

### **Our Vision**

Local partners enabled to realise their vision of health, education, peace, justice and freedom for their communities.

### **Our Mission**

HART is a charitable organisation committed to serving people in need, especially those who are suffering from oppression and persecution. Our twofold remit combines aid and advocacy; providing resources for humanitarian relief and serving as advocates for those with whom we work, who often are neglected by international media and unable to communicate with the wider world.

# **Our Approach**

HART works with communities to establish aid programmes in active conflict zones, post-conflict areas still devastated by war and areas where people are marginalised, oppressed and exploited. We maintain a distinctive objective to partner with people who are trapped behind closed borders. HART relies on first-hand evidence of human rights violations. We visit such areas to monitor projects, to gather evidence and to celebrate our local partners' vision for a brighter future.

### **Abbreviations**

**CHW** Community Health Worker

**IDP** Internally Displaced Person

NGO Non-governmental Organisation

OADC Overseas Aid and Development Commission (Guernsey) **PPE** Personal Protective Equipment

**TBA** Traditional Birth Attendant

**UN** United Nations



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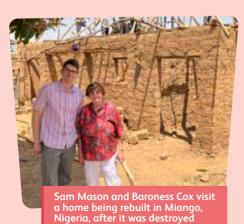
# A Message from our Founder President - Baroness Caroline Cox

# 2021 was a year of sustained hope in the face of a complex set of challenges.

The military takeover of Burma in February saw the country slide backwards on its path to democracy. Thousands of civilians have so far been killed by security forces. Hundreds of thousands of innocent people have been displaced. Significantly, former HART partner, Dr. Sasa (founder of Health & Hope) managed to escape the country, before being appointed the Spokesperson of the democratically elected National Unity Government.

With a surge in the number of people requiring humanitarian assistance, HART was determined to launch a new partnership in Burma in order to reach more isolated and vulnerable communities. We are pleased to have partnered with the Sunshine Health & Education Foundation (SHEF), an NGO providing education for displaced children from Karen State and life-saving humanitarian assistance to Burmese refugees in neighbouring Thailand.

Across all the areas where we operate – in Burma and beyond – HART partners have continued to bring light into some of the darkest parts of our world today. This would not be possible without your help. Thank you for helping our partners to realise their own visions of development for their communities.

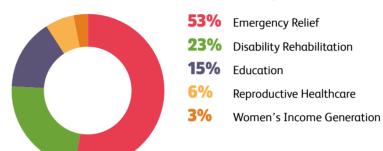


# A Message from our CEO – Sam Mason

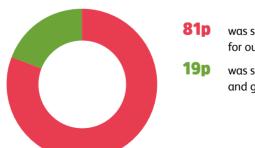
It is no exaggeration to say that your support has saved lives. With your help throughout 2021, HART's local partners continued to deliver life-saving aid and education in the midst of conflict, famine, COVID-19 and climate emergencies. We could not do this work without you. On behalf of all at HART, including the isolated communities we serve, thank you!

# In 2021, thanks to your support

### HART distributed £313,502 to 9 local partners



### For every £1 given to HART



was spent on aid and advocacy for our partners

for our partners

was spent on admin, fundraising and good governance

"The provision of food, and knowledge that they can return to rebuild their burnt homes, having received roofing sheets. is life changing after the tragedy. They have not received any help from the Nigerian government or from any other organisation apart from HART. These villagers. without this assistance. may perpetually go from one settlement to another begging for food. ""

HART partner in Nigeria, Revd Canon Hassan John

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### Sudan

Sudan has one of the largest numbers of out-of-education children in the world Over one million do not attend school Within the "Two Areas" where HART works (Blue Nile and South Kordofan states) decades of military offensives have left a chronic lack of infrastructure and poor access to education. Many teachers in Sudan are untrained, under-supervised and unequally distributed between rural and urban areas. Only 38% of teachers in Sudan are qualified.

In Blue Nile specifically, there are only two qualified teachers, one of whom HART helped to graduate from university in 2019. There are no paid teachers, training opportunities or standardised curriculum. As a result. HART's Sudanese partners repeatedly request support for educational development. With your support, we have been able to provide boys and girls with inclusive, safe and quality education.



Blue Nile during their training

This training is the first ever to be organised in the entire Blue Nile region since 2015. We really appreciate the effort and support of HART.

Mr. Augustino. Head Teacher of Yabus Primary School

#### **PARTNER**

### **NEW SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NSCC)**

workshop

HART secured funding from the Aall Foundation in 2020 to repair local classrooms, provide school materials and deliver a teacher-training programme in Blue Nile state. Despite initial delays due to COVID-19 lockdowns and school closures. NSCC delivered a two-week training programme in June 2021 for 47 teachers (one from each primary school in the state).

Thousands of refugees fled to Blue Nile in 2021 due to the escalating conflict in Ethiopia and inadequacy of camps in South Sudan. The influx of arrivals placed increased pressure on the region's already limited resources and food supplies. In August, HART secured £46,232 in emergency funding from the Guernsey Overseas Aid and Development Commission (OADC) to support the most vulnerable households returning to Blue Nile.

### **NUBA RELIEF.** REHABILITATION & DEVELOPMENT **ORGANISATION (NRRDO)**

During our visit to the Nuba Mountains in 2019, we sat down with NRRDO to hear about the most pressina challenges amona displaced families. Water-related diseases were among their most urgent concerns, particularly as a lack of personal hygiene

knowledge and available sanitation services exacerbated the prevalence of such diseases. For women and girls, the situation is dire as they are forced to either wait until dark to urinate outside or walk long distances to find isolated spots due to a lack of traditional pit latrines. The situation worsens during their time of menstruction.

In 2020, HART secured funding from The Ashworth Trust and Eleanor Rathbone Trust to provide 200 schoolgirls with 'dignity kits' containing soap, sanitary towels, body lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste and underwear. Funding also facilitated a hygiene and sanitation workshop for fifty young women and schoolgirls. Following a year-long delay due to COVID-19 related school closures, the programme began in May 2021.



IMPACT

15.5 tonnes of lentils distributed

5 tonnes of salt distributed

Thank you so much to HART for your efforts to save even one life. At the time, even the UN could not reach these vulnerable people because of the flooding and poor roads. but we were able to reach 500 households and they were so happy and grateful to the HART family for your support.

> Beniamin Barnaba. Executive Director of NSCC



December 2021: Beneficiaries of food assistance in Blue Nile. Sudan

### **South Sudan**

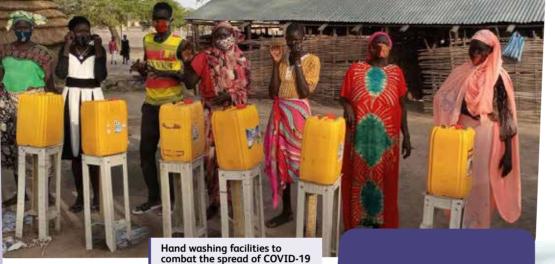
#### Overview

South Sudan is experiencing its 'worst hunger crisis ever', according to the UN. More than two-thirds of the population experience severe food insecurity. The devastating combination of inter-community conflict, a third consecutive year of major flooding, and the impacts of COVID-19 have deepened an already dire humanitarian crisis.

South Sudan is highly vulnerable to climate change. In 2021, more than 300,000 people were displaced by the worst flooding in sixty years.



Abvei, August 2021: Houses are submerged during the worst flooding in sixty years



### **PARTNER**

#### **DIOCESE OF WAU**

St. John's College is a beacon of hope within Western Bahr-el Ghazal, South Sudan. It provides courses in teacher training, business administration, theology and finance. Given the country's critical lack of quality education, the maintenance of the College is always a top priority for HART partner, Archbishop Moses Deng Bol, and the Diocese of Way, With fewer than one in three South Sudanese adults able to read and write, it plays a crucial role in training the next generation of teachers. HART was proud to support the college with staff salaries from July-December 2021.

<sup>44</sup>One woman, Nyanut Dong, lost her leg in the attack and witnessed her daughter lose both legs. She is so grateful for HART's support because she is no longer able to do anything for her children since the attack."

Bishop Michael Deng Bol

### **PARTNER**

#### **DIOCESE OF ABYEI**

Throughout 2021, HART supported various emergency relief programmes in Abyei, a disputed region located along the Sudan-South Sudan border. Emergency assistance was deployed to combat the effects of escalating conflict and severe flooding. Your donations supported the purchase of sorghum, beans, rice, oil and salt for 190 households. We purchased new clothing for thirty of the most vulnerable orphans living within the Diocese of Abyei's compound. HART also facilitated sixteen COVID-19 related personal hygiene workshops and the distribution of water cans, soap and facemasks.



HART was delighted to secure a £49,073 grant from the Guernsey OADC to construct four new classrooms at Agok School in Abyei. After classrooms were destroyed and teachers were displaced during the 2008 Abyei War, more than half of Agok School's 4,000 students were forced to find education elsewhere in the region. Following relative peace and the return of teachers, Agok School sought to accommodate more students and increase student attendance. You will find information about the completed classrooms in next year's annual impact report.

### **IMPACT**



of beans

distributed

3.8 tonnes of sorghum

**1.75** tonnes





0.9 tonnes

of rice distributed

0.4 tonnes





distributed

660 litres of oil

distributed

# Nigeria

August 2021: Jebbu Orphanage Chapel in Plateau state was torched by Fulani militia



#### **Overview**

Terrorist attacks continue to escalate in northern and central Nigeria, with violence also starting to escalate in southern states. An estimated

13,000-19,000 killings have occurred in the Middle Belt since 2019, with countless others suffering life-changing injuries. Millions are displaced by insecurity and fear. Yet despite the scale and nature of the violence, it rarely hits our headlines. The crisis remains out of sight of the world's media. In some parts of central Nigeria, HART is the only international organisation providing life-saving assistance.

Children enjoy English lessons in an abandoned classroom utilised by the 'Roads to Hope' project

With education in Miango, Plateau
State. Thanks to 'Roads to Hope',
parents don't have to worry about
their children travelling long distances
to school. They know they are safe.
Children are displaced, traumatised and
confused, but 'Roads to Hope' brings
them together.

Andrew, 'Roads to Hope' project coordinator

In September, HART and the Diocese of Jos launched the 'Roads to Hope: Education in Emergencies' project. The initiative provides safer education to thousands of displaced children in central Nigeria. The concept is simple: where it is unsafe for children to travel to school, we bring school to the children. Our education vans are driven to displacement camps or villages, fully equipped with books, pens, a whiteboard, an electronic monitor and a solar-powered generator. Displaced teachers residing in the camps and villages are mobilised to teach the children, incentivised by a small stipend, which is crucial to allow teachers to focus on teaching rather than sourcing food. They provide lessons in Maths, English, Bible Studies and personal hygiene.



#### **PARTNER**

#### **DIOCESE OF JOS**

The **Aall Foundation** donated \$24,000 in 2021 to reduce the suffering of communities in central Nigeria. Their support enabled displaced families to return home to their villages. It also provided materials to rebuild homes and restart local farming initiatives. This was a significant project as it allowed traumatised parents and children to regain a sense of security and dignity. The initiative brought hope to families in IDP camps who, after years of broken promises, felt that they had no hope of returning to their villages. More than 7,000 people were supported by the programme.

HART is now seeking further funds to provide healthcare and education for displaced communities who have fled conflict in Nigeria's north and central regions. As stationary educational and healthcare facilities remain under constant threat from both Islamist Fulani militia and Boko Haram. the Diocese of Jos hopes to provide mobile assistance to displaced persons through purchasing and equipping vans either with school materials and monitors or medical and first-aid equipment.

### **IMPACT**



100 households

received maize and beans

50 households



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27 households

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27 households

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120

farming hoes

Between October 2021 - March 2022

the van reached 8,870 childre across 25 villages



#### Overview

HART uses the name 'Burma' instead of 'Myanmar' as our local partners prefer it. They do not relate to the name 'Myanmar' which was introduced by the Burmese military junta in 1989.

On 1 February 2021, the Burmese military seized power by a violent coup. Almost 700.000 civilians have since been displaced and more than 1.800 people have been killed. Thousands of people have fled their homes because of ongoing violence, unable to work or provide for their families. It is mostly women and children who are hiding in the jungle, awaiting a safe path to a camp or international border.



### **PARTNER**

#### SHAN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK (SWAN)

HART continued to support SWAN's annual Women's Wellbeing Programme (WWP) throughout 2021. Despite ongoing security threats, their Community Health Workers (CHWs) travelled to remote communities in order to provide life-saving pre and post-natal care to mothers. SWAN also provided emergency relief to a huge influx of displaced people in Shan state and neighbouring Thailand.

In addition to funding SWAN's annual maternal and infant healthcare programme, we also support SWAN's Education Programme to help vulnerable children in migrant communities along the Thai-Burma border. The programme subsidises teacher salaries and supports approximately 1,000 students annually with food, transport and school materials.

> HART supported 53 students at Loi Htat Nursery school in 2021 with lunch, educational materials and transport to and from school. Funding also contributed to one teacher salary and provided access to emergency funds for families in crisis.



Thanks to HART supporters, in March 2021, SWAN was able to assist more than 3,000 people from Karen state who had fled into Thailand following a targeted airstrike by the Burmese Army. After the air attacks, Tom Andrews, the UN Special Rapporteur from Burma said the army was carrying out "mass murder." SWAN stood in solidarity with IDPs at the border and provided them with blankets, personal hygiene kits and life-saving food.

From July to October 2021, your donations supported 800 Shan families who fled into Thailand following the military takeover and were unable to leave their homes due to COVID-19 lockdowns. Each family received an emergency kit consisting of rice, noodles, cooking oil, lentils, salt, hand sanitiser, facemasks and soap.

### **IMPACT**

















IDPs assisted with food



### **PARTNER**

#### **LOI TAI LENG SCHOOL**

2021 was a challenging year for Loi Tai Leng School, situated in a displacement camp along the Thai-Burma border. The school has long relied on food transported twice weekly from northern Thailand. However, ongoing COVID-19 border closures, exacerbated by the military takeover, made it difficult for staff to provide students with three meals per day.

From April to December 2021, HART supported 340 boarding students with three full meals daily. Students and teachers

rapidly expanded their school feeding agricultural programme to include herbs, bananas, cauliflower and other vegetables as they continue their mission to become self-sufficient.

Without your support, our boarding students at Loi Tai Leng would not have had a proper meal during the COVID period.

Deputy Director of Shan State Education Commission



#### **PARTNER**

#### **SUNSHINE HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION (SHEF)**

HART began its partnership with SHEF in 2021 following the military takeover. Our work with SHEF focuses on providing education for displaced children from Karen State, as well providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to Burmese refugees who have fled to Thailand.



# **IMPACT**



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### **NAGORNO-KARABAKH**

#### Overview

A significant peace agreement brought an end to major hostilities in Nagorno-Karabakh. However, throughout 2021, HART received reports of numerous ceasefire violations, including military offensives against Armenian villages in Syunik province and Azerbaijan's refusal to release prisoners of war. Many Armenians remain in Azerbaijani custody following the 44-Day War, many of whom are undergoing speedy criminal trials. Others have been filmed or photographed in captivity but with no indication as to their current whereabouts.

#### **PARTNER**

# THE LADY COX DISABILITY REHABILITATION CENTRE

2021 was the most challenging year for the Lady Cox Disability Rehabilitation Centre since it opened in 1998. The impact of war made it difficult for the Centre's Founder, Vardan, to retain his highly trained staff. Most are specialists, having been at the Centre since its earliest days. To replace them would not only cost Vardan significant time in training but would also lead to a large drop in the services provided.



After the war, the scale of needs grew significantly. The arrival of military and civilian casualties caused demand on staff services to soar. The Centre now requires greater international assistance to accommodate the increased demands.

HART funding was used to address Vardan's urgent priorities. Whilst the Centre is grateful to receive funding from the Government of Nagorno-Karabakh for staff costs, the funds only cover minimum wage. HART funding for staff salaries was therefore essential for staff retention. With your support, we were also able to provide patients with a steady supply of food and medicine, as well as therapeutic day trips and social events for children.

<sup>44</sup>It is essential to reward staff loyalty. I have always said that the only equipment you really need is a table to lay the patient on. All else is the skill of the trained therapist. <sup>99</sup>

Vardan Tadevosyan, Founder and Director of the Lady Cox Disability Rehabilitation Centre





## **IMPACT**











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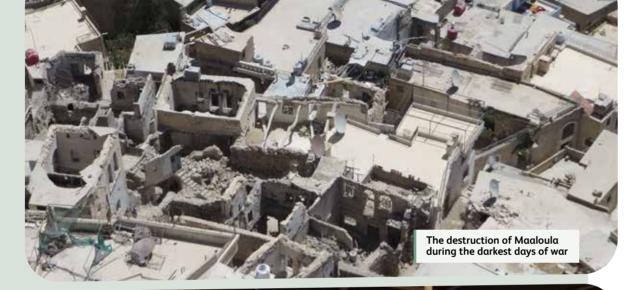
2,908

nydrotherapy sessions

# Syria

#### Overview

An estimated 9 out of 10 Syrians live below the poverty line. By the end of 2021, 13.4 million Syrians were in need of humanitarian assistance, and 12.4 million were food insecure. The impact of an eleven-year war and economic sanctions have caused a drastic reduction in the availability of basic services. There is a severe shortage of fuel, food, water, medicine and qualified teachers and health workers. COVID-19 left many people unable to work or provide for their family.





#### **PARTNER**

# ST. EPHREM PATRIARCHAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EPDC)

HART has supported EPDC's women's empowerment and food security project since 2018. Many women lost their husbands during the war either to death or economic migration. They were left to raise their family alone. By providing space and equipment for women to prepare, preserve and sell local food items, EPDC's programme enables female-headed households to generate an income and boost their children's nutrition.

In 2021, HART facilitated an expansion of the food processing workshop in Maaloula. Our local partners purchased a new fridge-freezer, kitchen cabinets, and essential food items to increase their output and sell more products. HART funds were used to open a summer community space outside the workshop, where residents can now sit and socialise as they enjoy food and drink from the workshop. The outdoor space has revitalised the local area and increased local support for the women's empowerment project.

We are excited to have secured funding from L'Oeuvre D'orient to expand this project into rural Damascus in 2022. The project has been so successful and locally supported in Maaloula that EPDC now seeks to replicate the project in various regions across Syria.





# A message from our Trustees

We are pleased to report another successful year of support for our committed and resilient partners around the world.

We would like to highlight three HART achievements during 2021. Firstly, HART is proud to stand in solidarity with displaced families from Burma's ethnic states. During their darkest hour, our local partner organisations provide lifesaving food, shelter and medicine. They are committed to shining a light on Burma's humanitarian crisis, particularly among communities in the border regions who do not receive assistance from major aid organisations.

Secondly, we celebrate the launch of HART's 'Road to Hope: Mobile Education in Emergencies' programme in Nigeria. We were delighted to kickstart the initiative by donating £20,000 to purchase and equip a mobile education van to reach displaced children in central states.

Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust To date, HART has successfully fundraised for three additional education vans, which will hit the road in 2022. The team has now turned their attention to fundraising for healthcare vans to bring urgent medical assistance to remote communities reeling from terrorist attacks.

Finally, we are proud of HART's prioritisation of the vulnerable and isolated communities of Blue Nile state in Sudan. The people of Blue Nile continue to battle against the devastating effects of three decades of civil war, combined with severe drought and flooding that has swept the region since 2019. We are particularly grateful to the Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Committee for their donation of £46,232 to support more than 900 of the most vulnerable households in Blue Nile.

Thank you to everyone who supported HART in 2021. Your support enables our life-saving work to continue.

### At home

### 2021 Advocacy Summary

In a noisy world, we do our best to elevate the voices of local people in forgotten conflicts. We witness their courage in the face of adversity. And we celebrate their vision for a brighter future.

Our Founder President, Baroness Cox, uses her seat in the UK Parliament to "be a voice for those whose voices are not heard". Throughout 2021, she urged the UK Government to provide humanitarian aid to Nigeria's Middle Belt, which currently receives almost no international assistance. She urged the Foreign Office to engage directly with ethnic minority leaders in Burma and to facilitate cross-border aid. She also continued to champion the rights of ethnic Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh, summarised in her report 'Continuing Impunity: Azerbaijani-Turkish Offensives Against Armenians in Nagorno Karabakh'.

During one of our monitoring visits to Armenia in September 2021, Baroness Cox was surprised and humbled to be awarded the Order of Saints Sahak and Mesrop, the highest honour of the Apostolic Church, for her efforts in advocating for the people of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakhh.

### **HART Prize for Human Rights**

The HART Prize for Human Rights is a prestigious competition for young people in the UK. It inspires young people to engage in issues surrounding global conflict and poverty. Anyone between the ages of 11-25 is encouraged to enter an essay or creative piece, which critically examines a human rights abuse occurring in any of the countries where HART operates.

In 2021, we received 136 entries from around the world. We held the Awards Ceremony online due to COVID-19, incorporating performances from competition winners and entrants whose submissions were highly commended. A big thank you to all those who entered. We can't wait to see next year's entries!

# 2022 update

# We wish to give a brief update on some significant developments from the start of 2022.

HART is overjoyed to have received two significant grants in the first half of 2022. Firstly, the **Aall Foundation's** grant facilitated a second year of teacher training and salary support for at least one teacher from every primary school in Blue Nile state, Sudan. Secondly, the **Guernsey OADC** awarded HART funding to construct the first ever library and teacher training centre in the region of Abyei, a disputed region along the Sudan-South Sudan border.

We were delighted to reach our fundraising target in the 2021 Big Give Christmas Challenge, a match-funding campaign which saw our generous supporters donate towards our second education van in Nigeria. Following this success, we are hugely grateful to St. Christopher's Church in Pott Shrigley, Cheshire, PSJ-UK, the Jerusalem Trust and Christian Solidarity International (CSI) for their contributions to this initiative, which will see three additional vans on the road this year.

In March, members of the HART team joined up with Christian Solidarity International (CSI) and the International Organisation for Peace Building and Social Justice (PSJ) to visit HART's partners in Nigeria. They witnessed the ruins of homes, farmland, food stores, churches, pastors' homes and an orphanage, all attacked by Fulani militia since September 2021. They heard accounts of the deliberate targeting and slaughter of many children, a 98-year-old woman burned alive, and people hacked by machetes as they ran from rapid gunfire. Targeted villages receive littleto-no military or police protection, and perpetrators are rarely, if ever, bought to justice. Our findings are published in an urgent Visit Report, entitled 'Breaking Point in Central Nigeria: Terror and Mass Displacement in the Middle Belt'.



### **HUMANITARIAN AID RELIEF TRUST**

Statement of financial activities (including Income and Expenditure statement) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

INCOME	2021	2020
Donations and legacies	410,047	432,277
Charitable Activities	172,803	102,951
Other trading activities	540	10,784
Investments	40	203
Total income	583,430	546,215
EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Raising funds	121,655	82,150
Charitable activities:	•	
Aid	405,079	334,481
Advocαcy	106,254	104,035
Total expenditure	632,988	520,666
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(49,558)	25,549

#### Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

FIXED ASSETS	2021	2020
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,287	1,562
CURRENT ASSETS	2021	2020
Stock	2,727	3,643
Debtors	23,993	49,518
Cash at bank and in hand	183,082	191,590
	209,802	210,157
Creditors: amounts falling due to within one year	(18,553)	(22,786)
Net current assets	191,249	240,532
Total assets less total liabilities	192,536	242,094
FUNDS	2021	2020
Unrestricted funds	112,171	96,269
Restricted funds	80,365	135,824
Total funds carried forward	192,536	242,094

The summary accounts set out on these pages may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust. For further information, the full accounts, the unqualified report of the independent auditors and the Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 should be consulted.

Copies of these, which will be delivered to the Charities Commission and Registrar of Companies, can be requested by emailing office@hart-uk.org

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- John Barber Fund
- Leaders in Transformation

- Marigold Bridgeman Charitable Trust
- The Nigel Vinson Charitable Trust
- The Order of St. George
- Operation Mobilisation
- The Rannoch Trust
- R&H Sneller Fund
- Souter Charitable Trust
- Stiftelsen Ny Start i Øst
- Stokesley Christian Fellowship
- The Street Foundation
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- The Vardy Foundation

Our work would not be possible without the help of our donors. From the HART team and our local partners, we say a huge thank you!





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