



About Age International

Age International is the only charity in the UK dedicated to the needs and rights of older people in developing countries.

The Charity exists to help older people in developing countries improve their income, escape poverty, receive the right kind of healthcare, survive emergencies, and have their contributions to families and communities recognised and valued.

This is because the world's population is getting older and we want to change the world for older people.

Our vision is of a world in which women and men everywhere can lead dignified, healthy and secure lives as they grow older.

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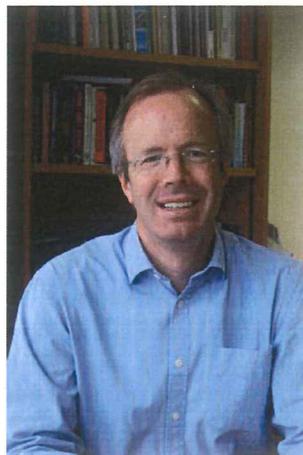
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Message from the **Chairman** and **Managing Director**

In a year that began with the terrible earthquake in Nepal, we were pleased to be able to respond, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, and the success of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal, of which we were a part. You can read more about this, and our other humanitarian, longer-term development work and our policy and influencing work in the pages that follow.

The fact that older people and ageing were specifically included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, was one of our highlights of the year, and was the result of several years of hard work by organisations including Age International. The UK Government's subsequent pledge to 'leave no one behind' in the implementation of the SDGs, which included older people and age discrimination, shows how an understanding of global ageing and

development is growing among decision-makers. We hope you will find this record of our work interesting. You will read about some of our achievements and how we go about our work. You will see how closely we collaborate with others: we benefit from the considerable support and expertise of Age UK, of which we are a subsidiary, and we are proud to be the UK member of a global network, HelpAge, responding to the challenges of global ageing and addressing the particular needs of older people in some of the world's poorest countries.

We are greatly encouraged with what we have achieved in the last year. Yet we recognise that there is so much more to be done. Our achievements give us energy to redouble our efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of older people are properly included, so that no older person is left behind.

Dianne Jeffrey, CBE DL
Chairman

Chris Roles
Managing Director

Our strategic objectives

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What we want older people to say

- I am given the help and information I want in emergencies
- I have the income I need, and enjoy the best possible health and care
- My voice is heard by decision-makers
- I am safe and secure, free from discrimination, violence and abuse



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How we help

- We provide emergency relief
- We support long-term development programmes
- We advocate and influence
- We research and evaluate
- We support the HelpAge global network

Our priorities

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Emergencies

We will respond to emergencies

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Health

We will improve health

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Poverty

We will reduce poverty

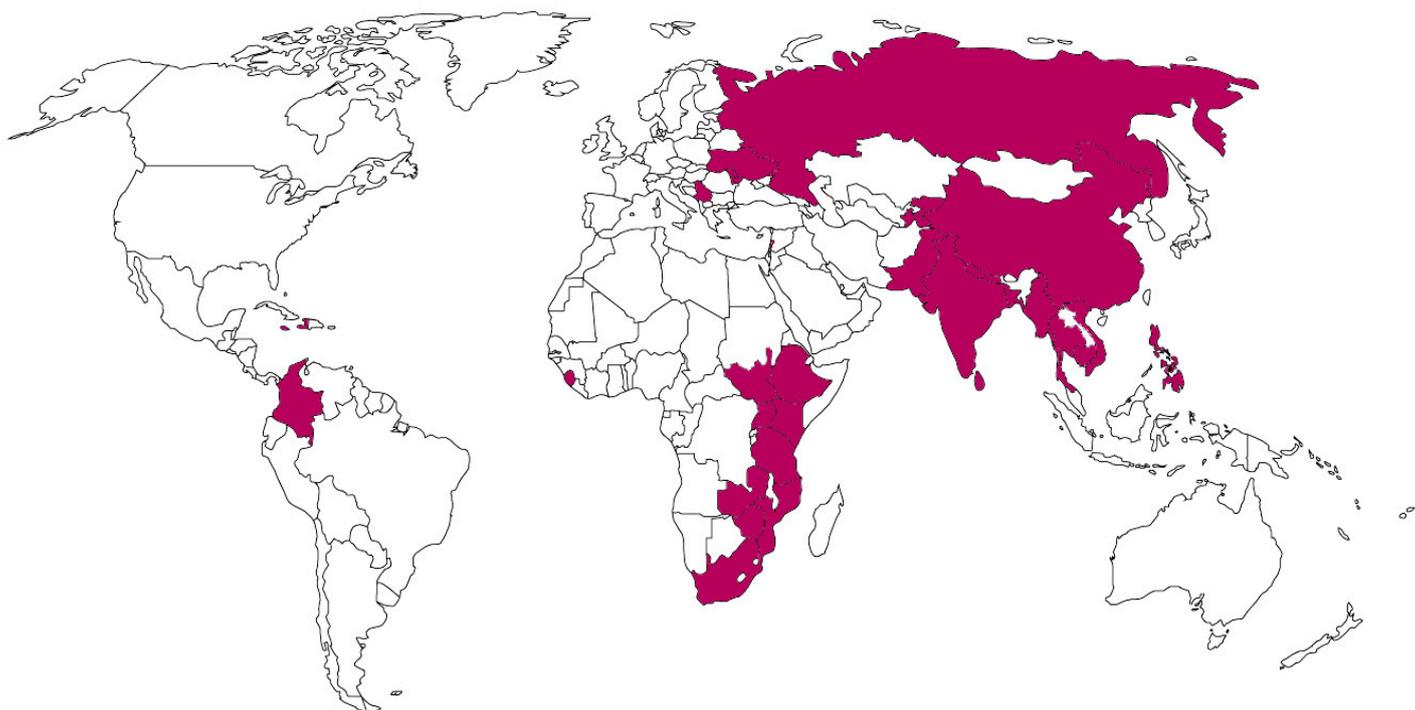
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Rights

We will protect and promote rights

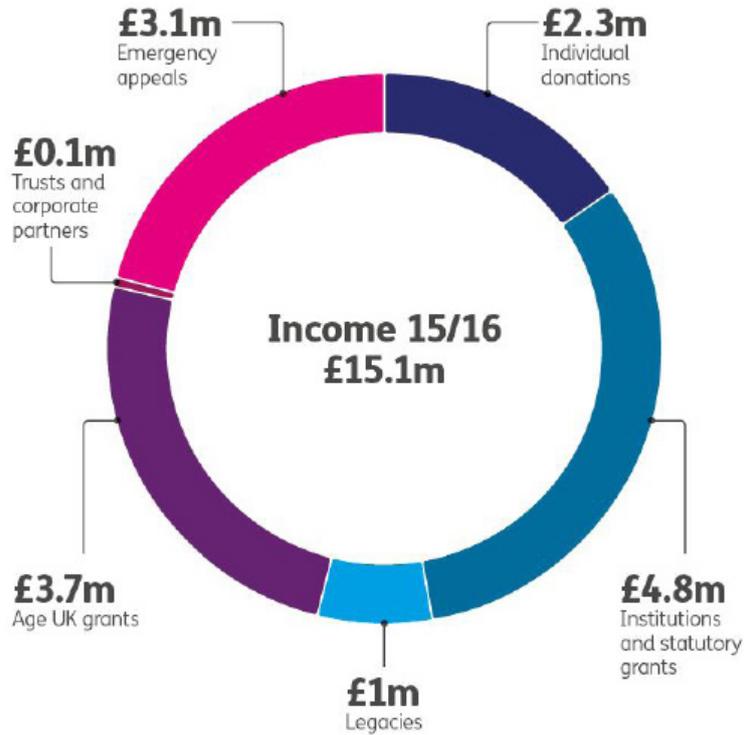
Where we're working

We work in over 30 low and middle income countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.



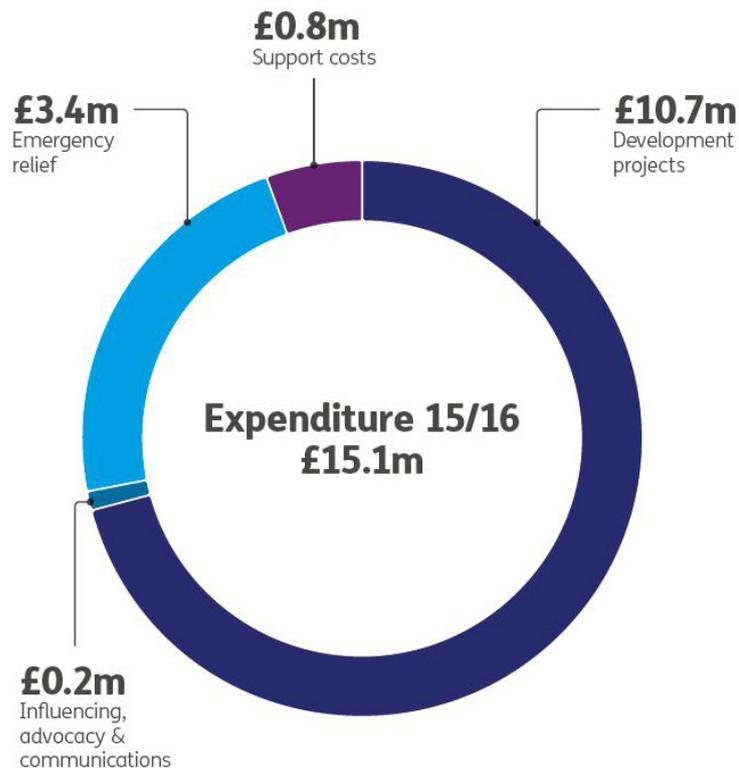
How we raised our money

Age International receives grants and donations from UK individuals, trusts, statutory bodies, Age UK, the UK Government and businesses.



How we spent our money

The majority of our income is spent on development projects, emergency relief, recovery work and disaster risk reduction.



Our achievements in 2015/16

We'd like to share the words of some of the people with whom we work, so they can tell you about some of our achievements.



We've changed the attitude of [health] staff towards older people. We've mobilised older people to stand up for their rights. And they demand those rights!

Lourenco, 56, healthcare volunteer, Mozambique



Your untiring dedication to Wagay has guaranteed her a daily meal, home-based care, hygiene products and clothing. You are Wagay's lifeline and I forward my utmost respect and appreciation for your support.

Erna, Senior Communications Officer, Ethiopia



[Rahul, the health worker] is like a son to me ... he's helping to prolong my life. I live alone. If I were not visited, I don't know what would happen. When Rahul comes, I feel happy.

Domingu, 75, Mozambique



I feel safer and more confident since doing the rights training. I know what measures to take [against allegations of witchcraft]. I know how to feel and act in a dignified manner.

Ernestina, 68, Tanzania



If the Older People’s Association did not exist, life wouldn’t be so good. I’d just have to get on with my household tasks, without having any opportunity to rest or meet other people.

Kanchi, 71, Nepal



Thank you for ensuring we can keep helping older people: people like Roberto, a born leader; people with enormous hearts; people who deserve to live a later life with dignity.

Angela, Communications Officer,
Colombia



I want to be strong like this stick. I’m so happy to get this [walking stick] - tonight I’ll say a prayer for all the people in the UK, that their life will be strong like this stick.

Daw Mya, 81, Myanmar



Life would be very difficult if I had not had my cataracts removed. I wouldn’t be able to farm and that is very important for us. I would not be able to do a single thing.

Karimjabu, 75, Zanzibar

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Trustees' report

Structure and governance

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of HelpAge International UK. HelpAge International UK is the registered name of the charity but it is known as Age International. All references to the organisation in this report and the financial statements will be in the name of Age International.

Age International is an independent charitable company limited by guarantee. It is a subsidiary of Age UK (registered charity 1128267) and forms part of the Age UK Group. Age International is the UK affiliate of the HelpAge International global network of organisations focused on ageing. The network has 119 members in 73 countries.

Age International is governed by a Board of six Trustees. Following changes to Age International's Memorandum and Articles, it is planned to increase the number of Trustees on the Board in 2016/17. The Board meets quarterly and Trustees have responsibility for the overall strategy and direction of Age International, and for financial and risk management.

The Chair of Age International is Dianne Jeffrey CBE DL and the Managing Director is Chris Roles. The Managing Director is appointed by the Board and has day-to-day responsibility for the running of the Charity.

Objects of Age International

The objects of the Charity are the promotion of the welfare of older people in any part of the world and in any manner deemed to be charitable according to the law of England and Wales including but not limited to:

- Preventing or relieving the poverty of older people
- Advancing education
- Preventing or relieving sickness, disease or suffering in older people

- Promoting equality and diversity
- Promoting the human rights of older people in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Assisting older people in need by reason of ill-health, disability, financial hardship, social exclusion or other disadvantage, and
- Such other charitable purposes for the benefit of older people as the Trustees from time to time decide

Objectives and Activities for 2015/16

The following objectives were set for Age International in 2015/16:

1. Respond to humanitarian emergencies with practical support and influence other actors to systematically take account of the specific needs of older people in their emergency response systems and programmes
2. Support community-based action that enables older people to work together to improve their income and health, to support each other and to have their voice heard. Work to support governments in low and middle income countries to develop policies and programmes in ways that meet the needs of the most vulnerable older people
3. Ensure that a stronger body of evidence of impact and effectiveness is developed and underpins our programmes and advocacy work
4. Work to ensure the UK government's international development objectives, targets, measures and monitoring reflect and report the impact of global ageing. Mobilise UK public support and influence opinion formers and decision makers to increase awareness of, and respond to, global ageing. Work for a transformation in attitudes towards ageing and older people, and will contribute to a renewed global movement working towards a UN Convention, prompting member states to review how they protect and promote the rights of older people

5. Maintain and expand our fundraising work through high quality fundraising from a wide range of institutional, private and corporate sources. Build our competences, and set ambitious targets to grow our income from a wide range of sources.

The Trustees report here on the progress made during the year in meeting these objectives, and the objectives that have been set for 2016-2021.

Progress updates



1. Responding to emergencies

Age International responds to humanitarian emergencies with practical support and influences other actors to systematically take account of the specific needs of older people in their emergency response systems and programmes.

The specific needs and rights of older people are often under-served in disaster preparedness, emergency and early recovery programmes globally, although considerable progress to address this is being seen.

Age International ensures that the needs of older people are met and represented following natural disasters, conflict and health crises. It also calls on other aid agencies to ensure that they take account of the specific needs of older people in their response to emergencies.

Age International is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), a coalition of the UK's leading humanitarian agencies.

In 2015/16, Age International worked with local partners to:

- support humanitarian actions in 14 countries, including Lebanon, Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, and Ukraine
- set up new responses for 145,000 people,

including 85,000 older people in 11 countries with major responses in Nepal

- ensure over 40,000 older people in 15 countries were engaged in disaster risk reduction projects.

Emergency responses included essential shelter, food, water, medical treatments and cash transfers.

Failure of emergency programmes to address Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), such as diabetes and hypertension, is the cause of almost 13 per cent of avoidable deaths in humanitarian contexts. The responses by HelpAge and Age International – particularly in Lebanon – placed increasing emphasis on this, both directly and in the work the charities did to ensure other agencies recognise the issue.

1.1 Nepal

On 25 April 2015, **Nepal** was hit by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. This was followed by a second earthquake (7.3 magnitude) close to Mount Everest on 12 May. The earthquakes caused more than 8,900 deaths, over 22,500 people were injured and over half a million houses were partially or fully destroyed. Older people were disproportionately affected with almost 30 per cent of those who lost their lives being 60+.

Age International launched an emergency appeal and raised over £550k from its supporters. It also participated in the DEC appeal which raised a total of £85m. Age International partnered with HelpAge to help older people living in districts severely affected by the earthquake.

During the first phase of the response, from May – October 2015, Age International provided transitional shelter to 2,126 beneficiaries; cash grants for shelter construction to 1,362 beneficiaries; unconditional cash transfers to 4,000 beneficiaries; and set up health camps through which 2,000 older people were screened for their nutritional status. A further 4,404 individuals were provided with ophthalmic check-ups and 1,598 people received reading glasses.

Tarka and Bir's home was destroyed by the earthquake. Age International gave Bir and Tarka blankets, a solar lamp, rice, materials for temporary shelter and some money so they could buy what they needed. 'After the earthquake, there was a storm. My husband fell over and had to be hospitalised,' Tarka explains. 'The money paid for my husband's medicine and hospital fees. It saved his life!'



Tarka and Bir - © Lydia Humphrey/Age International

The 18 month recovery programme started in November 2015. The Charity continued to support shelter, health and policy activities; with additional disaster risk reduction (DRR) and livelihoods activities in order to mitigate the risk of damage in future disasters and to help older people recover their livelihoods.

Age International helped many more older people by influencing other governments and agencies to deliver age-friendly emergency relief. The establishment of the Age and Disability Task Force Network brought ageing and disability to the agenda of the various UN emergency response clusters and influence all humanitarian responders to include older people and people with disabilities in their work. Other agencies and the government now have greater awareness of age and disability.

1.2 Sierra Leone

During 2015/16, Age International continued working with Restless Development to ensure the needs of older people were being met in the

aftermath of the Ebola outbreak in 2014. Age International commissioned an independent needs assessment in **Sierra Leone**, which resulted in the establishment of an inclusion programme and a livelihoods recovery programme.

An inclusion and advocacy strategy is helping to ensure that older people's needs are prioritised by the Government of Sierra Leone and international NGO Ebola recovery policies and practices. This strategy will be delivered through workshops, provision of technical support and development and dissemination of good practice documents. This will mean that more older people will be reached and assisted.

The £300k DEC and Age International-funded livelihoods programme - implemented by Restless Development - is delivered through Volunteer Peer Educators (VPEs) who are recruited and trained to deliver small business training to 1,200 older people. These trainings focus on enabling older men and women to rebuild sustainable livelihoods in areas such as petty trading and agriculture.

During the Ebola crisis, many felt isolated and struggled to provide for themselves and their families. Age International helped to set up OPAs through which older people could access loans and training to help them set up a business. One of the OPA members, Isata, says, 'I am happy to be a part of the OPA. Now that I am in this group, I am happier. I am included, not isolated and excluded.'



OPA meeting - © Eden Sparke/Age International

Further livelihoods support is to be provided through 60 Older People's Associations (OPAs), whose members run Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA). The VSLAs provide simple savings and loan facilities in a community that does not have easy access to formal financial services.

1.3 Syria

Age International continued to help older refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria. Working with its local partners in **Lebanon** - Médecins du Monde, Amel Association International and YMCA Lebanon - Age International provided healthcare to those suffering from non-communicable diseases (NCDs). On average, 310 new patients are registered every month and 350 patients benefit from services related to the management of diabetes and hypertension.

An Inclusion Adviser ensured that older people's needs and rights were highlighted among humanitarian actors, governmental bodies, UN agencies, INGOs and local NGOs via presentations and the dissemination of relevant material. Through this project, Age International's implementing partner, HelpAge, became highly involved in the national NCD strategic planning process and was able to advocate for older people by including the development of a specific NCD protocol for older people within the overall strategy.

The Ministry of Health nominated HelpAge as the reference agency for any issues related to NCDs in older age and HelpAge is now developing training materials for ministry staff. HelpAge also ran group counselling, exercise and activity sessions and arranged social events to reduce older people's stress and help them build networks.

1.4 Gaza

Following the conflict in **Gaza** in the summer of 2014, Age International worked with HelpAge to create Age Friendly Spaces (AFS) in Gaza City and Beit Hanoun, providing a safe space for 550 older people to come together on a daily

basis. In the AFS, people in later life can socialise, receive counselling, share meals and access awareness raising and educational activities. Age International continued to support AFS until the end of the project in February 2016.

A toll-free helpline was also set up, receiving an average of 20 - 30 calls per day from nearly 1,000 vulnerable older people, from where they were referred to relevant local agencies and sources of help and support. The Charity also provided psychosocial group counselling sessions to 214 older people and individual psychosocial support to 70 older people. And it ran an advocacy and awareness-raising workshop entitled "Challenges Facing Older People to Access Humanitarian Services" for 30 organisations, including DEC members and HelpAge partners in Gaza.

1.5 South Sudan

In 2015/16, Age International continued to support older people affected by the conflict in **South Sudan**. It allocated £100k for a six month programme to improve the lives of older people and their families in Juba and outlying areas through advocacy and by supporting direct intervention in the areas of nutrition, social protection, food security, livelihoods and DRR. Funding from Age International also supported a nutrition intervention in three sites in Juba. It addressed the urgent and immediate lifesaving needs of 134 severely malnourished older people through the provision of monthly food rations.

The programme also ensured that other NGOs and UN agencies could include and consider older people's needs and rights by raising awareness on older people's capacities and vulnerabilities and lobbying for inclusion and equal access to life-saving support in over 50 meetings.

It also delivered two Helping Older People in Emergencies (HOPE) trainings to 35 participants representing 18 organisations. As a result of the HOPE training the earlier perception that older people were not able to be trained has changed and organisations have now started including them in their interventions.

Age International also ensured that community dialogues with 200 older people were carried out in order to raise awareness of gender-based violence. Key messages for older people and NGOs participating included recognising that older women may be both victims of abuse (sexual, physical, and mental) as well as perpetrators (FGM), and that older people's rights are human rights and should be upheld and respected.

1.6 Philippines

After Typhoon Haiyan in the **Philippines** in November 2013, Age International concluded its three year recovery programme with its local partner, the Coalition of Services for the Elderly (COSE), by helping older people to re-establish their livelihoods; build new shelters; and obtain lost ID cards in order to improve their access to essential services such as health care and social benefits.

Livelihood activities played a large part in the recovery programme. A total of 320 older people benefited from training on 'innovative and diversified off-farm livelihoods', such as growing vegetables using organic fertilisers; making organic fertiliser and using vermiculture; raising poultry and livestock, food processing and handicrafts. A further 1,120 older people received grants to start small businesses.

In order to ensure that people in later life were aware of their rights and entitlements, Age International supported weekly radio broadcasts, including features and panel discussions led by older people themselves. Over 16,000 older people were reached in three locations covering Cebu, West Leyte and East Leyte.

Paulita, a 68 year old widow, lost her home in the typhoon when two coconut trees smashed through the roof. She went to a nearby school to get shelter. As part of the livelihoods recovery programme, Age International trained a number of farmers how to do carpentry and provided them with tools and shelter materials to help others. They then built a new home for Paulita, who says 'I'm very thankful for this house because I have no husband to support me.'



Paulita outside her new home in Ormoc
© Sara Guy/Age International

2. Supporting development programmes

Age International supports community-based action that enables older people to work together to improve their income and health, to support each other and to have their voice heard. It works to support governments in low and middle income countries to develop policies and programmes in ways that meet the needs of the most vulnerable older people. And it works to support governments in low and middle income countries to develop policies and programmes in ways that meet the needs of the most vulnerable older people

Age International works with local partners in order to achieve its long-term development objectives; with a focus on outcomes that improve income and health and which protect and promote the rights of older people.

Working through HelpAge, Age International helped ensure that:

- Essential services were provided to 808,000 older people and their families and communities in 33 low and middle-income countries
- 8,367 Older People's Associations (OPAs) were supported in 31 countries with 392,000 members – a 20 per cent growth over previous years
- 7,486 government and other agency staff in 25 countries were trained on the needs of older people, so that they could better deliver their work in the areas of health, social protection and humanitarian relief.

In 2015/16, there were successful actions to translate global commitments to ageing into national policies. These include policies on health and care in Mozambique and Thailand; pensions and benefits in Bangladesh and Nepal; and on ageing and older people's rights in Colombia, Serbia, Pakistan and Zambia.

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2.1 Improving income

Many older people in developing countries continue to work well into older age. Sometimes this is by choice, but more usually life-long poverty, lack of savings and the absence of a pension.

Age International ensures that older people can enjoy sustainable livelihoods by providing grants so they can start small enterprises to support themselves and their families.

Daw Phi Ki is looking after four of her grandchildren while her daughter is working in Thailand. When Age International met her, there was no pension in Myanmar; indeed, she had never heard of a pension. This meant that she had to continue working to support her grandchildren. On being asked whether she thought a pension was a good idea, Daw Phi Ki replied 'I like the idea of it. That would be marvellous. If I received a pension, I'd buy food and eat a lot!'



*Daw Phi Ki, 70, looks after 4 of her grandchildren
© Hereward Holland/Age International*

It provides agricultural inputs to people in later life, such as seeds and tools, and ensures that older people have access to water so they can carry out agricultural activities.

The Charity also provides frail and sick older people who cannot work with cash transfers, so they can buy the things they need and helps older people to access pensions where they exist and lobby for pensions in countries where they don't.

In 2015/16, Age International worked with HelpAge to ensure that:

- 1.67 million more older people received a social pension compared to last year
- The total value of social pensions received per annum was £715 million, including growth in 13 countries
- 620,000 more older people benefited from the implementation of government policies and schemes to help older people's income and food security, including cash transfer programmes in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Pakistan
- 92,000 older people in 24 countries benefited from community-based income and food security projects, with significant coverage in South Asia
- 20,000 older people in 7 countries received income and/or food security support during emergency responses, with cash transfers being particularly significant in Nepal, Myanmar and Pakistan.

Our support enabled governments, the private sector and other agencies to become more age-inclusive in their livelihoods programmes; to introduce pensions and cash transfer programmes; and to secure and protect livelihoods.

2.1.1 Pensions and cash transfers

Changes were realised in the social pension or protection programmes in 14 countries, either through expansion or rises in payments – including **Bangladesh, Kenya, Myanmar, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam** and **Zanzibar**.

It means that thousands of older people will be lifted out of poverty, allowing some to retire and to support themselves and their families.

The Government of **Bangladesh** extended the coverage of the Old Age and Widows' Allowance by 10 per cent – 300k more older people – following advocacy with the government's National Ageing Committee.

In the **Philippines**, the Government significantly increased the budget for its social pension under the Expanded Senior Citizens' Act. Some 400k more people over 60 now receive the pension, bringing the total to 1.35 million. Meanwhile, in Myanmar, a social pension was created for all older people over the age of 70.

Zanzibar made history when it became the first country in East Africa to provide a state-funded universal pension. Everyone over the age of 70 is now entitled to a monthly pension of Tsh 20k (£7), pegged to the cost of an essential basket of goods. This followed many years of lobbying by older people as well as assistance to the government to design the scheme.

The Charity continued to support a five year cash transfer programme in the north of **Kenya**, the Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) – jointly funded by UK Aid. The Kenyan government is providing unconditional cash transfers to 500k poor and marginalised people, including those in later life. Thanks to a close working relationship, the Kenyan Government committed itself to a 70 per cent increase in the budget for the Older Person's Cash Transfer scheme.

2.1.2 Securing and protecting livelihoods

Age International supported intergenerational self-help clubs in **Vietnam** to run activities including revolving loan schemes; organise health and care support; and access legal rights and state entitlements. With over 1,000 groups in 17 provinces, it is a mark of their success that the government now has a target of 30 of the 63 districts having self-help groups as part of the National Programme on Ageing for 2012-2020.

In **Nepal**, five new saving and credit cooperatives were established by OPAs in three districts. This brings the number of older people involved in micro-savings activities to 5,000 and the number starting small businesses to 1,500 at the end of the year.

Older people's livelihoods were supported in a number of protracted humanitarian crises. In Darfur, **Sudan**, the Charity worked to protect the livestock of 2,500 households with older people, with veterinary services delivered and water points renovated. And in **South Sudan**, in partnership with Islamic Relief, 6,000 of the most vulnerable households were supported to form marketing cooperatives for fish and livestock.

2.1.3 Microcredit in Pakistan

Supported by the Big Lottery Fund (BLF), Age International's micro-credit project in **Pakistan** is in its second year. Thanks to a £481k grant from the BLF, the Charity is working with 5,000 older people in Sindh Province to support their livelihoods through rights training and micro-credit activities.

This programme has generated evidence of older people's resilience and reliability, which is being used to combat age discrimination and financial exclusion. It helps older people to work their way out of poverty; improves the perception of older people as contributors to their household; and increases average household income. Work is being done at a provincial government level to lobby for legislative change to ensure that older people are not excluded from micro-credit programmes.

The microfinance element of the project began in February 2016 and is successfully enabling older people to access loans to improve their livelihoods. Over 50 people in later life or with disabilities have been selected in Jacobabad and Shikarpur districts and are using the credit for business ventures, livestock rearing and agricultural production.

Noori struggled to make ends meet on her husband's small salary. We trained Noori in agriculture and raising poultry, and gave her some hens, a rooster, seeds and gardening tools. Now, Noori has a diverse income: she has enough eggs and vegetables to feed her family, and can sell the surplus at the local market. Noori says, 'I never thought that I would be earning money one day. Now I don't need to ask my husband for money; in fact sometimes he asks me to lend him some!'



Noori - © Waqas A Qureshi/ HelpAge International

2.1.4 Livelihoods support in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

The Charity secured a £498k grant from BLF for a three-year sustainable livelihoods project in **Kyrgyzstan** and **Tajikistan**. This project began in July 2015 and is on-track and heralding positive results.

The project is directly improving the livelihoods of 500 vulnerable multigenerational households in twenty rural cross-border villages. Indirectly, the project is also benefitting a further 134,420 people (the total population of the twenty villages). The project is improving livelihoods by engaging older people in improved, resilient horticultural and livestock activities, which will

lead to improved food production and nutrition. The twenty communities will have increased access to information and legal advice in order to achieve their rights and better access to pensions and entitlements. Between October 2015 and March 2016, 180 polytunnels were set up and horticulture training was provided. This is to improve household food security and nutrition and to reduce poverty in the longer term.

In February 2016, Age International provided training focused on ‘conflict and conflict sensitivity’ for all 20 project villages. This was well received and attended by an audience of 500 Self-Help Group (SHG) members, formed of older men and women. Older women were particularly active in the workshops and played a key role in both addressing the root causes of conflict and looking for solutions to overcome it.

Shukurbekova, 64, is happy to be growing and selling vegetables. ‘It will be an additional income but most importantly, it means that we can do some farming together. My pension is 5,250 Soms (£58), but I spend most of it on the medicine I need. I am lucky to have children who support us, but there are so many older people who face challenges every day. These people have to try and make their small pension last for a month. They have to choose between buying food, having gas or electricity at home, or buying medicine.’



Shukurbekova and her husband by a polytunnel
© Malik Alymkulov/HelpAge International



2.2 Improving health

Receiving treatment for communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and having the information to prevent these, is essential for older people to remain active and well.

Age International provides health care that takes into account the needs and rights of people in later life. It trains healthcare staff; ensures people in later life can access medication and treatment for chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke and dementia; sets up mobile health camps; and provides mobility aids, hearing aids and eye care, including cataract operations.

In 2015/16, Age International worked with HelpAge to ensure that:

- 840,000 older people benefited from the implementation of government policies and schemes to help older people’s health and care in 19 countries
- 612,000 older people in 28 countries benefited from service-delivery work in the area of health and care, with major programmes in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Nepal and Sri Lanka
- 40,000 older people received eye care services, mainly cataract screening and operations, in 6 countries – Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Sudan; and piloted a diabetic retinopathy programme in Jamaica
- 22,000 older people benefited from health and care following emergency responses in 7 countries, with major programmes in Nepal and the Palestinian Territories.

As well as providing healthcare in local communities, our support also resulted in policy change and ensuring that existing policies and schemes were implemented.

2.2.1 Better health in Africa

Thanks to support from the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID), Age International is running a three year healthcare programme for over 360,000 older people in **Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania** and **Zimbabwe**. This 'Better Health' programme is nearing the end of its second year and is having far-reaching impact at both community and national level.

Training was a core feature of the Better Health programme. During 2015/16, over 1,750 health workers were trained on age-appropriate health and HIV services, surpassing targets set for the entire project life. In addition, 1,306 care workers were trained to conduct home visits and provide community care. This has led to better links between health workers and health facilities, benefiting older people and ensuring that they receive relevant, appropriate care.

In **Mozambique**, the Better Health programme is as much about education and befriending as it is about health; it trains and supports volunteers, who visit vulnerable older people in their homes to reduce loneliness and isolation; to raise awareness about health benefits, such as free healthcare; and to ensure that those in need of medication take it at the correct time.

In **Tanzania**, geriatric care was integrated into the curriculum for nursing training and included in the new Health and Social Welfare Strategy (2015-19).

Many of the older citizens' monitoring groups (OCMGs) are monitoring the delivery of health and care services, generating evidence for local and national level advocacy. In **Zimbabwe**, OCMGs interviewed over 2,000 older men and women in three districts to reveal that 60 per cent of those interviewed were caring for children. Asked about access to medicine, only half said that they could always get medication from their local health centre. These findings were used by older people to lobby service-providers and by the National Ageing Network of Zimbabwe to influence the development of a new national health strategy.

Valdemiso, a Health Activist, says 'I was trained to work on chronic illnesses and with older people. I learnt about dementia and depression, malaria, HIV, arthritis, blood pressure and signs of stroke.' Now, he visits 15 older people in his community, including 80 year old Carolina who is showing signs of dementia. Valdemiso says, 'Older people need more support. I wanted to be able to help; I like doing good.'



Health Activist, Valdemiso, takes care of Carolina
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2.2.2 Healthcare in Myanmar

There are two dimensions to the healthcare work supported by Age International. At a national level, the Charity supports HelpAge to work with governments to train healthcare staff in the needs of older people and on NCDs. At a local level it helps to provide healthcare to vulnerable older people in remote rural areas and urban slums.

Age International supported an EU-funded project focusing on strengthening public health capacity in order to help the **Myanmar** Government to respond better to NCDs and to build the capacity of the University of Public Health. The project supported the publication of the most up-to-date information regarding the incidence of NCDs

in Myanmar. It also helped the Department of Health to roll out a package of essential NCD interventions for primary health care that will bring much-needed awareness, medicines and diagnostic support across the country.

The Charity seconded its Policy and Influencing Lead to work with the Myanmar team for two months, providing technical advice on how to strengthen the project's policy and influencing work.

U Sein Win, 80, visits a pop-up surgery in Myanmar and says, 'I have high blood pressure. To treat it, I need to take medicine every day. I also take Vitamin B complex to make me stronger ... this health clinic is free and now that I am very old, my children don't want to spend a lot of money on my health care. So, I have to rely on these free health clinics and check-ups.'



A doctor treats U Sein Win at a pop-up clinic
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At a grassroots level, Age International supports OPAs to run temporary health clinics - or 'pop-up surgeries' - in areas with limited or no access to healthcare.

It also provides training to healthcare professionals and homecare volunteers; medicines to treat NCDs; and provides glasses, hearing aids and mobility aids for distribution.

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2.3 Giving a voice to older people

Age discrimination and ageism are commonplace across the world. In order to help prevent this and give a voice to older people, Age International sets up and supports thousands of Older People's Associations (OPAs) to run advocacy and programme activities; and supports Older Citizens' Monitoring Groups (OCMG) to help monitor and evaluate policy and programmes at a local and national level.

Age International contributed as part of the HelpAge global network, to ensure that:

- 3,000 OPAs in 27 countries monitored the delivery of support and services they need and lobbied for improvements, with growth in 16 countries
- 34 countries formally supported the call for a convention on the rights of older people, including 4 new countries - Bolivia, Equatorial Guinea, Panama and Vietnam
- 9 new or revised age-inclusive policies and programmes were adopted by governments and agencies in 8 countries potentially benefiting 6.73 million older people if implemented fully.

Campaigns were supported at a local, national and international level through Older People's Associations (OPAs) and work was monitored and evaluated through the Older Citizen Monitoring (OCM) activities.

2.3.1 Older People's Associations

Age International sets up and works through Older People's Associations (OPAs) - sometimes known as Older People's Self-Help Groups (OPSHGs) or Elders' Self-Help Groups (ESHGs) - which are community-based organisations working to improve living conditions, develop local communities and give older people a voice. OPAs work closely with local authorities and with a wide range of community members,

enabling them to make positive contributions in building livelihood security; improving healthcare; promoting participatory governance; and supporting disaster response.

U Kan Soe is the president of the Older People's Self-Help Group (OPSHG) in Kwat Ka Lay in Myanmar. He says, 'I have many responsibilities, so these glasses will help me to read and record things. Now, I will be able to help the OPSHG to be more successful and sustainable.'



An Older People's Group distributing glasses in Myanmar
© Hereward Holland/ Age International

2.3.2 Older Citizen Monitoring (OCM)

Age International promotes dialogue between older people, civil society organisations, governments and service-providers through a process called Older Citizens' Monitoring (OCM). Groups of older people – often OPAs - monitor their access to services to which they are entitled and lobby for improvements.

OCM empowers older people to claim their rights. Evidence is needed to support arguments for change, but this evidence is often gathered by professional researchers, with older people playing a passive role. OCM turns this around, so that older people gather data on their access to services and use this evidence to lobby policy makers and service-providers for improvements. This is an effective way of enabling older people to hold their governments to account and to bring about positive change for older people themselves and their communities.

3. Researching and evaluating

Age International ensures that a stronger body of evidence of impact and effectiveness is developed and underpins its programmes and advocacy work

Age International provides a core grant to HelpAge as part of its programme and advocacy work. HelpAge continued to report against key performance indicators (KPIs) throughout the year. This helped measure the contribution the Age International annual core grant made to improving the lives of older people in low and middle-income countries. During the year, work was done to redesign reporting and accountability for that grant.

3.1 Monitoring and evaluation

During Age International's mid-term evaluation of the DFID-funded Better Health programme in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, successes and challenges of the project were outlined. This will be used to help shape Age International's future learning in programming in this area.

Mid-term reviews were also carried out on the DFID-funded Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) in Kenya; the BLF-funded micro-credit programme in Pakistan; and the UNOPS-funded social protection programme in Myanmar. An evaluation was also carried out of the DEC Ebola response programme in Sierra Leone.

3.2 Evidence and research

Age International continued to help strengthen the evidence base on why including older people and ageing in international development is important.

3.2.1 UN convention

The Charity gathered evidence on the benefits of a UN convention on the rights of older people, and with Age UK, produced a publication 'A UN convention on the rights of older people: time

for the UK to lead'. The report makes the case for why the UK Government needs to be at the forefront of discussions that are leading to the creation of a convention.

3.2.2 OPAs in South East Asia

Together with the World Health Organisation (WHO), Age International has been supporting research on the impact of OPAs in South East Asia. It commissioned the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing to carry out a multi-country study that draws on the lessons and experience of our work in Cambodia, China, Myanmar and Vietnam.

The report seeks to better understand the impact that OPAs have on the well-being of their participants and the wider community. The study will be published in 2016 to an international policy-making audience.

3.2.3 The economics of ageing

The Charity has also been contributing to the development of a piece of work on the economics of ageing in this same region. Age International chaired an expert group in the region that brought together senior figures from the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the WHO.

3.2.4 Gender inequality

As part of the HelpAge EU network, Age International helped produce a joint paper on ageing and gender inequality which has been disseminated widely to our networks and policy makers across the EU. The briefing paper was written to influence the development and implementation of the new EU Gender Action Plan and strengthen awareness that older women and men must be taken into account in EU development assistance. The paper addresses key areas such as discrimination and the need for better data.

3.2.5 Older Citizen Monitoring

Age International supported HelpAge to carry out research into the benefits of Older Citizen Monitoring (OCM).

Although OCM has been running for over 15 years, there has been limited systematic collation of information, or critical analysis or dissemination of lessons. An independent consultant carried out a review of secondary data including 55 reports and project evaluations, OCM training materials and trip reports to OCM projects. Key stakeholder interviews with staff of HelpAge who are directly involved in supporting OCM were also carried out.

The aim of the review was to inform the design and development of quality programmes involving OCM by providing an overview of the approach, the different steps involved, and examples of good practice; to provide examples for national government stakeholders of how to develop "older-person friendly" social accountability mechanisms; and to provide information that can be used as examples to present to donors for additional funding for OCM.

Initial research shows the importance of the OCM approach for influencing change in policy and service delivery at multiple levels: at community level, through to local and sub-regional authorities, and national. It also suggests how OCM can be a powerful approach for empowering older people and strengthening their capacities to claim their rights.

4. Advocating and influencing

Age International works to ensure the UK government's international development objectives, targets, measures and monitoring reflect and report the impact of global ageing. It mobilises UK public support and influences opinion formers and decision makers to increase awareness of, and respond to, global ageing. The Charity works for a transformation in attitudes towards ageing and older people, and contributes to a renewed global movement working towards a UN Convention, prompting member states to review how they protect and promote the rights of older people

Age International's work includes policy and influencing work that targets decision-makers in the UK. It also supports the HelpAge network to focus on national governments in developing countries.

4.1 Influencing the UK Government's targets and measures

Age International works to ensure the UK Government's international development objectives, targets, measures and monitoring reflect and report the impact of global ageing. Its main focus in this area has been on influencing the content of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Working as part of the HelpAge global network, and the wider Stakeholder Group on Ageing - which Age International helped to form - the Charity played an active role in ensuring that older people are firmly included in the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Older people and ageing are reflected in 15 out of 17 goals. This is a major achievement: the previous goals - the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which ran from 2000 to 2015 - did not mention older people or ageing a single time.

Age International contributed directly to the influencing strategy that guided the inputs of the Stakeholder Group and helped shape its briefing papers that were recognised by the SDG negotiators as being particularly useful.

Working as part of the Steering Group for the Bond Beyond 2015 UK campaign, Age International fostered a strong working relationship with the UK Government's negotiating team that resulted in older people and ageing being embedded in the Government's approach to the SDGs.

This commitment is evidenced by statements from Baroness Verma, Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for International Development, who has taken a leading role in championing ageing issues within DFID. It is also captured in the UK Government's 'Leave No One Beyond Charter' that was launched by the Prime



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Minister in New York when the SDGs were agreed. Age International intervened directly with David Hallam, the UK Envoy for Post-2015, to ensure that age was included.

Age International also helped to remove upper-age caps on SDG indicators for measuring violence against older women and the impact of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). This creates a significant opportunity to encourage governments and UN agencies to capture better data on older people. Age International and HelpAge are working with DFID to find ways to strengthen data for people in later life.

Lucy, from Tanzania, was attacked with a machete after being accused of being a witch. 'Somebody wanted to buy a plot of land, but they didn't have enough money. So my family decided to buy that piece of land. Then the father of the first family died, so they accused me of being a witch and killing him. I was attacked with a machete. I wish that the people who attacked me were taken to jail so they would stop doing this kind of thing. They were caught, but the police said there was no evidence to convict them. Or the police were bribed: I don't know.'



Lucy - © Judith Escibano/Age International

Age International was present in New York at the launch of the SDGs. The Charity continues to work actively to ensure the UK Government implements its commitments to older people within the SDGs, which includes improving data and achieving the aspirations of 'Leave No One Behind'.

Age International has made significant progress with the UK Government on including older women in their priority area of tackling violence against women and girls. Baroness Verma, who is also Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Overseas, has spoken publicly about the need to include older women in efforts to tackle gender-based violence.

Age International is working closely with networks such as Bond and the Gender and Development Network to build greater sector-wide awareness and commitment to the rights and needs of older women. Age International has seen an increase in the number of agencies making reference to older women on this agenda.

4.2 Mobilising UK support

This year, Age International continued to reach out to its supporters, decision-makers in the UK and members of the general public through its media and communications work.

The Charity continued to improve its website, expanding content to include more detail on its policy and media work. A Transparency Review was carried out of the Age International website by Bond and recommended changes were implemented. A number of technical changes were made to the Charity's website, making the site mobile responsive and improving the online donor journey.

Age International carried out successful social media acquisition activity, increasing the number of Facebook Fans from 3k to over 8k and Twitter followers from 1.5k to 3.5k. It maintained a very high engagement rate through its social media and launched its first e-newsletter.

Age International continued to raise awareness in the UK media of issues facing older people in developing countries, delivering 80 pieces of coverage with a combined circulation of 55m+. Highlights include: seven pieces of coverage for Cows n Things, with a reach of 18m; four letters to Editor in The Telegraph and The Independent on SDGs and ageing and gender; and monthly slots on Age UK's radio programme, The Wireless, which broadcasts to over 300,000 people a month.

Age International has seen increasing parliamentary cross-party support for its agenda. In addition to regular meetings with Peers and MPs, the Charity attended the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat party conferences in autumn 2015.

Despite having a disability and being 70 years old, Joseph still runs a good stall to support his 100 year old mother and nine children. He also acts as a peer educator on HIV. 'The recent drought that affected some people did not affect my family since I have this business. If I hadn't received the loan, I don't know how we would have survived. ... We go round to people's houses to talk about HIV. We offer assistance and advice to caregivers about the disease and how to prevent them from contracting it. We met an older man whose family would not assist him, so we built him a house.'



Joseph - © Frederic Coubert/HelpAge International

Age International also organised events in Parliament to raise awareness of specific issues with Parliamentarians, including a joint event with Leonard Cheshire Disability on the SDGs during which Baroness Verma spoke on the issue; and a joint reception for Scottish Parliamentarians that Age International co-hosted with Age Scotland and Age UK.

Age International also hosted a number of events for a wider group of professional stakeholders to stimulate further dialogue and interest in ageing issues. These included a Financial Inclusion event supported by the Royal Bank of Scotland and the BRICS Forum on Ageing in Tavistock House.

Age International supported the development of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 'World Report on Ageing and Health' and hosted its UK launch at the Royal Society in October 2015. The report shows that governments all over the world need to adapt their policies and programmes to ensure they meet the health and care needs of all their populations throughout their life. It also demonstrates that poor health does not need to dominate older age. The Charity will use the report to inform its work on healthy ageing.

Age International was asked to present its flagship publication 'Facing the Facts: the truth about ageing and development' at the OECD Forum. The Forum meets every year alongside the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in which it announces its economic forecast. It attracts a high-level policy making audience of over 1000 participants that regularly includes Prime Ministers, Ministers, private sector and civil society leaders, academics and researchers. In addition to speaking at the event, Age International also produced a blog for the OECD on ageing and development, which was disseminated widely to its global stakeholders.

4.3 Working for transformation in attitudes towards ageing and older people

This year, Age International worked closely with both Age UK and HelpAge to build a broader base of support for a convention on the rights of

older people. The Charity continued to work with relevant Government departments, especially the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), to build greater understanding of the need for a convention and is developing a strong base of support within Parliament for a convention.

The Charity carried out research and gathered evidence on the benefits of a convention and with Age UK, produced a publication 'A UN convention on the rights of older people: time for the UK to lead.' The report makes the case for why the UK Government needs to be at the forefront of discussions that are leading to the creation of a convention.



The Age International /Age UK report on the UN Convention

In order for a convention to be considered by the UN, support is necessary from at least 130 countries. Currently only 34 countries are on board, so much remains to be done. Age International is working as part of a wider group of organisations – including HelpAge, the International Federation on Ageing and Age

Platform Europe - to develop a global campaign that would enable the voices of older people asking for a convention to be heard more clearly and for more countries to come on board.

5. Supporting HelpAge with fundraising

Age International maintains and expands its fundraising work through high quality fundraising from a wide range of institutional, private and corporate sources. It aims to build its competences, and set ambitious targets to grow its income from a wide range of sources

Age International raises funds from UK institutional donors. It also works with fundraising colleagues in Age UK to raise funds from individual donors, trusts, foundations and businesses.

5.1 Emergency appeals

In April 2015, Age International launched an emergency appeal, alongside the DEC, for the Nepal earthquake in which it raised over £550k. Funds were used to provide temporary shelters, cash transfers and livelihoods support.

5.2 Individual marketing

Age International raised nearly £1.6m through the Sponsor a Grandparent programme, a scheme whereby nearly 10,000 people in the UK sponsor a grandparent in a developing country, thus helping vulnerable older people to live later life in dignity.

An additional £16k was raised from individual donors through the online ethical gifts catalogue, Cows n Things. Age International also carried out two small-scale campaigns to generate income focusing on health care.

5.3 Major donors, trusts, foundations and corporates

Four corporate partners, 11 trusts and 18 major supporters gave gifts totalling £263k to Age International during 2015/16. Age International welcomed a new corporate

partner, Kennedys Law, whose employees have been fundraising for the Charity's work around the world.

As one of the nominated international charity partners, Age International continued to benefit from the support of Prudential, receiving over £93k for older people in Thailand, India and Korea.

Legal & General continued its support to a Mobile Medical Unit in India, providing older people with access to essential health care and medicines.

Age International received grants from Just Retirement, The Beatrice Laing Trust, The D G Charitable Settlement and The Will Charitable Trust in addition to several other trusts and foundations.

5.4 Institutional fundraising

Three major institutional donors – DFID, Comic Relief and the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) - have been reviewing their international grants strategies, thus reducing the number of potential possibilities for funding in 2015/16.

Age International engaged with the BLF's strategic review, stressing the value of connecting BLF's UK and international priorities. The BLF completed its strategic review, but by the end of the financial year, it had not released its amended International Communities' funding stream.

Age International worked on building consortia partnerships for future fundraising bids, including Leonard Cheshire Disability, Handicap International and Action on Disability and Development (ADD).

Thank you

Age International would like to thank the following companies, trusts, foundations and institutional donors for their support:

- Age UK
- Big Lottery Fund (BLF)
- Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF)
- Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund
- Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)
- European Commission (EC)
- Just Retirement Solutions
- Kennedys Law
- Legal and General
- Prudential
- The Beatrice Laing Trust
- The D G Charitable Settlement
- The Will Charitable Trust
- UK Aid
- UNHCR
- UNOCHA
- UNOPS/LIFT

Age International would also like to thank the generous supporters of our Sponsor a Grandparent programmes; those who bought gifts from its ethical gifts online catalogue, Cows n Things; those who donated to emergency appeals; and those who supported its appeal for grandparents caring for grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

Looking ahead

Age International has clear strategic objectives for 2016-2021. Each year during this period, annual plans will set out targets and outcomes for each of our objectives:

‘I am given the help and information I want in emergencies’

Age International will respond to humanitarian emergencies to ensure that older people’s needs are addressed, through its own response, and by influencing others

‘I have the income I need, and enjoy the best possible health and care’

Age International will support programmes that enable older people to work together to improve their income and health, to support each other and to have their voice heard, improving the income and health of older women and men equally. It will support programmes that influence governments in low and middle income countries to meet the needs of the most vulnerable older people, focusing on pensions, non-communicable diseases, care and dementia.

‘My voice is heard by decision makers’

Age International will ensure that the UK Government’s international development objectives, targets and measures reflect the impact of global ageing. It will mobilise UK public support and influence among opinion formers and decision-makers to increase awareness of, and respond to, global ageing.

‘I am safe and secure, free from all forms of discrimination, violence and abuse’

Age International will work for a transformation in attitudes towards ageing and older people, and will contribute to a renewed global movement working towards a UN convention on the rights of older people.

Building evidence, leveraging Age UK expertise and demonstrating what works:

Age International will build evidence of impact and effectiveness in livelihoods, health, emergencies, gender and disability, and utilise Age UK expertise in research, care and dementia. Age International will develop distinctive expertise in which it will lead for the HelpAge network.

Actively contributing to networks that increase Age International’s influence:

Age International will work with HelpAge to develop and strengthen its global network, take a visible lead in network focus on ageing, and will influence the direction and programming of networks that focus on dementia and cognitive health

Supporting these objectives with ambitious fundraising, media and communications work

Age International will set targets for income and programme growth, and for audiences reached by our media and communications work.

Annual plans for 2016/17

Following the organisation’s 2016-2021 strategic objectives, the Age International Board approved an annual plan of work for the period to March 2017. The proposed activities are listed below.

In order to ensure that older people in developing countries can say **‘I am given the help and information I want in emergencies’**, Age International aims to:

- run emergency appeals and participate in DEC emergency appeals as and when they occur
- manage the Ebola Crisis Response (funded by both Age International and the DEC), including managing the relationship with Restless Development & HelpAge in Sierra Leone

- manage responsibilities for the Nepal recovery programme
- use anniversary hooks of emergencies to report to supporters how appeal funds are spent and to raise further funds
- help to ensure that the HelpAge accountability processes is aligned with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and related tools

In order to ensure that people in later life in low and middle income countries can say **‘I have the income I need, and enjoy the best possible health and care’**, Age International will:

- continue to manage a £5.5m grant to HelpAge so that they can implement programme and policy work in low and middle-income countries
- monitor and evaluate our own directly-funded programmes, including DFID’s Better Health project; the launch of a report on Older Citizens’ Monitoring; BLF-funded livelihoods programme in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan; and the BLF-funded micro-credit programme in Pakistan.

To ensure that older people can say **‘My voice is heard by decision makers’**, Age International aims to:

- respond to Parliamentary business (inquiries, debates, parliamentary questions) to ensure ageing issues are understood to be part of responses to development
- develop a joint engagement strategy with HelpAge to build greater support within DFID for addressing ageing issues
- support the development of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People into a campaign that mobilises support for a convention
- produce a publication on why SDGs can’t be achieved without older women and men
- participate in an APPG Inquiry on an ageing and development-related issue
- organise a research workshop with HelpAge to strengthen the research portfolio carried out by DFID, Foundations and research

institutes relating to ageing in developing countries.

So that people in later life around the world can say **‘I am safe and secure, free from all forms of discrimination, violence and abuse’**, Age International aims to:

- hold a Parliamentary event with Age UK to build greater support for a convention on the rights of older people
- organise a Cross-Whitehall workshop for mid-level Government officials to brief them on the move to create a convention, organised with the FCO and Age UK
- build a greater constituency of civil society support for a convention in the UK
- support the HelpAge global network to develop an integrated campaign on ageism working across policy, influencing, media and fundraising

Age International will **support these objectives with ambitious fundraising, media and communications work** by:

- raising awareness of the Charity through a photo competition and exhibition
- expanding Sponsor a Grandparent to three new countries and carrying out acquisition activity
- continuing to make improvements to the website; carrying out research on its audience; implementing a digital marketing strategy to recruit more fans and followers, whilst maintaining high engagement levels
- implementing a media and PR strategy focusing on the key areas of our work (health, rights, SDGs, emergencies)
- producing and launching a number of publications, focusing on Older Citizen Monitoring, OPAs in South East Asia, livelihoods recovery post-emergencies and the SDGs.

Public benefit

In setting plans and priorities of areas of work, the Trustees of Age International have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities contribute to meeting the objectives set.

How Age International delivers its principal charitable objectives - as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and which may be summarised as promoting the welfare of older people in any part of the world - is demonstrated in the statement of Objectives and Activities above.

The public benefit arising from Age International's work is therefore implicit in the charitable services and assistance given to older people.

Financial review

Age International is a grant-funded Charity with a total income of £15,093,000 in the year ending 31 March 2016. Of this income, £8,816,901 was received from Age UK which is contracted by Age International to fund raise on its behalf and which allocates funds from its other income-generating activities in order to support the work of Age International.

Age International incurs most of its cost through grant giving. Of the total costs of £15,093,000 incurred in the year, £13,681,347 consisted of grants awarded to charitable organisations.

Age International will continue receiving grant funding from Age UK in the coming year, and the intentions are to continue carrying out charitable activities predominantly through grant giving, the funding of programmes through partner organisations, and the implementation of policy and advocacy work in the UK.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of Age International, and in the light of the

strategic commitments made by the Age UK Group in the Affiliate and Framework Agreements (2012), the Trustees have confidence in the future of the organisation, and conclude that the going concern basis of the accounts' preparation is appropriate.

Trustees

The membership of the Board is set out below. All served on the Board throughout the year:

Sir Brendan Gormley KCMG MBE
Dianne Jeffrey CBE DL (Chairman)
Beverley Jones
Toby Porter
Michael Wade
Tom Wright CBE

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, across the entire organisation, to provide reasonable assurance that:

- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposal
- proper records are maintained and that the financial information used within the Charity or for publication is reliable
- The Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

As part of the Charity's risk management process the Trustees acknowledged their responsibility for the Charity's system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness. It was also recognised that such a system was designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the Charity's objectives and could provide only reasonable, not absolute, reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

During the year, the Trustees reviewed Age International's Risk Register and monitored the current controls and the additional actions being taken to mitigate the risks identified.

The Trustees consider that the principal risks that face Age International are:

- *Funds for short-term international humanitarian and long-term development programmes not being used effectively.*
Risks include the loss of reputation with institutional and other donors and a loss of confidence at the governance level. In order to mitigate this risk, Age International actively participates in the design, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of programmes for which it secures funds and for which it is accountable to donors. HelpAge internal audits and evaluations, and implementation of key policies, are reviewed by Age International.
- *Funds for humanitarian programmes not reaching beneficiaries, but being diverted for other use.*
Risk assessment and assurance mechanisms for every project are in place and are reviewed at least annually. Age International is working with the other members of the DEC to implement a new Core Humanitarian Standards framework. They demonstrate to stakeholders that control frameworks are in place to ensure the efficient and effective use of funds in humanitarian emergencies. Trustees monitor review of and enhancement to these assurance mechanisms.
- *Age International's way of working – both as the UK member of the global HelpAge network and as a subsidiary charity of Age UK – limits organisational effectiveness and the delivery of strategic objectives.*
Clear agreements and role descriptions have been developed to define Age International's UK role in programme management; policy, influencing and advocacy; fundraising and funding; communications, media and research. Work has begun on the development of a new Framework Agreement between the three organisations to come into effect from April 2017.

Trustees are aware that there is a need to ensure that Age International has the structure, staffing and skills to fulfil its growing responsibilities and strategic ambitions. The Age International Board monitors this aspect of the organisation's development. Age International manages a wide range of relationships within the Age UK Group, liaising with Age UK staff whose work contributes to Age International fulfilling its objectives. A new Scheme of Delegation is being drawn up to re-state the allocation of responsibility and authority between Age UK and Age International at governance and Director level.

- *Staff or others who travel on Age International's behalf, being put in danger by visiting high risk environments.*
Travel risk assessments are completed for all international trips, and are signed off by managers once satisfied that the main risks have been identified, understood and mitigating actions identified. Where appropriate, staff are required to undertake a security training course. Briefings and security guidelines are provided by host offices prior to visits.

Reserves

As a member of the Age UK Group, and a charity supported by Age UK, Age International does not currently hold funds independently. As a result, there is no set minimum reserve and Age UK is committed to continue supporting Age International in the coming period and has a dedicated fundraising programme to raise funds for international activities and the operational support costs associated with these.

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees in respect of the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable

them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that, so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware, and the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

By order of the board



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Independent auditor's report to the members of HelpAge International UK

We have audited the financial statements of HelpAge International UK for the period ended 31 March 2016 set out on pages 32 to 44. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 30, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council (FRC)'s Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The Charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The 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.



Lynton Richmond
Senior Statutory Auditor,
for and on behalf of
KPMG LLP
Statutory Auditor
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21 December 2016

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2016

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

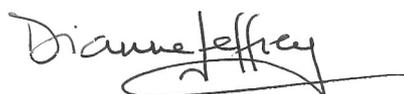
| | Note | 2016 (£'000) | | 2015 (£'000) | | |
|---|------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Income from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Grants | 3 | 3,717 | 11,376 | 3,715 | 10,730 | 14,445 |
| Total income | | 3,717 | 11,376 | 3,715 | 10,730 | 14,445 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 4 | | | | | |
| Long term regional development programmes | | (268) | (3,516) | (302) | (3,971) | (4,273) |
| Institutional grants for development programmes | | (420) | (4,553) | (375) | (4,229) | (4,604) |
| Emergency relief programmes | | (270) | (3,307) | (240) | (2,527) | (2,767) |
| Influencing, advocacy and communication in the UK | | (205) | - | (216) | - | (216) |
| General support to HelpAge International | | (2,554) | - | (2,582) | - | (2,582) |
| Total expenditure | 4 | (3,717) | (11,376) | (3,715) | (10,727) | (14,442) |
| Net movement in funds in year | | | | | | |
| Total funds at 31 March 2015 (2014) | 10 | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| | | - | 31 | - | 28 | 28 |
| Total funds at 31 March 2016 (2015) | 10 | - | 31 | - | 31 | 31 |

The results above all arose from continuing operations.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2016

| | Note | 2016 £'000 | 2015 £'000 |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 7 | 268 | 728 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 222 | 82 |
| Total current assets | | <u>490</u> | <u>810</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year | 8 | (459) | (779) |
| Net current assets and net assets | | <u>31</u> | <u>31</u> |
| Funds | | | |
| Restricted funds | 10 | 31 | 31 |
| General reserve | 10 | - | - |
| Total funds | | <u>31</u> | <u>31</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/12/2016 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dianne Jeffrey CBE DL
Chairman

Registered number: 7897113 England and Wales

The notes on pages 35 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Cash Flow statement for the year ended 31 March 2016

| | 2016 | | 2015 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | | £'000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 140 | | 77 |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | 140 | | 77 |
| Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds | | | |
| Increase in cash in the period | 140 | | 77 |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | 140 | | 77 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | 82 | | 5 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period | 222 | | 82 |
| Reconciliation of net income to net cash inflow from operating activities | | | |
| Net income for the year | - | | 3 |
| Increase / (Decrease) in debtors | 461 | | (696) |
| (Decrease) / Increase in creditors | (321) | | 771 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | 140 | | 77 |
| Analysis of change in cash and cash equivalents | | | |
| | At 1 | Cash | At 31 |
| | April | flows | March |
| | 2015 | | 2016 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 82 | 140 | 222 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016

1. Accounting policies

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees, who are also ordinary members and named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are the first annual financial statements of the company and the group prepared in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland”. The transition date was 1 April 2014, the first date at which FRS 102 was applied. In accordance with FRS 102 the company has:

- provided comparative information;
- applied the same accounting policies throughout all periods presented;
- retrospectively applied FRS 102 as required; and
- applied certain optional exemptions and mandatory exceptions as applicable for first time adopters of FRS 102.

Further information about the transition to FRS 102 can be found in note 17.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounting policies set out in note 1 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 and the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

In preparing its FRS 102 balance sheet, the Company has adjusted amounts reported previously in financial statements prepared in accordance with its old basis of accounting (UK GAAP).

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

- Donations and all other receipts generated from fundraising are reported gross on a receivable basis.
- Grants receivable income, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the period when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled. Offers subject to conditions which have not been met at the period-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the Charity, as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. This includes such items as internal and external audit, legal advice for Trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs, which include office functions such as general management, payroll administration, budgeting and accounting, information technology, human resources and financing, are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds.

Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies for projects in Europe are translated into Sterling at the exchange rate achieved on the date of the transaction. For projects outside Europe, the foreign currency is translated into Sterling at the average rate of exchange in the month of the transaction. All exchange rate differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Pensions

The Charity contributes to a group personal pension plan operated by Zurich as well as an occupational money purchase scheme. A pension plan is available to all employees over the age of 18. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity. The annual contribution payments are charged to the SOFA.

Funds

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds subjects to special conditions imposed by the donor, or with their authority (e.g. through a public appeal). The funds are not therefore available for work performed by Age International other than that specified by the donor.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

2. Key sources of estimation uncertainty and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Judgements

There are no significant judgements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no material sources of estimation uncertainty.

3. Analysis of grants receivable

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | Total | Total |
| | | | £'000 | £'000 |
| Age UK, for international work | 1,943 | - | 1,943 | 3,156 |
| Age UK, from Age International supporter legacies | - | 1,016 | 1,016 | 977 |
| Age UK, from other fundraising restricted for Age International's work | - | 2,464 | 2,464 | 1,947 |
| Age UK, grant generated from unrestricted funds | 1,774 | - | 1,774 | 1,679 |
| Disaster Emergency Committee and emergency appeals | - | 3,068 | 3,068 | 1,915 |
| UK Aid, for restricted activities | - | 2,714 | 2,714 | 3,045 |
| Humanitarian Innovation Fund, for restricted activities | - | - | - | 70 |
| UN, for restricted activities | - | 1,817 | 1,817 | 1,591 |
| EC, for restricted activities | - | - | - | 2 |
| Big Lottery Fund, for restricted activities | - | 297 | 297 | 62 |
| International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (AIHSA), for restricted activities | - | - | - | 1 |
| | 3,717 | 11,376 | 15,093 | 14,445 |

Age International runs emergency appeals and participates in Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeals. Age UK works to raise funds for Age International from individual supporters and by receiving and delivering grants to support long-term development work and making grants from its unrestricted income.

4. Resources Expended

| | Activities undertaken directly | | Grant funding of activities | | Support and governance cost allocation | | Total 2016 Expended £'000 | Total 2015 Expended £'000 |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Unrestricted £'000 | Restricted £'000 | Unrestricted £'000 | Restricted £'000 | Unrestricted £'000 | Restricted £'000 | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | | | |
| Long term regional development programmes | (59) | - | - | (3,516) | (209) | - | (3,784) | (4,273) |
| Institutional grants for development programmes | (145) | (17) | - | (4,536) | (275) | - | (4,973) | (4,604) |
| Emergency relief programmes | (72) | - | - | (3,307) | (198) | - | (3,577) | (2,767) |
| Influencing, advocacy and communication in the UK | (194) | - | - | - | (11) | - | (205) | (216) |
| General support to HelpAge International | - | - | (2,412) | - | (142) | - | (2,554) | (2,574) |
| Total resources expended | (470) | (17) | (2,412) | (11,359) | (835) | - | (15,093) | (14,442) |

Of the total grants awarded for the period, £1,889,387 was made in foreign currencies (2015: £1,676,398) and £11,882,119 was made in Sterling (2015: £11,430,261).

A total of 32 grants were awarded to organisations during the year ending 31 March 2016 (2015: 37); no grants were made to individuals.

Support costs of £834,586 were charged to Age International from other members of the Age UK Group in relation to services provided for IT, Finance, HR, Legal and Office Management Services (2015: £775,779).

5. Support costs

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Governance costs: External audit | 8 | 8 |

Governance costs are included under expenditure on charitable activities.

The Trustees received no remuneration for their services.

The aggregated amount of expenses reimbursed to one Trustee during the year was £215 - (2015: two Trustees with expenses reimbursed totalling £257). Indemnity insurance is provided for Trustees, premiums are paid centrally for the whole group by Age UK, the parent of Age International. The premiums are not broken down by individuals, so Age International's portion cannot be distinguished. During the period, total indemnity insurance paid by Age UK in relation to Trustees was £4,786.

6. Staff costs and staff numbers

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | number | number |
| The average number of employees of the company during the year was: | 10 | 10 |

| | £'000 | £'000 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Staff costs for the above persons were: | | |
| Salaries and wages | 343 | 332 |
| Social security costs | 35 | 34 |
| Pension costs | 29 | 30 |
| | 407 | 396 |

Number of staff receiving remuneration above £60,000

| | Total | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| £80,001 - £90,000 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| £90,001 - £100,000 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Total banded employees | 1.0 | 1.0 |

The Key management personnel for Age International have been determined to be the Trustees and Managing Director, (see page 1). Remuneration in respect of the Managing Director, including pension costs, was £99,931 - (2015: £97,020). Key management personnel remuneration is overseen by the Group Remuneration Committee.

At 31 March 2016 there are 9 staff members in the defined-contribution schemes (2015: 11)

7. Debtors

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Amounts due from group undertakings | - | 230 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 268 | 498 |
| | <u>268</u> | <u>728</u> |

8. Creditors: amount falling due within one year

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Accruals | 221 | 779 |
| Amounts due to group undertakings | 238 | 0 |
| | <u>459</u> | <u>779</u> |

9. Analysis of charity net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | Total | Total |
| | | | £'000 | £'000 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Debtors | - | 268 | 268 | 728 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 191 | 31 | 222 | 82 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Current liabilities | (3) | (456) | (459) | (779) |
| | <u>188</u> | <u>(157)</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>31</u> |

10. Movement in funds

| | 31 | | | 31 |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | March | | Other | March |
| | 2015 | Income | Grants | spend |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Long term development programmes | | | | |
| Africa | - | 1,544 | (1,544) | - |
| Latin America | - | 491 | (491) | - |
| Asia Pacific | - | 718 | (718) | - |
| Middle East | - | 194 | (194) | - |
| South Asia | - | 524 | (524) | - |
| Legal & General - Mobile Medical Unit, India | - | 26 | (26) | - |
| Prudential - Corporate partner programme, Thailand | - | 42 | (42) | - |
| Prudential - Corporate partner programme, Korea | - | 25 | (25) | - |
| Prudential - Corporate partner programme, India | - | 6 | (6) | - |
| Dementia Programming | - | (75) | 75 | - |
| Eye Care - Ethiopia | - | 21 | (21) | - |
| Total long term development programmes | - | 3,516 | (3,516) | - |
| Institutionally-funded projects | | | | |
| UK Aid - Kenya, Hunger Safety Net Programme | - | 1,198 | (1,198) | - |
| UNOPS LIFT - Myanmar, Dry Zone Sustainable Nutrition, Agriculture and Protection Project | - | 400 | (400) | - |
| UNOPS LIFT - Myanmar, Social Protection | - | 269 | (269) | - |
| Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund - Sudan, Sustainable Community Peace Building in Kreinik, West Darfur | - | 105 | (105) | - |
| UNHCR - Sudan, Improving the health and well-being of vulnerable urban refugees in Khartoum | - | 11 | (11) | - |
| UNHCR - Sudan, Supporting South communities in Bantiu and Al Takamul open areas in Khartoum | - | 5 | (5) | - |
| Common Humanitarian Fund - Sudan, Supporting the protection and inclusion of older people in humanitarian programmes in South Darfur | - | 82 | (82) | - |
| Common Humanitarian Fund - Sudan, ES&NFI assistance for vulnerable older people and their dependents in areas of return and IDP camps in West and South Darfur | - | 48 | (48) | - |
| UNHCR - Sudan, Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in West Darfur | - | 242 | (242) | - |
| Common Humanitarian Fund - Sudan, Supporting the protection and inclusion of older men and women in humanitarian programmes in South Darfur | - | 27 | (27) | - |
| UNOCHA - Ethiopia, Rapid Emergency Response to Drought Affected Communities in Borana Zone, Oromia National Regional State | - | 301 | (301) | - |
| UNHCR - Ethiopia, Reducing suffering of older and disabled South Sudanese refugee in Gambella Region Ethiopia | - | 196 | (196) | - |
| UNHCR - Tanzania, Protection and Assistance to persons with specific needs among refugees in Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps | - | 131 | (131) | - |
| American Association of Retired Persons - Human rights advocacy | 27 | 11 | (11) | 27 |
| EC - Promoting Age-Friendly Development | 2 | 1 | (1) | 2 |
| Big Lottery Fund - Empowering Older People to Improve Lives | 2 | 144 | (144) | 2 |
| Big Lottery Fund - Reducing Poverty in Central Asia | - | 93 | (93) | - |
| UK Aid - Reducing poverty by improving health for older women and men in Africa | - | 1,289 | (1,272) | (17) |
| Total Institutionally-funded projects | 31 | 4,553 | (4,536) | (17) |

10. Movement in funds (continued)

| | 31 March 2015 £'000 | Income £'000 | Grants £'000 | Other spend £'000 | 31 March 2016 £'000 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Emergency relief programmes | | | | | |
| Africa General Emergencies | - | 42 | (42) | - | - |
| Asia Pacific General Emergencies | - | 25 | (25) | - | - |
| Middle East General Emergencies | - | 23 | (23) | - | - |
| South Asia General Emergencies | - | 6 | (6) | - | - |
| UK Aid - Age and disability capacity building | - | 227 | (227) | - | - |
| Syria | - | 6 | (6) | - | - |
| Gaza Crisis | - | 8 | (8) | - | - |
| Ebola Crisis, Liberia | - | 16 | (16) | - | - |
| Disasters Emergency Committee - Philippines Typhoon | - | 543 | (543) | - | - |
| Disasters Emergency Committee - Gaza Crisis | - | 142 | (142) | - | - |
| Disasters Emergency Committee - Ebola Crisis | - | 318 | (318) | - | - |
| UK Aid - ALERT - Preparing to Respond Now | - | 354 | (354) | - | - |
| Nepal Earthquake | - | 423 | (423) | - | - |
| Disasters Emergency Committee - Nepal Earthquake | - | 1,174 | (1,174) | - | - |
| Total Emergency relief programmes | - | 3,307 | (3,307) | - | - |
| Total Restricted Funds | 31 | 11,376 | (11,359) | (17) | 31 |
| General Fund | - | 3,717 | (2,413) | (1,304) | - |
| Total Funds | 31 | 15,093 | (13,772) | (1,321) | 31 |

11. Pension schemes

During the year Age International has operated a defined-contribution pension scheme for which the contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company and independently administered. Contributions expensed by Age International in the period amounted to £29,848 (2015: £28,380).

12. Taxation and charitable status

Age International is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

13. Company limited by guarantee

The liability of two members of the Charity is limited by guarantee to £1 each. In May 2016 the members of the Charity decreased from two to one.

14. Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2016.

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2016.

15. Parent charity

The Trustees consider that the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling related party of the company to be Age UK, a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England: registered office address 1-6 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9NA, company number 6825798,

and registered charity number 1128267.

16. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with Age UK and other wholly owned companies within the group. During the period, grants with a total value of £14,260k have been awarded to HelpAge International (2015: £12,801k); HelpAge International holds a 25 per cent interest in Age International.

17. Transition to FRS 102

These financial statements are Age International's first financial statements that comply with FRS 102. The date of transition was 1 April 2014. The transition to FRS 102 has not resulted in any changes between the amounts presented previously under UK GAAP and those presented in compliance with FRS 102.

18. Grants Receivable

| Organisation | Project | Grant (£) |
|---|---|-----------|
| Age UK | Annual Grant to HelpAge International | 5,978,855 |
| Age UK | General support for Age International | 1,301,249 |
| Age UK | Thailand, Chairman's Challenge programme | 42,220 |
| Age UK | India, Chairman's Challenge programme | 5,519 |
| Age UK | Korea, Chairman's Challenge programme | 25,050 |
| Age UK | Philippines, Disasters Emergency Committee | 543,244 |
| Age UK | Gaza, Disasters Emergency Committee | 141,907 |
| Age UK | Liberia and Sierra Leone, Disasters Emergency Committee | 318,368 |
| Age UK | India, Mobile Medical Units | 26,000 |
| Age UK | Syria crisis | 5,851 |
| Age UK | Gaza crisis | 7,623 |
| Age UK | Liberia and Sierra Leone, Ebola crisis | (5,057) |
| Age UK | Nepal Earthquake | 400,015 |
| Age UK | Ethiopia | 21,000 |
| Big Lottery Fund | Empowering Older People to Improve Lives (Pakistan) - EOPIIL | 185,552 |
| Big Lottery Fund | Kyrgyzstan, Reducing Poverty in Central Asia | 111,360 |
| Common Humanitarian Fund | Sudan, Supporting the protection and inclusion of older people in humanitarian programmes in South Darfur | 81,693 |
| Common Humanitarian Fund | Sudan, ES&NFI assistance for vulnerable older people and their dependents in areas of return and IDP camps in West and South Darfur | 48,141 |
| Common Humanitarian Fund | Sudan, Supporting the protection and inclusion of older men and women in humanitarian programmes in South Darfur | 27,208 |
| Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund | Sudan, Sustainable Community Peace Building in Kreinik, West Darfur | 105,357 |
| Disasters Emergency Committee | DEC Nepal Earthquake | 1,173,926 |
| UK Aid | Kenya, Hunger Safety Net Programme | 1,198,037 |
| UK Aid | Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, Reducing poverty by improving health for older women and men | 1,289,083 |
| UK Aid | Age and Disability Capacity Building programme | 226,886 |
| UK Aid | ALERT – Preparing to Respond Now | 354,573 |
| UNHCR | Sudan, Improving the health and well-being of vulnerable urban refugees in Khartoum | 10,837 |
| UNHCR | Sudan, Supporting South communities in Bantiu and Al Takamul open areas in Khartoum | 4,841 |
| UNHCR | Sudan, Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in West Darfur | 241,551 |
| UNHCR | Ethiopia, Reducing suffering of older and disabled South Sudanese regugee in Gambella Region Ethiopia | 196,110 |
| UNHCR | Tanzania, Protection and Assistance to persons with specific needs among refugees in Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps | 131,061 |
| UNOCHA | Ethiopia, Rapid Emergency Response to Drought Affected Communities in Borana Zone, Oromia National Regional State | 301,373 |
| UNOPS LIFT | Myanmar, Dry Zone Sustainable Nutrition, Agriculture and Protection Project | 399,504 |
| UNOPS LIFT | Myanmar, Social Protection | 268,922 |

19. Donations Receivable

Nil for the financial year.

Age International is the only UK charity focusing on the needs and rights of older people in developing countries. It is a charitable subsidiary of Age UK and a member of the HelpAge global network and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

We support older people in developing countries by improving livelihoods, health and healthcare; providing age-friendly emergency relief; and by challenging attitudes, influencing decision-makers and changing policies.

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