**	**311,765**	**19,990**	**155,358**	**1,138,012**
Support costs	-	125,356	91,641	(19,990)	(197,007)	**-**
Total expenditure	**200,623**	**696,343**	**529,491**	**-**	**-**	**1,426,457**

8. GRANTS TO PARTNER ORGANISATIONS TO RUN OUR PROGRAMMES

	Year ended March 2025	Year ended March 2024
	£	£
Democratic Republic of Congo		
Children's Voice	59,499	2,093
Ghana		
SABRE Education	-	8,808
Kenya		
CIVS Community Service	36,712	-
Glad's House Kenya	20,250	5,000
KUAP	9,753	70,328
Rwanda		
Empowering Children with Disabilities	21,362	25,979
MindLeaps	-	13,338
Sri Lanka		
Lanka Plus	2,458	-
Moratuwa Social Service Society	10,992	-
School for the Blind, Ratmalana	3,213	-
Uganda		
African Women and Youth Action for Development	60,467	25,126
EmbraceKulture	2,980	4,818
Hope for Children International	-	45,133
Total Grants	**227,686**	200,623

9. STAFF COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 2025 Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	252,762	393,693	**646,455**	297,369	299,207	596,576
Employer's social security costs	15,005	11,731	**26,736**	12,598	12,392	24,990
Employer's pension contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	23,012	20,276	**43,288**	19,850	18,918	38,768
Consultancy costs	33,409	10,083	**43,492**	15,761	1,192	16,953
Recruitment costs	1,765	-	**1,765**	14,052	-	14,052
Redundancy costs	2,184	-	**2,184**	-	-	-
Travel, training and other employment costs	18,530	624	**19,154**	4,963	41	5,004
	346,667	**436,407**	**783,074**	364,593	331,750	696,343

The average headcount in the 2025 year was 53 staff (compared to 58 staff in 2024) and the average number of full-time equivalent employees analysed by function was:

	Year ended 2025	Year ended 2024
Raising funds	2.6	3.0
Charitable activities	43.5	51.7
Support	3.4	2.2
	49.5	56.9

Salaries and related HR costs increased notwithstanding a reduced average headcount, reflecting cost-of-living salary adjustments, higher consultancy expenditure, greater investment in training, and the full-year effect of payroll costs from the merger.

During the period 1 member of staff was made redundant at a total cost of £2,184 (2024: none). All this expenditure was paid out in the period.

There were no employees with total employee benefits above £60,000 in this period or the preceding year.

The Senior Management Team received £280,907 in emoluments in the year (2024: £323,157).

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Year ended March 2025	Year ended March 2024
	£	£
Programme support costs		
Monitoring, evaluation & learning	2,482	1,036
Advocacy	736	805
Regional office support costs	31,933	18,149
	35,151	19,990
Management & administration costs		
Support staff time	133,972	76,612
UK office support costs	39,789	31,257
Governance (including staff time)	96,366	89,138
	270,127	197,007
Total support costs	**305,278**	216,997
Unrestricted	222,189	207,748
Restricted	83,089	9,249
	305,278	216,997

Governance costs include £12,480 fees in respect of the audit of these financial statements (2024: £13,680).

11. TAXATION

Chance for Childhood is a registered charity, and all of its activities fall within the exemptions afforded to charities under charities legislation. No charge to taxation therefore arises.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No remuneration or travel and subsistence expenses were paid to Trustees in either period. There were no transactions in either period with Trustees that require disclosure.

A total of £8,974 (2024: £7,598) was donated by Trustees and Senior Management Team and their close families.

Chance for Childhood provided the services of its Senior Management Team to Hope for Children for a fee under a contract entered into on 1 November 2023. Services totalling £87,272 were provided in the period 1 April to 31 December 2024 (2024: £13,720).

13. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Group 2025 £	Charity 2025 £
Computer & office equipment		
Cost		
At beginning of year	21,691	21,100
Additions	549	549
Assets of subsidiary on consolidation	9,959	-
Retirements	(9,262)	(9,262)
At end of year	22,937	12,387
Depreciation		
At beginning of year	14,698	14,337
Assets of subsidiary on consolidation	5,194	-
Charge for year	7,126	3,192
On retirements	(9,262)	(9,262)
At end of year	17,756	8,267
Net book value at end of year	**5,181**	**4,120**
Net book value at beginning of year	6,993	6,763

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2025	Charity 2025	Group 2024	Charity 2024
	£	£	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	53,152	44,100	80,423	70,022
Amounts due from subsidiaries	-	99,901	-	104,949
Other debtors	184	184	1,963	1,286
	53,336	**144,185**	82,386	176,257

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2025	Charity 2025	Group 2024	Charity 2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	14,679	12,042	13,672	3,736
Taxation and social security	10,848	9,208	12,018	7,110
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	1,164	-
Other accruals	32,565	28,680	43,362	22,867
Other creditors	2,486	2,437	109	-
	60,578	**52,367**	70,325	33,713

16. OPERATING LEASES AND LEASE COMMITMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**2025 Total Funds £**	2024 Total Funds £
Resources expended include payments under operating leases as follows:				
Property	13,067	4,343	**17,410**	16,414

	Group 2025 £	**Charity 2025 £**	Group 2024 £	Charity 2024 £
Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases (all property related):				
Total payments due:				
Within one year	6,682	2,468	3,562	3,033
Between two to five years	763	-	-	-
After five years	-	-	-	-
	7,445	**2,468**	3,562	3,033

17. ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,153	1,028	**5,181**	6,993	-	6,993
Current assets	176,495	375,444	**551,939**	102,598	396,241	498,839
Current liabilities	(41,525)	(19,053)	**(60,578)**	(40,705)	(29,620)	(70,325)
	139,123	**357,419**	**496,542**	68,886	366,621	435,507

18. ANALYSIS OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Group	Balance at 01/04/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds at 31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	68,886	586,952	(516,743)	-	**139,123**
Restricted funds					
Democratic Republic of Congo	17,877	116,008	(65,292)	-	**68,593**
Ghana - Best Start Together	6,309	69,502	(50,880)	-	**24,931**
Ghana - Disability Detect	-	27,000	(10,131)	-	**16,869**
Ghana - Education Outcomes	7,689	85,731	(89,238)	-	**4,182**
Ghana - Inclusive Education	6,725	32,108	(20,112)	-	**18,721**
Ghana - other projects	68	-	-	-	**68**
Kenya - LEAP	-	17,065	(14,925)	-	**2,140**
Kenya - other projects	123	570	(250)	-	**443**
Rwanda - Big Pig	9	72,650	(14,171)	-	**58,488**
Rwanda - Nyabihu School	4,424	44,521	(21,362)	-	**27,583**
Rwanda - RISE	-	193,165	(163,315)	-	**29,850**
Rwanda - UNICEF Partnership	44,942	232,866	(254,595)	-	**23,213**
Rwanda - other projects	11,352	5,324	(12,039)	-	**4,637**
Uganda - Best Start Together	-	44,954	(29,371)	-	**15,583**
Uganda - Inclusive education	286	3,450	(39,209)	35,473	**-**
Uganda - Namuwongo community	20,293	36,932	(92,611)	44,777	**9,391**
Uganda - Partner capacity building	50,772	-	(50,063)	-	**709**
Uganda - other projects	81	2,346	-	-	**2,427**
Emergency appeals	-	39,509	(39,509)	-	**-**
Unrestricted reserves transferred from Hope for Children	183,832	193,667	(250,397)	(80,250)	**46,852**
Other funds	11,839	23	(9,123)	-	**2,739**
Total restricted funds	366,621	1,217,391	(1,226,539)	-	**357,419**
Total funds	**435,507**	**1,804,371**	**(1,743,336)**	**-**	**496,452**

Material restricted funds are as follows:

DRC - An inclusive education project in the North Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), in direct response to the unmet education needs of war-affected children in the region.

Ghana - Best Start: Building capacity of teachers to embed inclusive practices, play-based methodologies and positive behaviour management in their ECE classrooms.
Ghana - Disability Screening Toolkit: Development of a unique creative non-medical screening toolkit to detect disabilities and development delays amongst pre-school children in Africa.
Ghana - Education Outcome Fund: Re-integration and retention of out-of-school children in schools.
Ghana - Inclusive Education: Inclusive early childhood development project.
Ghana - Other projects: Funds restricted to Ghana activities.

Kenya - LEAP: Giving street-connected children with special education needs access to an education.
Kenya - Other projects: Projects supporting street-connected children.

Rwanda – Big Pig: Providing a sustainable solution through pig farming to help families improve their livelihoods and care for their children with disabilities.
Rwanda - RISE Realising Inclusive and Safe Education: Strengthening government support for children with disabilities and ensuring these children are able to access a safe and quality education.
Rwanda - Nyabihu School: Running costs of the Nyabihu School for the Deaf.
Rwanda - UNICEF Partnership: Providing family-based care for children with disabilities.
Rwanda – Other projects: including Natwe Turashoboye ('We can also') bringing deaf and hearing communities together through dance.

Uganda - Best Start Together: To ensure young children can benefit from an inclusive, quality education at an early age.
Uganda - Inclusive Education: Providing inclusive education for children with special education needs in the Kyaka II refugee settlement.
Uganda - Namuwongo community: Various projects servicing the needs of the Namuwongo community, Kampala.
Uganda - Partner capacity building: Funding partner capacity and resilience building.
Emergency appeals: Fundraising appeals in the year to support children who have been affected by floods in Kenya or displaced by conflict in DRC.
Uganda: Other Projects: Funds restricted to Uganda activities.
Emergency appeals: Fundraising appeals in the year to support children who have been affected by floods in Kenya or displaced by conflict in DRC.

Unrestricted reserves of Hope for Children: See Note 3.

Other funds: Small funds to be spent across Africa, including a fund to support survivors of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Charity	Balance at 01/04/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds at 31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	86,772	586,952	(563,630)	-	**110,094**
Restricted funds					
Democratic Republic of Congo	17,877	116,008	(65,292)	-	**68,593**
Ghana - Best Start Together	41,60	69,503	(85,582)	-	**25,525**
Ghana - Disability Detect	-	27,000	(9,694)	-	**17,306**
Ghana - Education Outcomes	35,231	-	(31,049)	-	**4,182**
Ghana - Inclusive Education	16,358	32,108	(29,070)	-	**19,396**
Ghana - other projects	68	-	-	-	**68**
Kenya - LEAP	-	17,065	(14,925)	-	**2,140**
Kenya - other projects	123	569	(249)	-	**443**
Rwanda - Big Pig	9	72,650	(14,171)	-	**58,488**
Rwanda - Nyabihu School	4,424	44,521	(21,362)	-	**27,583**
Rwanda - RISE	-	193,165	(163,315)	-	**29,850**
Rwanda - UNICEF Partnership	44,924	232,866	(254,595)	-	**23,213**
Rwanda - other projects	11,356	5,342	(12,038)	-	**4,637**
Uganda - Best Start Together	-	44,955	(29,371)	-	**15,584**
Uganda - Inclusive education	286	38,923	(39,209)	-	**-**
Uganda - Namuwongo community	-	97,188	-	51,649	**148,837**
Uganda - Partner capacity building	50,772	-	(50,063)	-	**709**
Uganda - other projects	81	2,345	-	-	**2,426**
Emergency appeals	**-**	39,509	(39,509)	-	**-**
Unrestricted reserves transferred from Hope for Children	**-**	74,678	(34,612)	(51,649)	**(11,583)**
Other funds	19,989	22	(16,205)	-	**3,806**
Total restricted funds	243,120	1,108,399	(910,316)	-	**441,203**
Total funds	**329,892**	**1,695,351**	**(1,473,946)**	**-**	**551,297**

Group – previous period	Balance at 01/04/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds at 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	162,320	504,451	(597,885)	-	**68,886**
Restricted funds					
Democratic Republic of Congo	-	19,970	(2,093)	-	**17,877**
Ghana - Best Start Early	24,568	43,094	(61,353)	-	**6,309**
Ghana - Disability Screening Toolkit	67,768	-	(57,263)	-	**10,505**
Ghana - Education Outcome Fund	32,580	177,919	(202,810)	-	**7,689**
Ghana – Inclusive Education	13,238	12,762	(19,275)	-	**6,725**
Ghana - Other projects	54	14	-	-	**68**
Kenya - Glad's House Kenya	1,695	243	(1,815)	-	**123**
Kenya - LEAP	1,128	82,284	(83,412)	-	**-**
Rwanda - Natwe Turashoboye ('We can also')	29,803	64,042	(82,575)	-	**11,270**
Rwanda – UNICEF Partnership	52,834	180,745	(188,637)	-	**44,942**
Rwanda - Other projects	6,285	8,485	(10,255)	-	**4,515**
Uganda - Namuwongo community	-	33,101	(12,808)	-	**20,293**
Uganda – Inclusive Education	419	51,529	(51,662)	-	**286**
Uganda - Partner capacity building	-	50,772	-	-	**50,772**
Uganda – Other projects	-	81	-	-	**81**
Unrestricted reserves transferred from Hope for Children	-	239,030	(55,198)	-	**183,832**
Other funds	2,342	-	(1,008)	-	**1,334**
Total restricted funds	232,714	964,071	(830,164)	-	**366,621**
Total funds	**395,034**	**1,468,522**	**(1,428,049)**	**-**	**435,507**

Charity – previous period	Balance at 01/04/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Funds at 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	162,320	504,451	(597,999)	-	**86,772**
Restricted funds					
Democratic Republic of Congo	-	19,970	(2,093)	-	**17,877**
Ghana - Best Start Early	24,568	43,094	(26,058)	-	**41,604**
Ghana - Disability Screening Toolkit	67,768	-	(49,113)	-	**18,655**
Ghana - Education Outcome Fund	32,580	86,741	(84,090)	-	**35,231**
Ghana – Inclusive Education	13,238	12,762	(9,624)	-	**16,358**
Ghana - Other projects	54	14	-	-	**68**
Kenya - Glad's House Kenya	1,695	243	(1,815)	-	**123**
Kenya - LEAP	1,128	82,284	(83,412)	-	**-**
Rwanda - Natwe Turashoboye ('We can also')	29,803	64,042	(82,575)	-	**11,270**
Rwanda – UNICEF Partnership	52,834	180,745	(188,637)	-	**44,942**
Rwanda - Other projects	6,285	8,485	(10,255)	-	**4,515**
Uganda – Inclusive Education	419	51,529	(51,662)	-	**286**
Uganda - Partner capacity building	-	50,772	-	-	**50,772**
Uganda – Other projects	-	81	-	-	**81**
Other funds	2,342	-	(1,008)	-	**1,334**
Total restricted funds	232,714	600,762	(590,356)	-	**243,120**
Total funds	**395,034**	**1,105,213**	**(1,170,355)**	-	**329,892**

19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no post balance sheet events.

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

Thank you so much to all the following organisations for making our work possible this year!

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Children's Voice (CV)
Centre for International Voluntary Services (CIVS)
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Embrace Kulture (EK)
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Ghana Education Service (GES)
Glad's House Kenya (GHK)
Kisumu Urban Apostolate Programme (KUAP)
Kyambogo University
Link Community Development, Malawi
Link Education International (LEI)
Ministry of Education Rwanda (MoE)
Ministry of Education Uganda (MoE)
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