

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06763219 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133666

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020  
FOR DATUM FOUNDATION**



**DATUM FOUNDATION**

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**DATUM FOUNDATION**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Director's report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 3 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 (update bulletin 2)).

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number (Limited by Guarantee)**  
06763219 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**  
1133666

**Registered office**  
59-60 Russell Square  
London  
WC1B 4HP

**Trustees / Directors**

Mr D Buchanan  
Mr S Bishop  
Dr S Fradd  
Miss E Buchanan  
Mrs S Dryden  
Mrs N Pitchford

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are nominated by the senior management team, directors or Trustees and appointed by the existing Trustees as considered necessary by them. Only those Trustees noted as directors are directors of the charitable company.

**Organisational structure**

The Datum Foundation is a charitable company with five trustees. The trustees meet at regular intervals to discuss the business of the charity, to review projects and to look at future funding opportunities.

**Pay Policy**

All directors and trustees give their time freely and no one received remuneration or were reimbursed expenses in the year. The trustees consider themselves to be key management of the charity.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### **Risk management**

The Datum Foundation is inherently exposed to some financial and operational risks in the course of conducting business; the trustees understand these and have overseen appropriate steps to cope with these risks to best ensure the future success of the charity through such adversity. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that the charity has the advice of expert legal and accounting advisers when administering its charitable activities.

The accounts are approved during a period where there is much uncertainty as a result of the emergence and international spread of the Covid19. The charity's response has been to implement contingency plans for such circumstances to enable staff to work remotely and consideration of other risks.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The Datum Foundation was set up to help children around the world, without discrimination of gender, race or religion by providing professional skills and financial assistance to help construct schools and health facilities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities for the year.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Datum Foundation aims to work in a rigorous and controlled method. All projects are scrutinised before approval and funding. All projects are carefully directed at monitored to completion.

Datum Foundation was set up to help children in greatest need from the poorest regions of the world. Its aim is to construct schools and clinics and provide clean water and toilets.

#### **COMPLETED PROJECTS:**

##### **Project: 1031:**

COVID-19 is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 which causes severe acute respiratory problems. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in January 2020 and a pandemic in March 2020.

The pandemic had a detrimental effect in the charities fundraising activities

At the outbreak pandemic Datum Foundation decided to suspend all project construction works until it was considered safe to recommence.. They also decided to concentrate their resources on helping tens of thousands of people in the remote areas of Northern Malawi fight this devastating virus.

Actions were based on the simple acts of wearing protective face masks, handwashing, and health education. Datum Foundation used its contacts in the area to establish the bulk manufacture of face masks. A total of 50,000 masks were manufactured by local tailors. These were distributed to schools, clinics in communities across the region. Datum also organized the bulk purchase of 1,000 bars of soap and 100 handwash buckets and instituted a regime of regular handwashing.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### CURRENT PROJECTS

**Project: 1017:**

Description: **Boys accommodation block-** Secondary School

Location: Chisala: MALAWI

Status: Works completed and in operation.

**Project: 1023**

Description: **Refurbishment of an existing classroom** - Middle school: Classroom 2.

Location: Abene: SENEGAL:

Budget– £6000.

Status: Works completed.

**Project: 1024**

Description: **New Library** - Secondary School

Location: Chisala: MALAWI

Budget: £6000.

Status: Works completed

Appeal: 2000 books were collected in the UK and shipped to stock the library.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial Review

The trustees are pleased with the financial development in this year and the positive growth of the charity. Various fund-raising activities have been successful. The charity is registered for gift aid and has a Just Giving site.

The charity's activity is noted on the statement of financial activity on page 6 of the accounts.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The company has a policy of continually reviewing reserves in order to ensure that there is enough working capital to cover the next phase of each project.

#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

**Project 1026:**

Description: **Maternity clinic**

Existing buildings. Vacant and unused.

Requires total refurbishment of existing maternity room and ward.

Also a new guardians home to be built.

Location: Chikwina: MALAWI

Budget: £20,000

Status: Project approved.

**Project: 1028**

Description: **New Computer Classroom-** Secondary School -

Location: Chisala: MALAWI

Budget – £14000

Status – Project approved.

#### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity intends to utilise its remaining reserves for the benefit of the ongoing projects.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)  
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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the Directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements 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 accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

**AUDIT**

Under the terms of the Charities Act 2011, the company does not require an audit, but it does require that the accounts are independently examined and the corresponding report is included with in the accounts.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

*Dean B Buchanan*

Mr D Buchanan - Trustee

DATE 10 OCT 21

## DATUM FOUNDATION

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DATUM FOUNDATION

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#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Datum Foundation Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 28 October 2021

**DATUM FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Voluntary income		-	15,681	15,681	44,913
Investment income	3	-	-	-	-
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
Mission		-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		-	15,681	15,681	44,913
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Mission		-	6,000	6,000	50,800
Support costs		-	7,226	7,226	7,125
<b>Total expenditure</b>		-	13,226	13,226	57,925
<b>NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</b>		-	2,455	2,455	(13,012)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward as at 1 Jan 2020		-	6,521	6,521	19,533
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020</b>		-	8,976	8,976	6,521

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included.

There was no restricted expenditure or income in 2019.

The notes form part of these financial statements



**DATUM FOUNDATION**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors		-	500	500	-
Cash at bank and in hand		-	8,778	8,778	6,823
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	-	(302)	(302)	(302)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		-	8,976	8,976	6,521
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		-	8,976	8,976	6,521
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		-	8,976	8,976	6,521
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	10				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				8,976	6,521
Restricted funds:					
Restricted Donations				-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				8,976	6,521

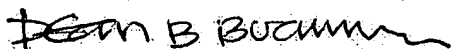
For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 10 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee  
Mr D Buchanan

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**DATUM FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Datum Foundation is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on Page 1.

**2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 as they apply to the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

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

**Going concern**

The charity's intension is to utilise its reserves for the current projects.

The trustees' have assessed the charity's requirements for the foreseeable future and also the impact of the worldwide Codvid19 pandemic and are confident that sufficient funds will be available to enable administrative operations to continue at a sustainable level for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the charity was unable to continue as a going concern.

**Income recognition policies**

Incomes recognised are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Expenditure**

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

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### **Allocation of support costs**

Charitable expenditure includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. They also include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

##### **Debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

##### **Cash at bank**

Cash at bank comprises balances held in various instant access bank accounts and represents highly liquid funds.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

During the year there were no fixed assets.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charitable company. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Volunteers and donated services and facilities**

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

**Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions can, therefore, potentially be different from the related actual results.

In the opinion of the directors, there is no specific key judgements or areas of estimates to disclose.

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2020 £	2019 £
Donations	<u>15,681</u>	<u>44,913</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2020 £	2019 £
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**6. NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE**

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2020 £	2019 £
Delivery of Projects	<u>6,000</u>	<u>50,800</u>
<b>Governance Costs</b>		
Bank and Other Charges	216	266
Other interest and penalties	-	150
Software	1,336	-
Printing and Reproduction	1,000	250
Professional Fees	3,300	40
Marketing	1,374	-
Travel and Entertainment	-	<u>6,419</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,226</u>	<u>7,125</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 (2019: None).

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 (2019: None).

**9. STAFF COSTS**

There were no employees during the year to 31 December 2020 (2019: None).

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	<u>302</u>	<u>302</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted	6,521	2,455	8,976
Restricted	-		-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>6,521</u>	<u>2,455</u>	<u>8,976</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Movement in funds £
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	15,681	13,226	2,455
Restricted funds	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>15,681</u>	<u>13,226</u>	<u>2,455</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)**

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted	19,533	(13,012)	6,521
Restricted	-		-
	19,533	(13,012)	6,521
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>19,533</u>	<u>(13,012)</u>	<u>6,521</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Movement in funds £
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	44,913	57,925	(13,012)
Restricted funds	-		
	44,913	57,925	(13,012)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>44,913</u>	<u>57,925</u>	<u>(13,012)</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions in the year, nor were any monies owing to or from any related party as at 31 December 2020 (2019: None).

During the year the trustees donated £1,000 (2019: £2,425) to the charity.

**14. COMPANY STATUS**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

**DATUM FOUNDATION**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2019 £	2018 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Donations	-	15,681	15,681	44,913
Gift aid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	15,681	15,681	44,913
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-
Sponsorships	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment income</b>				
Deposit account interest	-	-	-	-
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	-	15,681	15,681	44,913
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>50,800</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Software	-	1,336	1,336	-
Marketing	-	1,374	1,374	-
Printing, postage and delivery	-	1,000	1,000	250
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	6,419
Legal fees	-	3,300	3,300	40
<b>Finance</b>				
Bank charges	-	216	216	266
Interest and penalties	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	-	13,226	13,226	57,925
<b>Net income</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,455</u>	<u>2,455</u>	<u>(13,012)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements