



2015 Annual Report



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The Team

Commissioner Profile

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Douglas Melville is the newest member of the Commission appointed in September 2015 and is currently the first Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman resolving financial consumer complaints arising from the provision of financial services in or from the Channel Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark.

Douglas has many years experience in overseas aid in many different capacities. He began his career with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in the 1980's and worked on field assignments including project planning and evaluation in over ten countries throughout Africa and the Middle East and worked at CIDA headquarters coordinating information and analysis during the African famine crisis. He has remained actively involved through volunteer activities including board governance, advocacy, fundraising activities and field missions in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Kenya. Throughout his career in financial services he has participated in technical cooperation missions to Zambia, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, China, Malaysia and regional projects involving numerous countries in Central America. In the aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami he was sent as a volunteer to conduct a feasibility assessment and plan for monetary and technical assistance to rebuild the devastated cooperative financial sector. In his spare time, Douglas remains involved in consulting, training workshops and speaking roles in several developing countries through the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Douglas is married to Gailina Liew and has four children attending secondary school in Jersey. They enjoy family travel and outings for sailing, kayaking and hiking.



Chairman's Foreword

2015 was a busy year, with Commissioners working extremely hard to take forward an extensive review of Jersey Overseas Aid Commission's policies. The world of development has changed significantly since we started making grants in 1968: international understanding of what works and what does not has become more evident based and more is demanded of development agencies to ensure that their interventions are as effective as possible.

It is increasingly recognised that donors have a responsibility both to their beneficiaries and to their taxpayers, to maximise the impact and sustainability of their aid. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has been leading efforts to ensure that aid compliments rather than undermines local efforts, builds on successes and is coordinated, transparent and efficient.

Commissioners have been ensuring that JOA moves with the times by taking steps to align our grant-making programme with these principles of good donorship. We are reforming the way we select and scrutinise projects, and introducing new guidelines and standards for applicants, which has required many hours of work for Commissioners and the Executive Officer and I would like to thank them for their continued

commitment. The appointment of Doug Melville (see profile on page 4) as a new Commissioner in 2015 has greatly assisted this transformation. As well as being Jersey's Financial Ombudsman, Doug served on the Board of Oxfam in Canada for seven years, so brings with him invaluable experience of guiding a professional development organisation.

What will this change mean in practice? We will increasingly focus our development efforts on fewer countries, chosen not only where needs are greatest but where lower levels of corruption mean that aid can have more of an impact. We will fund bigger, longer-term programmes and strengthen our links with the wider development community. We will uphold the highest possible standards from our international and local partners, aided in the latter case by the forthcoming introduction of a Jersey Charities Law. We will ensure that where possible the projects JOA fund are properly evaluated, that lessons are learnt and good practice spread. We will also aim to strengthen our links with the people of Jersey by publishing more information about the Commission's work on our (soon-to-be-revamped) website. Indeed, all are welcome to visit our new office, opened in the autumn at Cyril Le Marquand House, to hear more about our activities and plans.

Highlights of 2015 also included the successful implementation of three Community Work Programmes. Volunteers from Jersey travelled to Bangladesh, Uganda and Zambia to make tangible improvements to the lives of some of the world's poorest people, having raised funds to do so from their families, colleagues and communities. As well as the practical

benefit of the school facilities they constructed, it is a powerful statement that every year ordinary people from a small island off Northwest Europe will sacrifice their time and hard-earned money to assist strangers in need. JOA is extremely grateful to these volunteers and all who supported them.

The single greatest act of generosity this year and more evidence (if it were needed) of an Islander's great concern for those less fortunate than ourselves, was the allocation of the bequest to JOA of £147k by Margaret Fenlon Ward. Stewardship of such a gift is not taken lightly and Commissioners carefully chose two projects in Uganda and The Gambia which already have close links to Jersey, where Margaret's legacy will have a lasting impact on the health and education. Commissioner Le Troquer recently visited The Gambia and saw for himself how the Jersey Gambia Schools Trust is changing lives in one of Africa's least developed countries.

Our eyes have also been focused on the Middle East this year, where Syria's civil war claimed ever more victims and displaced ever more people from their homes. Jersey played its part in alleviating some of this suffering by allocating £650,000 to fund humanitarian projects for Syrian refugees in Jordan. These projects were conducted by three of our most trusted partners, the British Red Cross, Oxfam and UNICEF and incorporated nutrition, maternal health, education, and the winterisation of accommodation in Za'atari refugee camp. Accompanied by the Chief Minister, I visited Jordan in the spring of 2016 and saw for myself the positive effect these grants had on so many desperate people. With no end to the

crisis in sight, we are now considering how best to continue our support in 2016.

JOA will always be a relatively small donor but our activities make a profound difference to many people's lives. As we strive to get even better at what we do, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have played a part in our work over the past year.

Deputy Carolyn Labey, Chair
JUNE 2016





Grant Aid

2015 THREE YEAR PROGRAMMES

GRANTS VOTED FOR PROJECTS COMMENCING 2015
DUE FOR COMPLETION END OF 2017

Bangladesh - Oxfam

Improving access to sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene £249,760

Clean water is the most fundamental need for a healthy life and this three-year project aims at targeting slum dwellers, in particular those who struggle to access decent water and sanitation due to poverty, unhygienic conditions and in particular costs associated which make such services out of reach. The ambitious project should transform the lives of 15,000 vulnerable men, women and children through the construction or renovation of water points; communal toilet facilities and bathing blocks; encouraging community ownership for operation and maintenance of the facilities; conduct hygiene promotion activities to support changes in behaviour attitudes and belief about hygiene and demonstrate to the local authorities how to design facilities which would be resistant to flooding.

Burkina Faso - Self Help Africa

Improving rural incomes and food security £249,770

The aim of this project is to improve household income and food security by working with 1,240 farmers to increase production and returns from rice and vegetables, thereby benefitting around 7,440 people. A grant from the Commission is being used for training in rice and vegetable production, seed multiplication, establishment of irrigation market garden plots, improved management of wetlands, construction of stores, marketing, processing and basic equipment.

Rwanda - Save The Children

Advancing the right to read £249,999

This grant is enabling Save the Children to improve 24,000 children's access to high quality, local language books and materials and would help foster a culture of learning outside of school for children aged 5-9 by 2017. Working in twenty one local 'sectors' of Rwanda's northern and rural Girumbi district, Save the Children's focus is to boost development and learning. A network of volunteers will also establish book banks in community spaces, deliver workshops for parents and community members and run reading clubs to help children build core skills.

Cambodia - Impact Foundation

Establishing ENT department and operating theatre £249,253

A three-year grant has enabled Impact Foundation to construct and equip an ENT (ear, nose and throat) department and operating theatre at Chey Chumneas Hospital in Kandal province. By providing essential training for surgeons and nurses it addresses the dire shortage of Cambodian medical professionals who have ENT skills making a significant contribution towards the scaling up of hearing and ear care services in Cambodia. Over the three years 17,480 patients will directly benefit from ENT treatment and surgery, including operations to restore hearing. Up to 470,000 men, women and children in rural areas will also be able to access primary hearing and ear care services at their local health centres.

Ethiopia - Orbis

Expanding Eye Care Services £249,048

A joint application in conjunction with Amref, this project aims to bring together both the individual areas of expertise of both agencies to implement fully a programme that would eliminate blindness from trachoma in Jinka Town and two woredas of South Omo Zone of southern Ethiopia. The focus of Orbis is on the surgery and antibiotics component whilst Amref is focussing on the implementation of water, sanitation and hygiene components.

Nepal - The Leprosy Mission

Capacity building for leprosy services west of Nepal £246,352

The Leprosy Mission aims to screen 8,200 people for leprosy over the next three years, through skin test clinics run through the agency's established clinics and hospitals. An additional 800 people will also be screened through mobile skin camps. This will improve the health and quality of life of people affected by leprosy, neuritis and ulcers by equipping and training to reduce the prevalence of leprosy and associated disabilities.

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Sudan - International Medical Corps

Improve access to WASH, education and health infrastructure £250,000

This project aims to benefit more than 11,400 returnees and internally displaced people in West Darfur by improving and expanding key infrastructure. Activities will target critical gaps in four communities. IMC hopes to construct six classrooms, two clinic examination rooms, nine ventilated pit latrines and a mini water yard. Seven thousand school children will receive age appropriate personal hygiene kits and targeted education to promote healthful behaviours including cessation of open-defecation.

Tanzania - Sightsavers

Integrated approach to neglected tropical disease elimination £238,341

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) is a group of 17 parasitic and bacterial infections affecting over 1 billion of the world's poorest people. Tanzania was one of several countries where multiple NTDs could be found infecting rural populations leading to more severe health consequences. This project is working in partnership with the government, NGO's and communities to implement the World Health Organisation's approved SAFE strategy for trachoma elimination through the provision of training of surgeons and front line health workers, surgery, drug distribution, empowerment and the strengthening of health systems.

Uganda - Plan UK

Increasing access to improved sanitation and clean water £249,984

Through discouraging the practice of open defecation and increased sanitation cover, Plan UK is able to improve the health and hygiene of 41,300 people. In addition, improved access to safe water is also being provided for 1,250 people in communities declared open defecation free through the construction of boreholes, training of water user committees, hand pump mechanics to ensure sustainability, hand washing facilities and awareness raising and training activities within the communities.

In addition funding was also released to agencies for the second and third years of approved three year programmes as outlined in previous annual reports.



Grant Aid
2015 ONE YEAR PROGRAMMES

Bangladesh

British Red Cross Providing safe water and improved sanitation	£99,051
Childhope Healthy future for child waste-pickers	£53,201
Global Care Community cyclone pre-school shelter & safe drinking water	£96,500
Habitat for Humanity Community disaster resilience through PASSA	£99,501
Impact Foundation Mobile clinic for outreach services	£97,586
The Leprosy Mission Hospital building construction	£100,000

Benin

Sightsavers River blindness elimination programme	£58,397
UNICEF Improving education for marginalised children	£99,316

Burma

Humanitarian Aid Relief Health and Hope community health care	£34,200
The Leprosy Mission Outpatient clinic	£87,143
World Vision Improving access to water and sanitation promotion	£75,505

Burundi

Send a Cow Food, nutrition and incomes for malnourished people	£96,213
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Cambodia

Everychild Justice for children	£35,441
Global Care Income generation and self sufficiency rice mill	£29,400
Plan International UK Improving access to quality lower secondary education	£100,000
World Vision Flood safe schools	£96,709

Cameroon

Orbis Developing paediatric eye care services	£99,931
Sightsavers Eliminating blindness trachoma	£99,769

Chad

Acord Supporting small-scale farmers	£98,408
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Colombia

Children of the Andes Improving quality and permanence of education for the young	£79,914
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El Salvador

Toybox Early encounter with street children	£96,643
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Grant Aid

2015 ONE YEAR PROGRAMMES

Ethiopia

Self Help Africa

Improving honey production and quality for smallholder farmers

£83,335

Save the Children

Reducing hunger and building resilience

£95,859

Ghana

Treeaid

Village tree enterprises

£90,750

Guatemala

Toybox

Improving access to markets & basic services for isolated communities

£100,000

Haiti

Concern Worldwide

Food, nutrition and incomes for malnourished people

£96,213

Kenya/Uganda/Chad and Madagascar

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Flying for life - essential engineering investment

£63,314

Kenya

Ablechildafrica

Bringing inclusive sports to children

£76,265

Excellent Development

Piloting a new community water and food programme in Mwingi district

£93,574

Improving access to water and sanitation

£99,647

Farm Africa

Dryland farming in drought stricken eastern Kenya

£75,980

Self Help Africa

Sustainable rainwater use for food security

£99,004

Send a Cow

Improved breeding and management of dairy cows

£99,656

The Good News Trust

South Nyanza Community Development

£98,326

South Nyanza Secondary Education

£63,647

Lesotho

Riders for Health

Enabling the sustained delivery of 'last mile' healthcare

£77,000

Malawi

Oxfam

Increase access to water, sanitation and hygiene services

£99,507

Sound Seekers

Comprehensive audiology service

£99,800

Mali

Treeaid

Regreening for future livelihoods and drought protection strategies

£62,121

Mozambique

Disability and Development Partners

Training and livelihoods opportunities for young disabled people

£83,774

Nepal

Basic Needs

Access to sustainable livelihoods for poor people in rural areas

£55,894

Helpage International

Preventing and curing visual impairment

£99,097



Grant Aid
2015 ONE YEAR PROGRAMMES

Niger

CURE International UK
Strengthening infrastructure and medical care delivery £100,000

Wateraid
Providing sustainable access to improved WASH facilities £100,000

Pakistan

International Medical Corps
Leishmaniasis prevention amongst IDPs £98,949

Tearfund
Food security and safe water supply £86,032

Peru

Sense International
Improving basic health and education for deafblind people £41,025

Sierra Leone

Resurge Africa
Establishing first self sustaining reconstructive surgery £99,200

Sudan

Practical Action
Low smoke stoves £27,525

Tanzania

Impact Foundation
Paediatric hearing screening and treatment programme £99,782

The Gambia

UNICEF
Improving access to water and sanitation £95,929

Uganda

AMREF
Improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities £100,000

Basic Needs
Improving livelihoods opportunities in conflict affected areas £51,711

Sense International
Improving vocational skills and social protection for deafblind people £61,045

Zambia

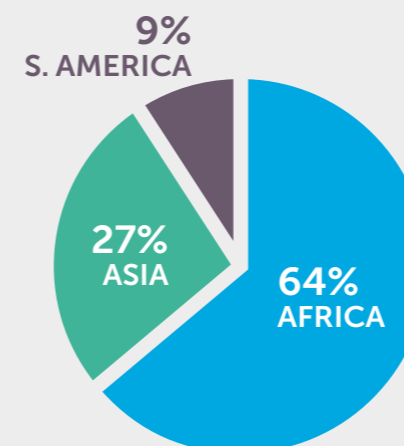
Sound Seekers
Targeting paediatric hearing screening for children at risk £99,000

Zimbabwe

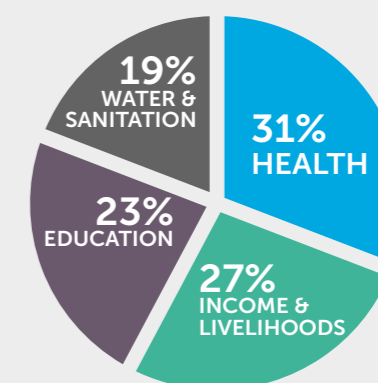
Plan International UK
Providing access to secondary education in a peri-urban settlement £99,700

Practical Action
Increasing food security for poor vulnerable households £99,997

2015 GRANT AID ONE YEAR PROGRAMMES BY CONTINENT



2015 GRANT AID ONE YEAR PROGRAMMES BY PROJECT TYPE





Grant Aid

2013 TO 2015 THREE YEAR PROJECT

Zambia

Reall (Extract taken from Reall's Report)

Improving Access to Sanitation and Hygiene for Slum Dwellers, Zambia.

Slums in Lusaka are characterised by poor living conditions including inadequate housing, water and sanitation facilities.

Due to the lack of investment in slum areas there is no formal sewerage system. The majority of people living in slums therefore rely on unsanitary practices such as open defecation, or use poorly maintained, overflowing pit latrines. This not only degrades the environment, but makes living conditions unsafe and unhealthy, particularly impacting the most vulnerable such as young children.

Access to decent sanitation is particularly low in the overcrowded target settlements; Kalikiliki, Kabanana, Chawama, Garden House, Garden Compound, Kanyama, George Compound, Ngombe, Kamanga and Msisi; all of which are within Lusaka. In June 2012, PPHPZ completed a community-led enumeration survey in George Compound, which reflected the conditions of all target settlements. The survey assessed existing conditions and the needs of the community, demonstrating that over 90% of the population relied on unimproved pit latrines, shared with an average of 6 families (36 people) per pit. Flooded pit latrines have previously contributed to outbreaks of disease and contamination of

commonly used water sources, such as shallow wells. Based on these conditions, the community singled out "improved sanitation" as the greatest development need to be addressed, ahead of schools, employment and housing. Community members then took part in an exchange visit to Malawi (drawing lessons from our Malawi partner who is successfully implementing the ecosan-loan methodology, previously funded by JOA) to learn how slum dwellers are addressing sanitation challenges as a community and adopting ecosan toilets. The exchange highlighted the need for communities in Lusaka to create improvements themselves and scale-up decent sanitation through the revolving loan fund mechanism.

The project focused on improving sanitation and hygiene in the ten target settlements through the construction of household ecosan toilets, and hygiene awareness campaigns. Household toilets were constructed by community members through affordable loans provided by the project. The initial loans are being repaid and recycled to benefit more people. Beneficiaries were also trained to construct and maintain the toilet facilities, enabling them to develop tradable skills and improve their livelihoods. Hygiene awareness raising activities are promoting good hygiene practices to sustain the benefits of the new facilities. Planned project activities over the three-year implementation period included; the construction of 424 household ecological toilets; training of 240 community

members in the construction and maintenance of sanitation facilities; hygiene promotion training and activities reaching 87,000 people; and ongoing project monitoring.

Over the course of the project, (01 January 2013 to 31 March 2016), the following was achieved;

- **Community mobilisation:** A total of 26 community mobilisation sessions were held to: sensitise community members; encourage the uptake of ecosan toilets; and enable people to sign up for construction training or to participate in the sanitation teams. This was more than the planned four meetings as challenges experienced in Year 1 highlighted the need for increased engagement with communities. Community members from all settlements participated in 32 inter-settlement exchanges to share, information and ideas on service delivery in their areas. Information and techniques shared between settlements focused on; community mobilisation; deposit and loan repayment collection; and ecosan construction, handover and maintenance.
- **Training of community members:** Through the project, 246 community members were trained in the construction and maintenance of ecosan toilets. They have gained the capacity to maintain the facilities and carry out repairs as necessary to ensure the longevity of the infrastructure developed through this project. A total of 375 community members have received training in hygiene promotion and have been actively carrying out hygiene awareness activities in all ten settlements.
- **Construction of individual toilets:** Affordable loans were issued to 458 people who have constructed a total of 458 toilets benefitting 2,748 people. In addition to the 458 toilets funded by the project, a further 83 have been completed by revolving the loan repayments to benefit an additional 498 people. In total, 541 ecosan toilets have been completed which are now providing clean, private sanitation facilities for 3,246 people. Ongoing monitoring is continuing to take place to ensure the toilets are being used correctly and to offer advice to community members on hygiene and the use of manure.
- **Hygiene promotion:** A total of 20,050 posters and leaflets for hygiene promotion were designed, printed and distributed throughout the target settlements. 15 sanitation teams (comprising around 25 community members each) have been formed and trained in good hygiene practices, hygiene promotion techniques and awareness raising skills. The teams have actively engaged with the community to explain the ecosan initiative and distribute information on improved hygiene practices through door-to-door information sharing activities and the facilitation of 15 community hygiene meetings.

In addition, daily radio broadcasts were aired on national radio channel, ZNBC Radio 4, over a 14-day period with an average listenership of 212,500 people per broadcast. The broadcasts focused on promoting hand-washing, keeping food covered and storing water correctly to prevent contamination and the transmission of illnesses. 2 television slots were conducted later in Year 3 after prolonged negotiations with broadcasting agencies and further supplemented the hygiene promotion activities by reaching approximately 2.5 million viewers.

Through the project so far, at least 233,550 people have been reached by hygiene promotion activities, though this figure could potentially be much higher given the widespread coverage from the TV broadcasts.

- **Collaboration with other actors:** PPHPZ, the Zambia Homeless and Poor Peoples Federation and community members have worked closely with officials of the Lusaka City Council (LCC) and the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company (LWSC). 11 stakeholder meetings were held to facilitate the co-ordination of the project between key stakeholders and promote participation from all key organisations and sectors

This has facilitated collaboration between local community and faith leaders, utility companies, councillors and community members to discuss not only sanitation but wider issues affecting slums.

The project has effectively engaged the community and created community ownership over the project's processes and impacts through sensitisation and training. This approach has given community members the ability to manage and implement project activities on the ground, so they are taking the lead on community development and are able to address other community challenges in the future.

Community sanitation teams have been formed and are promoting improved hygiene practices among community members. The teams will continue to sensitise community members beyond the project lifetime to ensure that improvements in health can be seen for years to come.

The ecosan toilets will promote environmental sustainability by creating a cleaner and healthier living environment. In addition, the compost produced by the toilets could be explored for use on urban agricultural plots, or sold to enhance livelihoods.

The toilet loans are being repaid over a one-year period, following which the funds are being recycled and issued to other community members, maximising the impact of the project in a sustainable manner.

Grant Aid

2015 SINGLE YEAR PROJECT



EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGENCY'S REPORT

Benin UNICEF

Bringing education to marginalised children.

In 2015, the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission provided £99,316 to bring education to marginalised children in Benin.

Benin had one of the world's lowest primary and secondary school enrolment rates before school fees were abolished in 2006. Despite school enrolment increasing since 2006, substantial barriers to children's education continue to persist. Many parents cannot afford the costs of school materials such as textbooks and uniforms and this creates a barrier for children to access education. Violence against children is highly prevalent in schools and this can lead to high drop-out rates, which damages children's psychological well-being and impacts on their grades. Water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in Benin's schools are extremely poor and this poses serious risks to a child's health, increasing the risk of diarrhoea and waterborne diseases (only 5% of people have access to sanitation facilities in rural areas). Schools with inadequate water and sanitation facilities usually have the poorest attendance records and highest dropout rates. Adolescent girls in particular suffer from poor sanitation facilities as many girls are reluctant to continue their schooling when facilities are not private, safe or simply not available. In addition, schools in the four project districts have a pupil-teacher ratio

of 55 to 1. These factors play a major role in contributing to the low school completion rate in the four project districts, which averages 42% compared to 77% nationally.

The project presented aimed to improve education for marginalised children in Benin by improving teaching, resources and facilities in over 250 schools. Vulnerable school children would be provided with learning materials including textbooks, exercise books, uniforms, and pencils, to address issues of accessing education such as the cost of school supplies. Teachers were to be trained on gender awareness, children's rights and preventing violence to reduce children's experience of violence that often prevents them from attending school. Youth committees were to be set up to empower children, enable children to address issues affecting their school life and increase children's participation within school. Water and sanitation facilities in schools will be improved, including provisions for children with disabilities.

Support from Jersey Overseas Aid funded the provision of school materials, training of teachers, set up of youth committees and parent teacher associations and the construction of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. A total of 46,786 people benefitted from this project.





2015 Disaster Aid

Philippines – Typhoon

On 28 December, Tropical storm Jangmi (Seniang) brought heavy rains and intense flooding in seven regions of the central Philippines affecting more than half a million people, some of them displaced seeking cover in schools and community facilities converted into evacuation centres.

JOA granted Habitat for Humanity £29,808 for the provision of shelter repair materials and technical assistance to 81 beneficiary households with the priority going to vulnerable families.

Malawi - Flooding

More than 121,000 people were displaced as a result of the devastating floods in Malawi in January 2015.

At least 350 schools were destroyed, damaged or occupied by displaced people, depriving 300,000 children of access to education. JOA granted Christian Aid £30,000 for the provision of sanitation, tarpaulins and cooking utensils, UNICEF £30,000 for the provision of essential medicines, wash and hygiene kits, tents and tarpaulins, therapeutic food and milk for treating malnutrition, education supplies, and child protection to aid children's psychosocial recovery and Tearfund £30,000 for food rations, cooking utensils and shelter provision.

Mozambique - Flooding

Two weeks of heavy rains since the beginning of January 2015 triggered large scale flooding in central Mozambique and the northern provinces of Zambézia, Nampula and Cabo Delgado.

Transport and electrical infrastructure; water supply systems, schools, clinics and homes were affected, causing huge challenges to accessing some of the most vulnerable. JOA granted Save the Children £30,000 for the provision of education kits, teachers and schools, Tearfund £29,472 for the distribution of basic relief items including maize for making flour, beans, oil, salt, mosquito nets, water purifiers and soap to help prevent the health risks associated with

poor nutrition, lack of shelter and contaminated water and Plan UK £30,000 for the provision of emergency shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) support, education materials, food items and nutrition support, health kits and medical supplies and child protection and psychosocial support.

Sri Lanka - Flooding

1.1million people throughout Sri Lanka were affected by floods caused by torrential rain late December 2014.

Homes and livelihoods had been destroyed and urgent help was required to provide clean water and adequate food and support to assist people in rebuilding their lives. JOA granted Oxfam £30,000 for the provision of access to emergency food and safe clean water noting that the needs of women and children would be a priority, as well as those individuals who had lived in districts which had been affected by both flooding and drought.

Kenya - Cholera

A suspected case of cholera was reported in the capital of Kenya, Nairobi, at the end of December 2014 and was confirmed in January 2015.

1,361 cases were later confirmed in Nairobi, Migori, Homa Bay, Lamu and Kisii counties. Neighbouring counties were at risk of cholera outbreaks as the number of cases continued to rise. The province of Nyanza, which includes Migori and Homa Bay, was the most severely affected area, with 80% of the confirmed cases reported. JOA granted Plan UK £30,000 for clean water, aquatabs and sanitation provision.

Burma - Response to Internally Displaced People

Heavy fighting had broken out between the Burmese Army and ethnic Kokang rebels in February 2015.

Approximately 14,250 civilians had been displaced believed to be trapped between the two fighting parties. JOA granted Tearfund £19,263 to address basic needs of 1,551 people.



2015 Disaster Aid

Vanuatu - Cyclone

On the 13 March, a category 5 cyclone ripped through the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu.

Cyclone Pam caused significant damage, particularly in the central and southern parts of Vanuatu and was considered to be one of the worst natural disasters in the region's history. It was estimated at the time that over 170,000 people had been affected, of which at least 60,000 were children. JOA granted UNICEF £30,000 to provide essential health support, WASH facilities and services, shelter, education supplies, and child protection to aid children's recovery, British Red Cross £30,000 for food, water, household kits, shelter, hygiene and healthcare and Save the Children £30,000 for access to safe water and sanitation and health supplies.

Nepal - Fire

On 09 April, 2015, a sudden fire started from a house leaving 160 houses of a village in Rampura Malhaniya-5, Saptari in ashes.

According to District Administration Office, properties worth Rs. 20 million were destroyed and 65 families were rendered homeless in the incident. The houses had thatched roofs and timber and bamboo walls hence the fire quickly spread throughout the village. JOA granted Habitat for Humanity £30,000 for the provision of emergency shelter.

Bolivia - Flooding

The Bolivian Government declared a state of emergency in 36 municipalities due to heavy rain and hailstorms since commencement of the rainy season in October 2014.

Flooding had affected 75,000 people and approximately 8,000 hectares of crops destroyed. JOA granted UNICEF £30,000 for the provision of sanitation, water supplies, nutritional care, education and child protection for children and families affected by the flooding.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - Response to Internally Displaced People

On-going violence and conflict for several years in the Central African Republic had forced many families to leave their villages to live in refugee camps in neighbouring DRC.

Thousands of families had left without food, clothes, kitchen equipment or items for sanitation. JOA granted Christian Aid £30,000 for the provision of non-food items such as jerry cans, soap, mosquito nets and female hygiene kits for approximately 6,000 households and water and sanitation equipment for 8,000 households and Oxfam £30,000 for the provision of three months emergency food rations, water and sanitation and protection of human rights.

Yemen - Response to Internally Displaced People

Violent street fighting and aerial bombing had left hundreds of thousands of people without food, water, shelter and other basic necessities.

JOA granted Oxfam £30,000 for the provision of emergency food, access to clean safe water and hygiene training UNICEF £30,000 for the provision of water and sanitation, health and child protection and British Red Cross £30,000 for essential medicines and other relief supplies.

Rwanda - Response to Internally Displaced People

The most urgent needs of affected and vulnerable Burundian refugees fleeing from political unrest and under threat of violence and intimidation were addressed by JOA when it granted Plan UK £30,000 for the provision of increased safe access to essential non-food items and safe temporary child-friendly spaces for learning and play ensuring high levels of child protection.

Nepal - Earthquake

On 25th April 2015 a devastating earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale occurred in Nepal, 48 miles from the capital of Kathmandu following which there were at least 30 aftershocks.

Thousands were injured and thousands died. JOA granted Oxfam £30,000 for the provision of emergency food, access to clean safe water and hygiene kits, Save the Children £30,000 for the provision of shelter support, rope and essential household items, British Red Cross £30,000 for thousands of tarpaulins, oral rehydration salts, soap, water purification tablets and first aid. JOA also gave £50,000 to the Bailiff's Disaster Appeal matching public fundraising in Jersey for the provision of a longer term sustainable project.

Burundi - Response to Internally Displaced People

Since the beginning of April 2015, approximately 21,000 Burundians, mostly women and children, had fled to Rwanda having experienced intimidation and threats of violence linked to the planned June 26th Presidential election.

JOA granted Tearfund £28,800 to assist refugees with the provision of food and non-food items, sanitary kits and clothing and UNICEF £30,000 towards water, sanitation, health and nutrition supplies and child protection for children and families.

Thailand - Fire

Hundreds of vulnerable Burmese refugees have been left homeless after a fire swept through the Ban Mai Nai Soi refugee camp in northern Thailand in April.

Forced to flee at short notice, without belongings or livelihood assets JOA granted Christian Aid £30,000 to provide shelter, food and other essential needs to the families at this traumatic time.

Senegal - Food Insecurity

With the Sahel facing an enormous deteriorating food and nutrition crisis and the European Commission reporting that 7.5 million people required emergency food assistance, JOA granted the British Red Cross £30,000 to provide emergency food and non-food relief items, as well as facilitating development and implementing sensitisation activities around good nutrition, hygiene and environmental practices.



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Uganda - Response to Internally Displaced People

South Sudan reached a level 3 emergency, the highest category for a humanitarian crisis.

Since the onset of the conflict in the country sparked by rival military factions in December 2013, 1.1 million people had been internally displaced and a further 639,198 people had fled to neighbouring countries with 181,389 fleeing to Uganda. JOA granted Helpage £29,675 for the provision of food, improved shelter and essential non-food items such as warm clothes and bedding.

Tanzania - Response to Internally Displaced People

Political instability in Burundi caused by the President's announcement to run for an unconstitutional third term caused public unrest, forcing thousands of Burundians to seek refuge in Tanzania.

As of 19th May 2015, the number of refugees who had crossed the border through Kagunga village, Kigoma region and in Ngara, Kagera region had reached 105,735. JOA granted the British Red Cross £30,000 essential emergency health, water, sanitation, hygiene promotion, shelter and relief items and Helpage £29,910 for the provision of non-food items, clothing, water sanitation and hygiene kits.

Burkina Faso - Flooding

Heavy winds and floods started at the end of July affecting nearly 25,000 people in Burkina Faso, with Centre, Centre-Ouest and Hauts-Bassin regions being the worst hit.

The government expected numbers to reach 122,000 people by the end of September following the August rainy season. The floods caused significant damage to property and infrastructure and aggravated the already high food insecurity and poor access to basic services such as healthcare and education. JOA granted Tearfund £26,558 for the provision of safe and decent shelter.

Burma - Flooding

Cyclone Komen has brought heavy rains and strong winds to 12 of Myanmar's 14 states and regions.

Families have been severely affected by flooding and landslides and a staggering 122,200 people have been displaced from their homes and are living without essential items or access to clean water and sanitation. JOA granted Plan UK £30,000 to provide immediate relief to families in need of basic non-food items and UNICEF £30,000 for the provision of water, sanitation, health supplies, child protection and education to children and families.

Mali - Flooding

El Nino is a natural climate change phenomenon occurring in the Pacific Ocean which produces climatic alterations at a global level, especially along the equatorial belt.

Effects can include rain, storms, cyclones and drought for West African countries, including Mali with those depending on agriculture for their livelihoods especially affected. JOA granted Tearfund £30,000 to fund the purchase and distribution of food to 210 households as well as strengthening resilience through training in agriculture, livestock breeding and income generating activities.

El Salvador - Drought

Thousands of children and their families were living without access to food and clean water, as El Salvador entered the midst of the worst drought the country had experienced in over 30 years with a staggering 80% of farmers reported losing some or all of their harvests.

JOA granted Plan UK £30,000 to provide 350 families (around 1,750 people, including at least 1,170 children) vital materials needed to stay fed, safe and healthy during the crisis.

Ethiopia - Drought

Ethiopia was suffering its worst drought in over a decade as unpredictable weather systems were exacerbated by El Niño, climate change and global warming.

The consecutive failure of the rains on which the harvest depends was resulting in severe food insecurity and rising malnutrition. On October 13, the Government of Ethiopia announced during a meeting with UN agencies, NGOs, and Donor representatives that the number of people in need of relief assistance in Ethiopia due to El Niño phenomenon had increased to 8.2 million. JOA granted Plan UK £30,000 to provide medical and nutrition supplies and GOAL £30,000 for the provision urgent food supplies.

Sierra Leone - Flooding

Thousands of children and their families were living without access to safe shelter, food and clean drinking water due to severe flooding in Western and Southern Sierra Leone.

Torrential rain had caused river banks to break sweeping away property and vehicles, leaving people dead and thousands homeless. JOA granted Plan UK £30,000 to provide hygiene kits, food packages and child protection.

Zimbabwe - Food Insecurity

A slow onset of the rainy season in Zimbabwe was followed by severe flooding in some parts of the country, destroying crops.

The situation was exacerbated by a long dry spell earlier in the year resulting in a crop yield below the five-year average. The shortage was exacerbated by poor storage of crops. As a country which experiences chronic food insecurity and recurrent food shortages, this increased the already high vulnerability of rural communities. JOA granted the British Red Cross £30,000 towards food relief, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion and livelihood support.



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2015 Community Work Projects

EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGENCY'S REPORT

Flooding Ethiopia

2015, two consecutive wet seasons failed, causing severe drought across Ethiopia.

This resulted in deepening food insecurity and rising malnutrition, with 4.5 million people left in acute need of food assistance. The crisis hit children the hardest, with the number of severely malnourished children admitted for treatment rising from 18,308 in January 2015 to 68,045 in May 2015. The Oromia, Amhara and SNNPR (Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region) regions are amongst the worst affected areas, with 27,647 households in the West Hararghe zone of Oromia forced to leave their homes in search of water and pasture. The purpose of Plan's three-month response was to provide immediate relief and support to 10,000 families (approximately 46,000 people), who were in urgent need of food and medical assistance.

This project has worked towards tackling the most urgent needs of the affected communities by providing them with essential food and medical assistance. Your kind support contributed towards Plan Ethiopia's wider emergency response which benefitted 9,899 people affected by the drought (61% of whom were women and children). Plan decided to prioritise these groups as they were more at risk of malnutrition, poor health and abuse. With JOA's support Plan UK was able to complete the following actions:

PROVISION OF FOOD AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

In total, 2,012 people were provided with supplementary feeding, including 745 children under five and 1,267 pregnant and lactating women. Along with the supplementary feeding, these same beneficiaries were given access to primary health care services. This included routine vaccinations, Vitamin A distribution and deworming.

PROVISION OF MEDICINES AND NFI KITS

Prior to providing medicines and medical supplies, Plan consulted with the West Hararghe Zone Health Office to assess the demand and availability of medicines and medical supplies in the four targeted healthcare providers (two hospitals and two centres). In total, 17 types of medicines were purchased to treat pneumonia, diarrhoea, dehydration, infections (ear, eye, skin and respiratory) and other bacterial infections. The distribution of the purchased medicines to the four health posts went smoothly and reached 7,887 people in West Hararghe. We were also able to provide these beneficiaries with NFIs such as mattresses, bed sheets and blankets.

2015 Sub-Committee for Community Work Projects

Chairman	Commissioner Toni Roberts
Members	Mr. Alan Cameron Mr. David Ellis Mr. David Liddiard Mr. David O'Brien Mr. Richard Richomme Mr. Allan Smith, MBE Mr. Brian Stuttard

Three community work projects were approved for 2015.

Bangladesh

£75,123, inclusive of volunteer costs, built a medical clinic in Muktaram Village, Kurigram on behalf of VIEW Bangladesh.

Team Members – Sandra Cameron (Leader), Kevin Romeril (Deputy Leader), Phil Austin, Emmi Brown, Alan Cameron, Angela de la Haye, Karen Duquemin, Naomi Jelley, Ophelie Pimaud and Helen Wilson

Uganda

£62,992, inclusive of volunteer costs, built a nursery classroom at the Sermon on the Mount School, Luweero, Uganda.

Team Members – Dick Richomme (Leader), David O'Brien (Deputy Leader), Bob Auffret, Jack Barnett, Liberty Barnett, Judy Benest, Sam Eastwod, Lisa Herbert, Kirstine Hutton, Alisha Kelly, Jesscia Le Caudey, Maurice Marquer

Zambia

£80,520, inclusive of volunteer costs, worked alongside local builders to construct a three classroom block, two teachers house and two toilet blocks.

Team Members – Alan Cameron (Leader), Gillian Hayes (Deputy Leader), Vanessa Clouting, Angela De La Haye, Claire Hambrook, Thelma Holmes, Christopher Hutton, Elise Le Seilleur, Ana Sousa Nunes, Jeri Moignard, Ron Patron



Teddies for Tragedies

“Teddies for Tragedies are made with love, to bring love, to be loved.”

Teddies for Tragedies are knitted teddies intended to bring comfort and hope to children around the world.

In 1986, a washable knitted teddy was added to a consignment of medicines going to a refugee camp in the Sudan. The doctor replied “These teddies do more good than medicines. They cheer the children up, give them hope and soon they are on the road to recovery.”

The teddy knitting began and a bag was added, increasing the play value. Teddies for Tragedies began in Guilford in 1991, now there are several branches around the country and across the world.

The teddies are sent to refugee camps, orphanages and hospitals in Africa, Eastern Europe and South America, in fact anywhere where there is a need.

Very often one of these teddies can be the first thing that a child owns. It encourages use of imagination, manipulative skills, learning of colours etc, while the bag can store his or her treasures, gives a home for the teddy and is even sometimes used to carry school books!

It is very important that the teddies are knitted to the standard pattern, as variations can cause whole consignments to be confiscated by Customs officials. The teddy should be a toy that will be safe in a child’s hands, sufficiently uniform not to excite rivalry and to reassure Customs officers that the consignment contains nothing to concern them.

Daphne Hawel heard about Teddies for Tragedies in 2005 during a trip to Lourdes and started knitting and sewing. During 2015 Teddies were taken to by the teams working participating in the Commission community work projects to Bangladesh, Uganda and Zambia.



2015 Grants Awarded to Jersey Charities working overseas

2015 GRANTS AWARDED TO JERSEY CHARITIES WORKING OVERSEAS

Bangladesh

Island Aid for World Children

Furnish of new classroom block for VIEW Little Star School, Kurigram £10,307

Burkina Faso

Freedom Church

Construction of Pharmacy and initial stock, Bobo-Dioulasso £10,630
Provision of 60 classroom desks, Bobo-Dioulasso £2,625

Kenya

Bush Hospital Foundation

MAMA Pii water project, Awasi Community £29,867

Jersey Nyalkinyi Communities

Completion of Maternity and administration block, Nyalkinyi £6,210

Help from the Rock

Provision of clinic, Pala £21,026

Shariani Village Trust

Equipment for Tuamini Academy Secondary School £17,000

St Clements Church

Provision of new classrooms for Chidzipwa Waterpan Primary School £9,000

WASOT UK

Construction of an 8 Classroom Block for Bacho Primary School £42,549

Rwanda

Hands Around the World Charitable Trust

Completion of renovation of existing classrooms at Muko School, Bugarama £3,500
Provision of classrooms at Mihabura Primary School, Bugarama £29,575

Sri Lanka

Island Friends Together

Delft Community Development Programme £8,050

The Gambia

Jersey Africa Projects

Shipment of donated goods, Janjanbureh £2,300

Uganda

Ngora Trust

Small scale health and education infrastructure work, Ngora £5,000

Margaret Fenlon Ward Bequest

Jersey Gambia Schools Trust

The Jersey Gambia Schools Trust a long term established partner of the Commission was awarded a grant of £55,103 for the construction of a two storey classroom block at the Jersey Upper Basic and Technical Senior Secondary School, Sohm Village, the Gambia.

JOA first worked with the Jersey Gambia School's Trust over 15 years ago when the first application received was for the sinking of wells. Since then JOA has supported several projects including sending a team of volunteers to undertake a community work project in 2004 and various £=£ grants. Having made a sustained contribution at Sohm, the Commission agreed that funding be allocated from the Margaret Fenlon Ward Bequest to construct a two story, six classroom block at the Jersey Technical Upper School and Senior Secondary School (JYUSSS).

A need was clearly demonstrated as further to consultation with the Region 2 Directorate and Board of Governors of the JTUSSS the optimum number of students should be one hundred per year intake giving a total of six hundred students each year. At present the intake is four hundred. The school, 23km from Brikama the nearest town, operates a double shift system.

Commissioner Le Troquer visited the project in March 2016 and reported "Having been met on the road by a large group of enthusiastic pupils I was given an escorted tour of the whole school. I was able to visit and view all previous JOA funded projects within the school complex. However, the highlight was being able to visit the building site where the six new classrooms were being constructed. The new building is in the centre of the school complex and workmen were on site during my visit. The construction had reached first floor level and the new classrooms are on schedule to open in September 2016. As with previous JGST projects payment for the work is made by instalments as and when each element of the construction is completed. A percentage of the funding will be retained until the Trust is satisfied with the completed building. Members of the JGST ensure constant monitoring of the building work by both their local representatives and during regular visits when in the Gambia".

The Ngora Trust

JOA has supported several projects implemented by the Ngora Trust at St Joseph's Parish in Uganda. The Commission has sponsored several projects with the trust mainly on a £=£ basis and has also sent teams of volunteers to undertake community work projects in the area.

Due to long distances and shortage of boarding facilities at Fr. Borghols Vocational Training Institute, the Ngora Trust approached JOA with a project to convert a dilapidated Chapel building to boarding facilities for girls as many miss

out on vital services offered by the Institute. Many feel very vulnerable and easily fall out of education programmes due to socio-economic pressures. It is for this reason that most parents are wary of putting their daughters in a school that does not have adequate and secure boarding facilities. The new dormitory once constructed, furnished and fenced in, would provide a safe and conducive environment for the girl students at the Institute. It would enhance concentration and stability of the girls on courses thereby contributing greatly towards realization of the Institute's overall goal of passing out job creators and community developers.

JOA awarded a grant of £80,547 and a further grant of £10,133 to be issued in 2016.







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