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THE SCOTLAND MALAWI PARTNERSHIP SCIO

Report of the Trustees

And

Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Scotland Malawi Partnerships SCIO, reports and financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2022

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The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the SCIO constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006 and 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.

On 1st April 2021, The SCIO took over the assets, liabilities and operations of the previous Company Limited by Guarantee, which then ceased to operate. The company limited by guarantee is being wound up. The SCIO has operated in the same manner as the company limited by guarantee from that date.

Objectives and activities

The Scotland Malawi Partnership SCIO (SMP), per its constitution, exists to coordinate, represent and support the many civic links between Scotland and Malawi. It is the national umbrella network for Scottish organisations and individuals involved with Malawi. The membership is diverse, consisting of schools, colleges, universities, churches, hospitals, international development organisations, businesses, charities, community organisations and individuals.

Objectives

Our Vision:

The SMP exists to inspire the people and organisations of Scotland to be involved with Malawi in an informed, respectful, dignified, coordinated and effective way to the benefit of both nations.

The Scotland Malawi Partnership promotes a people-to-people model of development, rooted in the shared history between our two countries. It focuses on active relationships between people to foster a shared understanding of the development challenges facing Malawi and to support the formation of practical, sustainable solutions. It is through this friendship, trust and shared understanding that the people of Scotland and Malawi will be able to effect real and lasting change, both through their own activity and by influencing the policies and actions of governments, parliaments and national institutions. The model is predicated on mutuality of benefit, enabling both nations to overcome social challenges and meet the aspirations of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

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Our Mission:
We aim to foster links, consistent with our Partnership Principles (www.tinyurl.com/SMPPrinciples), between the two nations, and encourage the advancement of sustainable development in Malawi by:

- Informing and inspiring civil society in Scotland about the work of the Partnership, the unique shared history between Scotland and Malawi, and the development challenges facing Malawi, in order to increase public support for extending and enriching the relationship between the two nations.
- Seeking to employ an alternative model of international development, based on mutually beneficial civil society partnerships and links, and advocating its wider employment elsewhere.
- Acting as a forum for encouraging best practice amongst members through the provision of training and the sharing of ideas, processes and information.
- Encouraging a reduction in the duplication of effort in Malawi by facilitating networking, cultivating collaboration, promoting shared learning and raising awareness of existing initiatives.
- Developing support mechanisms which can lead to an exchange of people and/or advance cultural, political or economic understanding between Scotland and Malawi.
- Providing a platform that informs our members of activities, opportunities or items of significance arising in either Scotland or Malawi.
- Demonstrating the relevance of Scotland's civil society contribution to the attainment of the Government of Malawi's Growth and Development Strategy III, the Scottish Government's International Development Strategy and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Our Values:
Our Values describe our approach; our Vision and Mission can only be achieved if staff, Trustees, member organisations and associate members hold these values:

- Mutual respect – We recognise that the historic bilateral civil society relationship between Scotland and Malawi is built on trust and mutual respect and we celebrate its inherent reciprocity.

- Cooperation - We foster a spirit of cooperation, building partnerships and alliances in pursuit of our objectives, avoiding duplication and forging creative ways to work together.

- Internationalism - We stand in the tradition of Scottish internationalism, resisting isolationism and xenophobia, believing that Scotland's strength lies in building strong relationships with nations elsewhere in the world.

- Member-led – We seek to be keenly attentive to the needs and aims of our members, allowing their priorities to shape our direction. Paramount in all our work is provision of the highest possible quality of service to our members.

- Continuous improvement – We continuously strive to improve the quality of our service, as perceived by our members, to encourage viable, ethical development activity between our members and their Malawian counterparts.

- Visible collaboration – We understand the sector(s) in which our members are operating, both in Scotland and Malawi, and foster collaboration in order to maximise impact.

- Social Justice – Staff, Directors and members are committed to encouraging links between Scotland and Malawi, to reduce poverty, promote justice and relieve suffering in Malawi. To achieve that, we all have a role to play in managing our own development and in being supportive of others.

Partnership Principles:

Planning and implementing together
Appropriateness
Respect, trust and mutual understanding
Transparency and Accountability
No one left behind
Effectiveness
Reciprocity
Sustainability
Do no **H**arm:
Interconnectivity
Parity (equality):

Operational Activity:

SMP events:

In 2021/22 the SMP hosted 33 events attended by 1,837 people and a further 18 SMP co-hosted/partnered events attended by over 2,420 people, with a total overall attendance of 4,257+.

Of the total 51 events: 42 (82%) were entirely digital, 9 (18%) were entirely in-person and 5 (10%) were hybrid (in-person with digital attendees/contributors).

2021/22 Solely SMP Events:

Event (click cell to visit webpage)	Date	Format	Total No. of Attendees
Meet FCDO's Malawi Development Director - Fiona Ritchie	29/04/2021	Digital	91
Youth and Schools Consultation	18/05/2021	Digital	3
Roundtable meeting with CEO of National Planning Commission	25/05/2021	Digital	75
Member Meeting with Minister for Scotland, Iain Stewart MP	26/05/2021	Hybrid	51
Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 1	1/6/2021	Digital	9
Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 2	8/6/2021	Digital	9
Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 3	15/06/2021	Digital	9
Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 4	22/06/2021	Digital	9

Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 5	29/06/2021	Digital	9
Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 6	6/7/2021	Digital	9
Chichewa Challenge 2021 - Session 7	13/07/2021	Digital	9
Covid-19 Update and SMP Health Forum	4/8/2021	Digital	86
SMP Further and Higher Education Forum	21/09/2021	Digital	44
Agriculture and Food Security Forum	28/09/2021	Digital	54
Youth and Schools Forum	5/10/2021	Digital	24
SMP AGM 2021	9/10/2021	Digital	215
Covid-19 Coordination Meeting and SMP Health Forum	20/10/2021	Digital	39
Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar 1	27/10/2021	Digital	126
First Lady Reception at David Livingstone Birthplace	1/11/2021	In-person	39
Afternoon Tea with the First Lady of Malawi	2/11/2021	In-person	25
Scotland-Malawi Climate Cooperation: Malawi's COP26 Homecoming	4/11/2021	In-person	200
President of Malawi Tree Planting	4/11/2021	In-person	
Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar 2	30/11/2021	Digital	57
Renewable Energy Forum	8/12/2021	Digital	95
Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar 3	15/12/2021	Digital	67
Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar 4	26/01/2022	Digital	83
Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity	9/2/2022	Digital	87
Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar 5	23/02/2022	Digital	45
Covid-19 Co-ordination Meeting & SMP Health Forum	18/03/2022	Digital	81
Tropical Storm Ana - Listening to Malawi	21/03/2022	Digital	55
Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar 6	29/03/2022	Digital	37
Chichewa Language Lesson 1	29/03/2022	Digital	17
Youth and Schools Forum	31/03/2022	Digital	78
TOTAL ATTENDANCE			1837

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2021/22 SMP Co-Hosted/Partnered Events:

Event (click cell to visit webpage)	Date	Format	Total No. of Attendees
Connecting Classrooms Training	28/04/2021	Digital	10
Malawi APPG AGM	17/06/2021	Digital	16
Malawi-UK Agro-Business Virtual Event	23/07/2021	Digital	275
Joint meeting of the Westminster Malawi APPG and Holyrood CPG with the President of Malawi	27/07/2021	Hybrid	14
EMMS International - Malawi Frontline Voices	2/9/2021	Digital	59
2050 Climate Group Youth Summit: Let's Talk COP26	4/9/2021	Digital	211
MaSP Youth Festival	14/09/2021	Hybrid	66
Online screening at home - 'The Ants and the Grasshopper'	22/09/2021	In-person	88
Edinburgh Filmhouse screening - 'The Ants and the Grasshopper'	24/09/2021	In-person	47
Glasgow CCA screening - 'The Ants and the Grasshopper'	25/09/2021	In-person	51
RSGS Inspiring People talk - 'Livingstone's Living Legacy?'	29/09/2021	Digital	179
Aberdeen Belmont Filmhouse screening - 'The Ants and the Grasshopper'	23/10/2021	In-person	32
CPG	28/10/2021	Digital	41
Inverness Eden Court screening - 'The Ants and the Grasshopper'	30/10/2021	In-person	35
President of Malawi visits David Livingstone Birthplace	3/11/2021	In-person	25
Minister of Foreign Affairs visits David Livingstone Birthplace	3/11/2021	In-person	21
Educate on Climate - The New York Times Climate Hub	5/11/2021	Hybrid	1250+
Support Malawi at the Africa Cup of Nations 2022	10/1/2022	Digital	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE			2420+

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Key areas of activity:

Covid-19 response:

The SMP continued to deliver against the four strategic priorities of its 'Covid-19 Response Strategy' in 2021-22:

- ***CONTINUITY:*** We will adapt and evolve our current work and plans to ensure business continuity, wherever this desirable, appropriate and possible.
- ***SUPPORT:*** We will deliver additional, tailored support to those affected by the crisis, including: members, those in Malawi, travel partners, and our staff.
- ***INNOVATION:*** We recognise that there are many challenges but also opportunities, including to develop innovative new digital modes of support and sharing. We will specifically look to develop innovative new services and support for school and youth groups who have had to cancel long-planned Malawi trips.
- ***INSPIRATION:*** We will look to inspire our members, the public and the media with stories of Scotland-Malawi collaboration, to keep members' spirits up and ensure we remain an outward-looking country, investing in the future of our 160-year old friendship with Malawi.

Covid-19 Coordination:

In 2021-22 the SMP hosted three further Covid Coordination meetings, in August, October and March. The SMP has hosted a total of 16 meetings in this series through the pandemic, bringing members, key stakeholders and experts together to share information about Covid-19 in Malawi. They have had a total attendance of over 1,587, with 674 different organisations and key individuals taking part.

- 94% of the 470 that have given feedback on the SMP's Covid coordination work have rated it as 'excellent' or 'very good'
- 95% say the SMP's support has strengthened their link with Malawi

Covid-19 Emergency Oxygen Appeal:

In 2021 the SMP completed its Covid-19 Emergency Oxygen Appeal, raising over £45,500. The 300 donors to this appeal included HRH The Princess Royal, a former UK Prime Minister and a former Scottish First Minister.

In keeping with its Partnership Principles, the SMP established an expert Oxygen Coordination Group of Scots and Malawians, who took time to listen to the needs and priorities of Malawians leading the fight against Covid-19. Through this process, it was quickly apparent that simply purchasing new oxygen concentrators was not the best use of the donated funds because the international delivery times for new hardware were extremely slow, such were the global supply issues. However, it was obvious that there was a significant quantity of existing hardware already in Malawi, which was not currently operational but could be fixed relatively cheaply. This approach allowed far greater impact of the funds on the ground as well as being far more sustainable.

The SMP worked through a local NGO 'Open O2', which supported local volunteer engineers to travel across Malawi fixing and maintaining oxygen concentrators and identifying essential equipment and supplies that were lacking. Following these local priorities, the SMP also purchased 300kg of zeolite (essential for oxygen concentrators to function), 100 Oxygen Saturation Monitors (essential for the treatment of those with Covid-19), and 52 Bullnose regulator valves and 52 flowmeters (to allow usage of oxygen cylinders at district and central hospitals).

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In 2022 the Chair of the SMP's Coordination Group, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Alberto Gregori FRCSEd FRCSEng DFM, personally toured the north of Malawi at his own expense to support essential operations and assess the lasting impact of this appeal.

After seeing 600+ patients and performing 87 operations, Alberto Gregori reported that every Oxygen Concentrator he came across was functioning (something never before achieved), with clear evidence of systematic asset management and maintenance, thanks to this appeal. We understand well more than half a million dollars of equipment has been fixed and the SMP's funds are still working hard in Malawi.

COP26 and the climate crisis:

With COP26, the global climate change conference, taking place in Glasgow, and Malawi chairing the LDC (Least Developed Countries) Group and SADC (the Southern Africa Development Community), the bilateral relationship had an especially prominent role at this key conference.

In consultation with members and partners in Malawi, the SMP had developed a 'Malawi at COP26' strategy which aimed to: give meaningful voice and visibility to Malawi at COP26 and, in so doing, raise awareness of Scotland's links with Malawi, promote our Members' work, and support climate justice in Malawi. The Partnership delivered well against this Strategy, including through the below engagements:

(i) 'Malawi's Homecoming':
During COP26 the SMP hosted a special reception for the President of Malawi, the First Lady and four Cabinet Ministers, to meet 200+ SMP Members and learn about 26 climate change partnerships between Scotland and Malawi.

The reception was live-linked to a parallel event in Malawi, the Scottish Government funded Malawi Climate Leaders 'COP26 Hub' in Lilongwe, which brought together 200 Young Climate Leaders from across Malawi. Young people in Malawi were able to speak directly to those in Edinburgh, including the President, sharing their views on the climate crisis and priorities for COP26.

Speaking one month previously at the SMP's 2021 AGM, the President of Malawi ended his inspiring speech saying: *"Seeing some of you at COP26 will therefore be a great honour for me, because if this conference was happening in another country, it would be a mere conference. But since it is happening in Scotland, it will be a homecoming".* We therefore called this reception 'Malawi's COP26 Homecoming'.

(ii) 'COP26 Voices':
In order to help amplify young voices, in the year running up to COP26, the SMP published 26 x 1-minute videos of young Malawians and young Scots talking about what the climate crisis meant for them and what they thought must come out of COP26. The videos were serialised through the year by the SMP through social media and then shared across channels during COP26.

(iii) 'The Ants and the Grasshopper' feature film:
The Scotland Malawi Partnership partnered with the 'Take One Action' film festival to support an inspiring new feature-length documentary, 'The Ants and the Grasshopper', shown across Scotland in the run up to COP26.

The film, by Raj Patel and Zak Piper, explores the real, human impact of climate change in Malawi. With SMP funding, there were screenings in cinemas across Scotland (Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Aberdeen) as well as online for those not able to attend in person. After each of the showings the SMP supported members of the Malawi diaspora in Scotland to speak to the audience about their experience of themes explored in the film, including climate change and gender equality.

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New York Times Climate Hub:

The SMP CEO, David Hope-Jones, followed Al Gore, Greta Thunberg, Emma Watson, Matt Damon and Malala Yousafza, in speaking on the New York Times Climate Hub 'Think Tank' stage.

Surrounded by 200 trees (and with real butterflies), the discussion event explored what role youth partnerships between the global north and south can play in fighting the climate crisis. David spoke about the many inspiring school partnerships between Malawi and Scotland, and the need for an approach underpinned by partnership and not charity. In addition to the in-person audience, the event had around 1,200 watching online from countries across the world.

'People to People' Podcast:

The SMP published a major new digital project in 2021-22, an 11-part podcast series co-produced and co-hosted by an inspiring young, female Malawian (Chimzy Dorey) and an inspiring, young, female Scot (Hazel Darwin-Clements). The series interviewed dozens of stakeholders in the bilateral relationship, from farmers and teachers to the President of Malawi, presenting their voices in an innovative and engaging way and making best use of new technologies. They listened to, and amplified, as many different and diverse voices as possible.

The 11 episodes explored the bilateral relationship through 11 'P's: the past, parity, purpose, perspective, planet, privilege, pause, ploughs, principles, pandemic, possibilities and President. Guests included the Malawian comedian Daliso Chaponda, former First Minister of Scotland Lord Jack McConnell, and President of Malawi H.E. Lazarus Chakwera.

Member Forums:

The SMP hosted ten member forums in 2021-22, with 643 attendees. Each of these meetings brought together members digitally around specific thematic areas to disseminate information, share members' learning and experience, and listen to colleagues in Malawi. These included:

1. Covid-19 Update and SMP Health Forum (attended by 86)
2. SMP Further and Higher Education Forum (attended by 44)
3. Agriculture and Food Security Forum (attended by 54)
4. Youth and Schools Forum (attended by 24)
5. Covid-19 Coordination Meeting and SMP Health Forum (attended by 39)
6. Renewable Energy Forum (attended by 95)
7. Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity (attended by 87)
8. Covid-19 Co-ordination Meeting & SMP Health Forum (attended by 81)
9. Tropical Storm Ana - Listening to Malawi (attended by 55)
10. Youth and Schools Forum (attended by 78)

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David Livingstone Legacy videos:

The SMP has had a long-term partnership with the David Livingstone Birthplace Centre in Blantyre, Scotland, with whom the SMP has been working to ensure a diverse range of views about Livingstone's legacy are well represented at the newly refurbished Centre. The SMP was commissioned by the Centre to produce 32 short videos from a diverse range of Malawians, Zambians, Scots and others from nations visited by Livingstone, sharing their views on his legacy. The SMP actively sought to highlight alternative assessments of Dr Livingstone's legacy, both positive and negative, to ensure there was not a single narrative of our shared history or risk air-brushing more challenging elements of our history.

The Centre re-opened in 2021 and, during COP26, the SMP gave personal tours to H.E. the President of Malawi, the First Lady of Malawi, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. All were extremely moved by, and supportive of, the centre and the SMP's videos exploring Livingstone's legacy. The Minister of Foreign Affairs was especially moved, talking about how his own ancestors were caught up in the east Africa slave trade which Livingstone fought to end.

President of Malawi:

His Excellency, Lazarus Chakwera, continued to embrace his role as Hon Co-Patron of the Scotland Malawi Partnership in 2021-22, attending six key events at the invitation of the SMP:

1. Speaking live from State House in Malawi, to address the SMP's Annual General Meeting on 9th October 2021
2. Visiting the David Livingstone Birthplace Centre on the 3rd November 2021
3. Meeting with the Chair and CEO of the SMP during COP26 on the 4th November 2021
4. Being interviewed by SMP member/partner youth journalists on the 4th November 2021
5. Attending, speaking at, and meeting SMP members in, the SMP's 'COP26 Malawi Homecoming' event on the 4th November 2021
6. Planting a Mulanje Cedar in the Royal Botanical Gardens of Edinburgh, on the 4th November 2021

Governance Strengthening:

As part of the SMP's 'Years of Governance Strengthening' it supported and sponsored a group of 25 leading Malawian academics to publish a new 400+ page, peer reviewed publication on governance in Malawi. 'Beyond Impunity: New Directions for Governance in Malawi', edited by Kenneth R. Ross, Asiyati Lorraine Chiweza and Wapulumuka O. Mulwafu, is arguably now the most comprehensive and up to date publication on governance in Malawi. With SMP funding, half the Malawi print run will be freely available in Malawi across learning and governance institutions, and half available at an affordable price commercially, with a print on demand available globally.

To reach the widest possible audience, the SMP serialised the publication across eight webinars, each with one or more of the Malawian authors summarising a chapter, a respondent from Scotland, and then open discussion about governance strengthening, informed by both the Malawian and Scottish experience. Scottish respondents included Former First Minister, Lord Jack McConnell, Church of Scotland Moderator Lord Jim Wallace, and other leading figures from Scottish public life.

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Fourth Plinth, Trafalgar Square:

The SMP was delighted to support Professor Samson Kambalu as his statue, 'Antelope', was shortlisted to be displayed in Trafalgar Square on the Fourth Plinth. With strong support from Scotland, of the six pieces shortlisted, Professor Kambalu's impactful statue of John Chilembwe won by popular vote and will be displayed for two years in Trafalgar Square from September 2022.

Prof Kambalu's bronze statue represents the pan-Africanist John Chilembwe (1871-1915), a key figure in the resistance to colonialism in Nyasaland (now Malawi). Beside him, on a smaller scale, stands the European missionary John Chorley. John Chilembwe is depicted wearing a hat: a potent symbol given, during colonial rule, Malawians were expected to remove their headwear when passing, or in the presence of, a European; as well as stopping and standing to one side. This courtesy was seldom acknowledged or returned by a European, hence the justified outrage.

Trafalgar Square (like many parts of Scotland) has numerous statues and memorials celebrating British colonial power. The SMP strongly supports 'Antelope' as an occupant of the fourth plinth, as a powerful statement of anti-colonial resistance.

Prof Kambalu has had his own 'Scotland-Malawi partnership' for over 20 years, having met his wife Susan Kambalu (a Scot) in Malawi while she was working at Kachere Books with (SMP member) Scottish Churches World Exchange and having been married by SMP Member Rev Bobby Anderson.

School Partnerships Practical Guide:

The SMP spent considerable time in 2021-22 consulting Scottish schools to understand how best the Partnership could support them through the unprecedented set of challenges resulting from Covid. Even the most Malawi-committed schools found it hard to be able to continue Malawi links with the same energy given all the challenges of Covid interruptions. As a result, the SMP used time and capacity to develop new resources and lesson plans to support schools in this unique space, including advice and support on school partnerships in the digital era.

The SMP also completely updated its School Partnerships Practical Guide. This process began with the SMP's sister network, the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) visiting 17 Malawi schools with Scottish links, right across Malawi. Feedback from Malawi was coupled with learning from the Malawian side, and new developments in best practice, to inform the new digital Guide.

The Foreword for the new Guide was written by Hon Agnes Nyalonje, the Malawi Minister of Education (and former MaSP Board Member), who has herself lived and worked in Scotland. Hon. Nyalonje also personally launched the new Guide at the SMP's Youth and Schools Forum on the 31st March 2022.

Business and Trade:

The SMP remained actively involved with the Malawi-UK Business Group Executive, organising, hosting and chairing a major agri-business networking event in July 2021. The half-day digital event brought together 200+ business leaders from both nations to explore increased collaborations and new partnerships. It involved Malawi's Minister of Trade, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, British High Commissioner, Greenbelt Authority CEO, Cannabis Regulatory Chair, MITC Chair, African Export-Imports Bank Director, and the CDC Director of Investments in Agriculture. The Nyasatimes reported: *"The event was exceptionally moderated by the Scotland Malawi Partnership … making it one of the very best digitally hosted events."*

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Chichewa Challenge:

From March 2022, the SMP hosted a seven-week online course teaching members Chichewa, Malawi's most spoken language. Participants were given the opportunity to learn how to greet their Malawian friends and hold basic conversations across various scenarios, such as buying food at the local market, visiting hospitals and discussing what they do for work.

The course was designed to be of maximum use for those visiting Malawi, as it included not just Chichewa training but also insightful information and discussions around Malawian culture, all in a relaxed and friendly environment. They were co-led by Enock Bamusi and Sarah Niven.

High-level endorsements in 2021-22:

H.E. Lazarus Chakwera, President of Malawi, addressing the UK Parliament's Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group on the 27th July 2021, said:

> *"We are very happy to have friends like Scotland…It is important that the relationships we have established over the years continue to flourish, not just through the diplomats and officials that represent governments but through the interaction of people-to-people links. This is what we are emphasising: when we come to talk about our relationship with the Scottish people – it is always the people-to-people, nation-to-nation, community-to-community."*

H.E. Lazarus Chakwera, President of Malawi, addressing the SMP AGM on the 9th October 2021, said:

> *"At our last interaction, I accepted the designation of Honorary Co-Patron of the Scotland Malawi Partnership, and so in that capacity, I wish to thank the Scottish Government for always honouring the fact that the bond between our two countries extends wider than the framework of partnership between our governments. I find great encouragement in the Scottish Government's efforts to go beyond supporting direct projects operating in Malawi, by also continuing to support and fund the Scotland Malawi Partnership in Scotland and the Malawi Scotland Partnership in Malawi. This support ensures that the civic links between our countries goes from strength to strength. In turn, the SMP is able to continue its work of supporting all the different links between our countries, which includes ensuring that all efforts are coordinated and, crucially, that Scotland's efforts in Malawi are always led by Malawi's priorities, not its own. This is why the Scotland-Malawi Partnership Principles, which underpin all the work we do together, not only have my full endorsement, but are also worthy of emulation in bilateral relations between nations in the Global North and nations in the Global South."*

H.E. Lazarus Chakwera, President of Malawi, addressing the SMP's 'COP26 Homecoming' event on the 4th November 2021, said:

> *"…it is perhaps the countless civic links between the two nations -links between churches, schools, hospitals, universities, communities and businesses – that are the beating heart of our partnership. Through the Scotland Malawi Partnership here, and the Malawi Scotland Partnership in Malawi, these civic links are coordinated, represented and supported: becoming more than the sum of their parts…Let me once again put on record my thanks to the Scottish Government for their long-term commitment to supporting theses civic links through their funding for these two crucial civic networks. The best way to safeguard the next 160 years of our nation-to-nation friendship is to ensure we are continuing to inspire each new generation of young Scots and young Malawians to become involved together."*

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Former First Minister Lord Jack McConnell, at the SMP's opening Governance Webinar on 27th October 2021, said:

> *"Thank you to everyone in the Scotland Malawi Partnership and the Malawi Scotland Partnership for breathing life, day by day, into this remarkable relationship between our two countries."*

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party gave a statement in September 2021, saying:

> *"It is truly impressive that over one thousand Scottish organisations and key individuals have active links with Malawi. Through education, communication and engagement we are forging a lasting relationship with this fascinating and creative country at the heart of Africa. Together Scotland and Malawi can grow and prosper together. I am particularly pleased to see the deep links between Malawi and my constituency, where there are memberships from groups as wide ranging as the RZSS Edinburgh Zoo and several local primary schools."*

Councillor Frank Ross, Rt. Hon. Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh, addressing the SMP's 'COP26 Homecoming' event on the 4th November 2021, said:

> *"Edinburgh City Council, and specifically the office of the Lord Provost, have been a longstanding supporter of the Scotland Malawi Partnership, reflecting the extent of civic links that exist across Edinburgh with Malawi. We have, in this building [the Edinburgh City Chambers], hosted the SMP Secretariat offices since 2007 and are delighted to again be using this space in the heart of Edinburgh…Perhaps the most special aspect of our bilateral friendship is the way it brings together government, parliament, local authorities, civic society, business and communities, in one collective effort."*

Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, addressing the SMP's 'COP26 Homecoming' event, 4th November 2021:

> *"Thank you to the Scotland Malawi Partnership for hosting today's wonderful event … the relationship and connections between Scotland and Malawi have stood the test of time and this a bond which remains special to us all: to us in government and to you here today who represent civic society in our two countries. I would like to thank all of you for the part you have played in the special relationship, particularly over the past 20 months as the world has faced the very hard reality of a global pandemic. The energy and dynamism here today is great to see and a brilliant example of the commitment to the relationship between Scotland and Malawi."*

• **Deputy First Minister of Scotland, John Swinney MSP**, speaking at the SMP AGM, 9th October 2022:

> *"I want to send my best wishes and those of the First Minister to everyone involved in this AGM. The First Minister wants to pass on her sincere apologies that she was unable to address this meeting as planned…In the 17 years since it was established, the Scotland Malawi Partnership has played a vital role in strengthening the ties between our two nations, so I want to start by thanking everyone: the individuals, community groups and charities, who have helped to make our partnership such an outstanding success. I know that over the past 18 months the pandemic has made the work that you do even more challenging so I am especially grateful to you for your efforts during that time. In fact over the past 12 months the relationship between Scotland and Malawi has deepened further. Although there is more to do, we have gone some way to meeting President Chakwera's challenge to re-double our efforts."*

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• **Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, Minister of Education, Government of Malawi**, in the Foreword of the SMP's new Schools Partnership Practical Guide, March 2022, said:

> *"Having previously lived and worked in Edinburgh with my family, I have long been involved in the bilateral relationship and actively engaged in both MaSP and the SMP. I know from this experience that these are values-driven networks: their work is about celebrating, supporting and developing civic partnerships which are underpinned by mutual respect, human solidarity and dignified partnership. Although Scotland is a donor to Malawi, it views Malawi primarily as a friend and a partner. This approach, and these values, are clear throughout this updated Guide…. It is clear how committed the SMP and MaSP are to further developing the relationship between Malawi and Scotland by challenging negative stereotypes and actively addressing power imbalances where they appear….*
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> *"I am keen to thank not only MaSP and the SMP but also the Scottish Government as, without their core funding of both networks, none of this work would have been possible. The intergovernmental links between our two nations are important and highly valued but they are just one component of the diverse and varied bilateral relationship. Our contemporary governmental and parliamentary links sit on a rich history of civic cooperation between churches, universities, colleges, hospitals, communities and, of course, schools and youth groups. With over 200 civic-led educational partnerships between our two nations, this is perhaps the lifeblood of our nation-to-nation friendship. MaSP and SMP play a crucial role in supporting all these wider links.*
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> *"The SMP and MaSP are two sides of the same coin: each is set up to coordinate, represent and support the bilateral relationship in their own nation; each brings their own cultural knowledge and understanding; and each holds the other to account. This is an innovative and inspiring model which I hope continues to grow and develop for many years to come."*

• **Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, Minister of Education**, Government of Malawi, speaking at the SMP's Youth and Schools Forum, 31st March 2022, said:

> *"I would like to start by congratulating the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) and the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) teams for being proactive and responsive in updating the Youth and Schools Partnership Guide. ...This work demonstrates the high level of commitment that the SMP and the MaSP have towards ensuring that nothing stops the youth and schools from serving as the centres for productive cultural exchange, ethical human development, and strengthening of historical ties between our two countries. This level of collaboration between the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) network in Scotland, and the Malawi Scotland Partnership network (MaSP) in Malawi is commendable for being both productive and progressive, in that it has seen many of our youth and schools benefit through exchange events over the past 150 years."*

<u>Political engagements:</u>

In 2021-22 there were 112 instances of the SMP receiving support/engagement from key civic and political leaders, including from: the President of Malawi; Ministers from the Malawian, UK and Scottish Governments; a former First Minister of Scotland and a former UK Prime Minister; as well as civic leaders including the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Lord Provosts and Provosts, and leading figures across the arts. These are listed below:

- *26 May 2021:* **UK Government Minister Iain Stewart MP** met with the SMP and members, communicating the support of the Scotland Office, at an SMP-organised roundtable. (tinyurl.com/257dvck6) [x1]
- *17 June 2021:* The Malawi APPG of the UK Parliament was formally reconstituted, with **13 MPs and Peers** attending and a further 16 expressing support remotely, with the SMP providing the secretariat and organising the meeting. (tinyurl.com/yc5u9s88) [x29]

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- *19 June 2021*: **Malawi's Deputy Minister for Labour**, Hon. Vera Kamtukule, wore a kilt to Parliament, dancing with other MPs to show her support for girls' education and Malawi-Scotland links (tinyurl.com/nha924nj) [x1]
- *27 July 2021*: The **President of Malawi** met with the Malawi APPG in the UK Parliament and the Malawi CPG in the Scottish Parliament, expressing his strong support for Malawi-Scotland links, with 12 MPs, Peers and MSPs attending the hybrid event. The SMP provides the secretariat for both groups and organised this meeting. (tinyurl.com/bdrz2k5s) [x12]
- *April – November 2021:* The **President of Malawi, former First Minister Lord Jack McConnell**, leading Malawian comedian **Daliso Chaponda**, and many others showed their support for Scotland-Malawi links by being interviewed in the SMP's 'People to People' podcast (tinyurl.com/mutpkkb5) [x3]
- *28th Sept 2021*: **Alex Cole Hamilton**, the new Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, met with the SMP and gave his formal support for Scotland)-Malawi links, joining the leaders of the four other political parties in Holyrood (tinyurl.com/yeyw6nvw) [x1]
- *April - September 2021:* Former First Minister of Scotland **Lord Jack McConnell**, former UK Prime Minister **Gordon Brown**, and **HRH The Princess Royal** all made donations to the SMP's Oxygen Covid Appeal as a show of support for this work (tinyurl.com/3zh9hwu3) [x3]
- *9th Oct 2021*: The **President of Malawi** spoke live at the SMP's AGM, giving a speech re-stating his strong support for the SMP, as the charity's Hon-Co Patron (watch here / read here). **Deputy First Minister**, John Swinney, and 4th plinth commission winning artist **Prof Samson Kambalu** also gave excellent speeches outlining their support (tinyurl.com/mrywub4s) [x3]
- *27th Oct 2021:* Former First Minister **Lord Jack McConnell** opened the SMP's Governance Webinar Programme with a speech about Scotland-Malawi links (tinyurl.com/55zz8n6z) [x1]
- *28th Oct 2021:* **MSPs** met to reconvene the Scottish Parliament's Malawi Cross Party Group (CPG), with the SMP providing the secretariat and organising the meeting. (tinyurl.com/yf5u4e57) [x3]
- *1st November 2021:* The SMP co-hosted the **First Lady of Malawi** at the David Livingstone Centre and the **Provost of South Lanarkshire**, with a diaspora-linked event supporting her Foundation (tinyurl.com/5cn7bw5y) [x2]
- *2nd November 2021:* The **First Lady of Malawi** and the **Depute Lord Provost of Edinburgh** gave speeches supporting Malawi-Scotland links at an Afternoon Tea event in the Edinburgh City Chambers, organised and co-hosted by the SMP (tinyurl.com/4rsxh6z8) [x2]
- *3rd November 2021*: The SMP co-hosted the **President of Malawi**, the **Minister of Foreign Affairs** and the **Malawi High Commissioner** at the David Livingstone Centre, with both giving strong support for the bilateral relationship (tinyurl.com/2p9w96m9) [x3]
- *4th November 2021*: The **President of Malawi**, the **Lord Provost of Edinburgh**, Angus Robertson the **Cabinet Secretary for Constitution and External Affairs**, all gave speeches at the SMP's 'COP26 Homecoming' event supporting the bilateral relationship. The event was also attended by the Scottish **Minister for International Development** and the Malawi Government's **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation**, the **Minister for Forestry and Natural Resources**, and the **Minister of Education**, and at least one other MP (tinyurl.com/5e2zknya) [x8]
- *4th November 2021:* The **President and First Lady of Malawi** planted a Mulanje Cedar Tree at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, to celebrate the Scotland-Malawi relationship during COP26, at an event co-organised by the SMP, with the **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation**, the **Minister for Forestry and Natural Resources**, and the **Minister of Education** (tinyurl.com/3awzkbfp) [x5]
- *24th November 2021*: **Nine MSPs** joined the Scottish Government Minister for International Development in a Scottish Government debate on Scotland's enhanced support for Malawi during Covid-19, each supporting the Scotland-Malawi relationship and/or priorities of SMP members (tinyurl.com/yckcdase) [x 9]
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- *30th November 2021:* **Sir Andrew Cubie** spoke in the SMP Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar series (tinyurl.com/55zz8n6z) [x1]
- *13th January 2022:* The Scottish Parliament's **Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee** took evidence from the SMP and subsequently included many of the SMP's points in its Inquiry report on the Scottish Government's international work (tinyurl.com/2p8x3vw9) [x7]
- *26th January 2022*: Lord Jim Wallace, **Moderator of the Church of Scotland** and former Deputy First Minister, spoke in the SMP Malawi-Scotland Governance Webinar series (tinyurl.com/55zz8n6z) [x1]
- *March 2022:* **HRH The Princess Royal**, extended her Patronage of the Scotland Malawi Partnership for a further three years. [x1]
- *March 2022:* **Malawi's Minister of Education**, Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, wrote a powerful Foreword for the SMP's updated School Partnerships Practical Guide (tinyurl.com/4x9rhrn5) [x1]
- *29th March 2022*: **11 MPs and peers** joined for the AGM of the UK Parliament's Malawi APPG, with a further three giving their support remotely. The SMP provided the secretariat and organised the meeting. (tinyurl.com/yc4s6r53) [x14]
- 31st March 2022: Malawi's **Minister of Education**, Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, gave a passionate speech (read here / watch here) in support of Malawi-Scotland education links at the SMP's Youth and Schools Forum (tinyurl.com/2p8repym) [x1]

Diversity and inclusion:

Through 2021-22 the SMP continued to deliver against its 2020 joint commitment to black lives matter, with its sister Malawian network, the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP). Both the SMP and MaSP are anti-racist and anti-prejudice: we stand in solidarity with those who fight racism, in all its forms, in both Scotland and Malawi.

The SMP ensured that diversity, inclusivity and race equality were key themes across different areas of MSP output, including its 'People to People' podcast, member discussions on decolonisation and a specific event on Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity in February 2022.

With regards gender, participants at SMP events in 2021-22 identified as: male (53%), female (45%), prefer not to say (2%), other (0%).

For all the many challenges of the Covid-19, the move to digital engagements has brought a number of advantages for the SMP, most notably the ability to welcome a larger and more diverse audience. The SMP has always prided itself on its inclusive approach but, too often in the past, in-person events have excluded many people for very practical reasons of geography.

For the first time ever, the majority of people attending SMP events were Malawian with: 45% 'Malawian', 44% 'British/Scottish', 7% 'Other' and 4% 'prefer not to say'.

We very much welcome the inclusivity and diversity that this technology offers the SMP: this is entirely in line with our principles and values. However, we recognise that power, connectivity and adequate bandwidth are not readily available for all in Malawi. Malawi has some of the most expensive internet provision in the world. We are therefore committed to increasing digital inclusivity and continue to work actively with our sister network in Malawi to offer increasing practical support with connectivity (covering the cost of airtime, supporting access to IT hardware, etc).

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Becoming a SCIO:

The Scotland Malawi Partnership had previously been a Company Limited by Guarantee (SC294378) and a registered Scottish Charity (SC037048). When it was established, some 16 years ago, SCIOs (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) did not exist and companies limited by guarantee were deemed best practice. Since then, SCIOs have been developed precisely for charities such as ours.

In 2020-21 the Board and Members of the SMP decided to move to becoming a SCIO, formally adopting a new Constitution. Becoming a SCIO removes one layer of governance (Companies House) while retaining the important features of limited liability and charitable status. Indeed, a SCIO can only exist as long as it remains a charity. It also removes the necessity of members contributing to the assets of SMP in the event of it ceasing to function (currently £1 per member). Members unanimously voted in support of this proposal in 2020 and the SMP worked to complete this transfer of legal status in 2021-2.

Feedback and External review:

Member Needs and Impact Survey:

Every year the SMP conducts a Membership Needs and Impact Survey, asking members what impact the SMP has had on their work with Malawi over the last year and what members would like the SMP to do to support their work in the following year. In keeping with our core principles of transparency and accountability, and as a member-led organisation, we publicly share the full results of the survey.

90 SMP Members completed the online survey in April 2022 (40% of whom were individual members, 30% were organisational members, 9% school members, 7% youth members).

87% of respondents felt that membership of the SMP in 2020-21 "*helped strengthen, support or develop their links with Malawi in 2021-22*".

The SMP had six key strategic outcomes in 2021-22. Below we detail the proportion to which survey respondents felt the SMP had achieved this outcome in 2020-22:

- 'Increased knowledge of, participation in, and impact of Scotland's civic links with Malawi'
  61% "Yes, a lot" 39% "Yes, a bit" 0% "Not really" 0% "Not at all"

- 'Maintained mutual understanding, coordination, effectiveness and impact as a result of SMP-hosted activities'
  61% "Yes, a lot" 39% "Yes, a bit" 0% "Not really" 0% "Not at all"

- 'Maintained awareness and understanding amongst key stakeholders of governmental and civil society work with Malawi'
  54% "Yes, a lot" 44% "Yes, a bit" 2% "Not really" 0% "Not at all"

- 'Public awareness and engagement across Scotland of the bilateral relationship, the role of government and civil society, and the impact of this work'
  45% "Yes, a lot" 48% "Yes, a bit" 6% "Not really" 0% "Not at all"

- 'Continued visible and meaningful youth engagement and youth leadership in the bilateral relationship'
  61% "Yes, a lot" 34% "Yes, a bit" 5% "Not really" 0% "Not at all"

- 'A coordinated and confident sector with strong collaborations, clear mutual understanding, effective two-way assistance and common objectives'

53% "Yes, a lot" 45% "Yes, a bit" 2% "Not really" 0% "Not at all"

In addition:

- 84% of respondents felt the SMP has helped share members' experience and learning in innovative and useful ways
- 71% of respondents who had attended an SMP member forum found these "very useful", 26% found them "moderately useful", 2% "not very useful" and 0% "not useful at all".
- 97% of respondents said they felt the "SMP offers a welcoming, diverse and inclusive space for people to engage".

Feedback from enquiries handled:

At the end of the year, the SMP contacted all those who had approached the SMP with an enquiry or request for support in 2021-22, inviting them to complete a short survey:

- 73% said they were "very satisfied" in how their enquiry was handled,
- 13% were "moderately satisfied",
- 5% were "neither satisfied nor dissatisfied",
- 5% were "dissatisfied" and
- 5% "very dissatisfied"

Event feedback:

An advantage of digital events is the ease with which quick feedback data can be received. In total 612 event attendees gave feedback at the end of an SMP event. Of whom:

- 91% described the event as "excellent" or "very good"
- 95% said their link with Malawi had been supported/strengthened as a result of attending

Independent Expert Review:

Above and beyond the reporting required for the Scottish Government the SMP choses to also commission an external expert review assessing the impact of its work, to ensure it continues to develop and improve its work. In 2021-22 this review was conducted by the Corra Foundation, a highly respected Scottish foundation with considerable experience of both distributing and assessing the effectiveness of charitable grants.

The review concluded:

"The SMP's work in 2021- 22 has increased knowledge, participation and the impact of Scotland's civic links with Malawi. Member feedback remained positive and all milestone targets for the year were met (with the exception of membership targets where numbers fell slightly short, although increasing across all types of membership, namely individual, organisational, school, youth, and local authority). Numerous endorsements from civic and political leaders, including at a high level, support this conclusion."

"SMP-hosted activities in 2021-22 have contributed to mutual understanding, co-ordination, effectiveness and impact. Given that the 2021-22 period remained affected by pandemic restrictions at different points, and by a wider fatigue affecting many as Covid-19 continued to impact multiple areas of life for a second year, the number of SMP events delivered and the increase in participant feedback collected are noteworthy. While not specifically covered by this logframe, it also feels relevant to observe that the work

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SMP has undertaken during this period on equity, diversity and inclusion (including consideration of racial justice and decolonisation) has relevance for advancing mutual understanding, including, inter alia, the 'People to People' podcast series, cultural activities around David Livingstone's legacy and Samson Kambalu's artwork, and a series of discussions around equity and diversity."

"SMP work in 2021-22 has contributed to key stakeholders' awareness and understanding of governmental and civil society work with Malawi. Data on the number of digital views and interactions with the SMP bulletin and website visits has seen substantial increases following the implementation of new SMP measures which have evidently been successful. Evidence of member engagement indicates that despite the continuing pandemic context, members remained interested in engaging with others on their work through the SMP, including on Covid-19 response issues."

"SMP work in 2021-22 has contributed to public awareness and engagement on the bilateral relationship across Scotland. Targets for social media, online activity and local and national media coverage have been exceeded, with video production and viewing continuing to be an area of particularly and increasingly high activity that indicates both strong public interest and the quality of the material offered."

"SMP work in 2021-22 has contributed to visible and meaningful youth engagement and leadership. Despite the last year including some periods of pandemic-related closure which will have affected school members' engagement, and with the exception of the postponed Youth Congress, SMP work in this area has continued to exceed set targets and reach high numbers of young people. While not reflected in the logframe indicators and evidence, it is notable that the new MaSP & SMP Partnership Guide was also launched in the last year, reflecting a valuable new resource now available to support engagement and bilateral relationships in this area."

"SMP work in 2021-22 has contributed to co-ordination, collaboration and understanding among Scottish international development sector stakeholders active on Malawi. Targets for co-ordination meetings and joint events have been met or exceeded, and SMP external events and communications have actively supported input to and discussion of the Scottish Government's international development work and strategy. Notably, SMP was able to successfully use the specific opportunity offered by COP26 to leverage additional co-ordination and collaboration among different sector stakeholders to advance the common objective of responding to the climate crisis and amplifying voices from Malawi in relevant discussions and media coverage."

Financial review

The SMP's work is largely dependent on grants from the Scottish Government. Other grants and donations are received from time to time, mostly for specific restricted purposes.

Our income generating corporate partnership with Orbis Expeditions continued to be on hold in 2021-22, as travel between Scotland and Malawi was significantly impeded by Covid restrictions.

The total undesignated, unrestricted reserves at the year-end amounted to £124,219 (2021: £0). Restricted reserves are £12,755 (2021: £0). On 1st April 2021, reserves amounting to £115,322, of which £13,547 were restricted, were transferred from the company limited by guarantee and form the initial reserves of the SCIO.

In2021-22, the SMP agreed a revised budget with Scottish Government to reflect the different way of working enforced by Covid-19 restrictions. In 2022-23, the SMP has reverted to the original budgets agreed for the triennium ending on 31st March 2023.

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Most in-person event costs were able to be re-allocated to digital alternatives within the same budget lines, to achieve the same overall outcomes. While there were few in-person events in number, most took place during COP26 and were at a larger than average scale.

Risk management

The Trustees consider the risks associated with the work of the Charity on a regular basis. A risk register has been drawn up which is regularly reviewed by both the Board and its appointed Audit and Finance Committee. The risks fall into these main headings: reputational, staff issues, non-delivery and failure of programmes, failure to comply with legal and governmental obligations, financial issues, failures of partner organisations and IT matters.

For each risk, policies and practices have been identified in the risk registers which will mitigate the risk. Risks are dealt with by ensuring that Trustees and staff are aware of the policies and operate within the framework set out by the register.

An additional risk register was drawn up to reflect specific risks pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Audit and Finance Committee has reviewed these risks at its bi-monthly meetings throughout the pandemic to ensure the charity is acting safely and has continued to provide its services during this time.

Reserves policy

The charity has considered the reserves required and has taken into account the current and future liabilities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The amount maintained includes expenditure which would be incurred in Malawi.

From time to time, part of this expenditure will be funded from restricted grants. No adjustment has been made to the level of reserves required to reflect this.

The requirement to wind up the charity is most likely to occur if the grant from the Scottish Government is not renewed at the end of a 3-year period; the requirement might also come into play should the intimation of renewal of the grant be delayed beyond 31 December 2022 in the final year of the 3-year period.

The Audit and Finance Committee is presently reviewing the level of funding which would be required as there are several models which would meet the requirements; these mainly depend on whether all the staff are retained or whether a reduced level might be retained.

The level which the AFC is currently recommending to the Board is £90,000. However, this is under regular review and subject to change.

In the event that the Scottish Government grant ended early, the Trustees and staff would use the 3-month period to source alternative funds. This might entail the Charity operating at a different level thereafter.

The amount held at the year-end in unrestricted, undesignated reserves is £105,881.

Structure, governance and management

<u>Governing document</u>
The Scotland Malawi Partnership is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in Scotland; and registered as a Scottish charity, number SC050781. It is governed by its Constitution.

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Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees
New Trustees are appointed at the October Annual General Meeting. All Trustees take policy decisions at regular Trustees' meetings. Within that framework, day-to-day operations are carried out by the staff under the direction of the CEO.

Trustee Induction and Training
When new Trustees are appointed they are provided with a handbook. Where appropriate, ongoing training is provided on relevant topics. Financial training was recently provided to all the Trustees.

Related parties
None of the Trustees have any interest in any contract or dealing with the Charity. From time to time, trustees may purchase services from the Charity, either on a personal basis, or through a charity or organisation with which they are associated. The effects of these are minimal and would be on normal commercial terms.

Organisational structure
The Charity is under the control of the Trustees who meet six times a year; there is also an Audit and Finance Committee, a Human Resources Committee and a Policy and Strategy Committee which meet regularly. Through 2020/21 all Board and staff meetings, and the AGM, have taken place digitally, on Zoom. The Charity is under the day to day control of the Chief Executive, David Hope-Jones OBE, who reports to the Board.

Reference and administrative information

Charity Name:
The Scotland Malawi Partnership

Registered office:
Room 3/1, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ

Operational address:
Room 3/1, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ

Charity registration number:
Charity number: SC050781

Trustees
Trustees serve on a three-year rotation and can stand for re-election at the expiry of the three year period. All the trustees of the Company Limited by Guarantee became trustees of the SCIO on inception. They continue in office for the same periods as if the transition had not happened.

Heather Cubie (Chair)	
Claire Martin (Co-Vice Chair)	
Douglas Young (Co-Vice Chair)	
Fiona Anderson	
Jeremy Bagg	(appointed 9th October 2021)
Charlotte Bevan	(retired 9th October 2021)
John Briggs	
Susan Dalgety	
Chimwemwe Dorey	
Moira Dunworth	(retired 9th October 2021)

Andrew Goudie	
Blessings Kachale	
Davie Luhanga	(appointed 9th October 2021)
Gillian McMahon	(retired 9th October 2021)
Tracy Morse	(appointed 9th October 2021)
Tione Mtalimanja	
Rachel Philips	
Denis Robson	(retired 9th October 2021)
Gift Thompson	
Emma Wood	(appointed 9th October 2021)

Co-Presidents
Robert Aldridge, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh *(ex officio)*
Jacqueline McLaren, Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow *(ex officio)*

Co-Patrons
Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, The Princess Royal
His Excellency Dr Lazarus Chakwera, President of Malawi *(ex officio)*

Chief Executive
David Hope-Jones OBE

Independent Examiner
The Trustees have appointed Wylie & Bisset LLP to act as Independent Examiners for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Wylie & Bisset LLP
Chartered Accountants
168 Bath Street
G2 4TP

Bankers
Bank of Scotland, 167-201 Argyle Street, Glasgow G2 8BU

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare 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;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the 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) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

Professor Lady Heather Cubie MBE (elected Chair June 2019)
Chair of the Board

Date: 2nd November 2022

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Independent Examiners' report to the Members of the Scotland Malawi Partnership

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 24 to 36.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) only of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Mulholland,F.C.C.A
Wylie & Bisset LLP
168 Bath Street
Glasgow
G2 4TP
Date: 2nd November 2022

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Statement of financial activities, incorporating Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:							
Grants and donations	3	124,703	271,083	395,786	0	0	0
Investment income	4	25	0	25	0	0	0
		124,728	**271,083**	**395,811**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities:							
Member engagements	6	13,264	254,163	267,427	0	0	0
MaSP grants and costs	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other grants and donations	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	6	4,165	0	4,165	0	0	0
		17,429	**254,163**	**271,592**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		107,299	16,920	124,219	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	12	4,165	(4,165)	0	0	0	0
		111,464	**12,755**	**124,219**			
Funds reconciliation							
Total funds brought forward		0	0	0	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total funds carried forward		**111,464**	**12,755**	**124,219**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible fixed assets	9	5,583	0	5,583	0
Current assets:					
Debtors	10	246	0	246	0
Cash at bank and in hand	10	119,015	12,755	131,770	0
Total current assets		119,261	12,755	132,016	0
Liabilities:					
Creditors falling due within one year	11	13,380	0	13,380	0
Net current assets		105,881	12,755	118,636	0
Total assets less current liabilities		111,464	12,755	124,219	0
Creditors, amounts falling due after more than one year	11			0	0
Net assets		**111,464**	**12,755**	**124,219**	**0**
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted income funds	12	111,464	0	111,464	0
Restricted income funds	12	0	12,755	12,755	0
		111,464	**12,755**	**124,219**	**0**

The notes on pages 24 to 36 form part of these accounts.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

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(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2nd November 2022
and were signed on its behalf by:

Professor Lady Heather Cubie (elected Chair June 2019)
Chairman of the Board

Charity number: SC037048

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of The Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective January 2015 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (as amended).

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£)

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The main restricted funds are created by grants separately from the Scottish Government and other donors disclosed in note 12.

Further details of each restricted fund are disclosed in note 12.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the case of smaller donations, these are recognised when they are received. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either these conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution, refer to note (f) below.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was included.

(f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on the time spent on those activities by the Chief Executive and Trustees. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 5.

(g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities includes amounts transferred to Malawi Scotland Partnership, other direct costs, an allocation of support costs and governance costs.

(h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets intended to last for more than a year and which cost over £400 are capitalised and carried in the financial statements at historical cost. Depreciation is charged to write off the assets on a straight line basis over their useful lives, which is considered to be 3 years.

(i) Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution “money purchase” scheme for its UK-based employees. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. The costs of the scheme are included within support costs and charged according to the methodology set out in note (f) above.

The money purchase plan is managed by The Pensions Trust and the plan invests the contributions made by the employees and the Charity in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan. The pension fund is then converted into a pension upon the employee’s normal retirement age which is defined as when they are eligible for a state pension. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contribution and paying across the deductions for the employee’s contributions.

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2. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

Except as stated, no Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract of the charity. Chimwemwe Dorey is co-producing a podcast for Scotland Malawi partnership. She was paid £1,400 (2020: £nil) during the year for this work.

Travelling and subsistence expenses of £nil were repaid to Trustees during the year (2020: £169 was repaid to 2 Trustees) .

3. Income from grants and donations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Restricted grants		
Scottish Government, core grant	242,536	0
Scottish Government, MaSP grant	0	0
Other Restricted Grants	15,000	0
	257,536	
Unrestricted grants and donations	22,928	0
Brought forward from Company Limited by Guarantee	115,322	
	395,786	**0**

4. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank interest	**25**	**0**

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

5. Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below:

Cost type	Total allocated £	Governance related £	Other support costs	Basis of Apportionment
Staff costs	**180,273**	18,027	162,246	Staff time
Other staff related costs	**28,140**	2,814	25,326	Staff time
Office rental and costs	**22,231**	9,524	12,707	Direct
	230,644	**30,365**	**200,279**	

Allocation on staff time is based on an analysis of the time spent by the Chief Executive. Direct is where certain expenses are paid direct from a specific fund.

Governance costs	2022 £	2021 £
Trustee expenses (note 2)	0	0
Independent examiner's fee	1,560	0
Costs of meetings	456	0
Support costs (see above)	30,365	0
	32,381	**0**

The total support cost attributable to charitable expenditure is then apportioned to the various categories of charitable expenditure. As most of the support costs are funded from the Scottish Government core grant, they are allocated mainly to that grant, as follows:

Allocation of governance and other support costs	2022 £	2021 £
Member engagements	230,644	0
	230,644	**0**

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6. Analysis of charitable expenditure

In 2022, the expenditure on charitable activities was £271,692 (2021: £0), of which £13,264 (2021: £0) was from unrestricted funds and £258,328 (2021: £0) was from restricted funds.

	Direct £	Support and governance costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Funded from unrestricted funds:				
Member engagements	364	12,901	**13,264**	**0**
MaSP grants and costs	0	0	**0**	**0**
Other grants and donations	0	0	**0**	**0**
	364	**12,901**	**13,264**	**0**
Funded from restricted funds:				
Member engagements	236,698	17,464	**254,163**	**0**
MaSP grants and costs	0	0	**0**	**0**
Other grants and donations	0	0	**0**	**0**
Depreciation	4,165	0	**4,165**	**0**
	240,863	**17,464**	**258,328**	**0**
	241,227	**30,365**	**271,692**	**0**

7. Analysis of staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	180,273	0
Social security costs	17,705	0
Other pension costs	9,935	0
	207,913	**0**

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 6 (2021: 0) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

Notes to the financial statement (continued)

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise the Trustees and the Chief Executive. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £48,397 (2021: £0). No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021: none).

8. Remuneration of the independent examiner

The independent examiner's remuneration constituted an examination fee of £1,560 (2021 £0).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £
Cost	
At 31 March 2021	0
Additions	9,749
At 31 March 2022	9,749
Aggregate depreciation	
At 31 March 2021	0
Charge for the year	4,165
At 31 March 2022	4,165
Net book amount	
At 31 March 2022	5,584
At 31 March 2021	0

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

10. Analysis of current assets

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Prepayments and accrued income	246	0
Receivables	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	131,769	0
	132,015	**0**

All prepayments and receivables in 2022 refer to unrestricted funds (2021: unrestricted).

Cash at bank and on hand were as follows: unrestricted funds £119,015 (2021: £0) and restricted funds £12,754 (2021: £0).

11. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Creditors under one year		
Payables	222	0
Social security and other taxes	4,528	0
Pension fund payable	0	0
Other creditors	1,011	0
Accruals and deferred income	7,618	0
	13,379	**0**

Creditors falling due after one year		
	0	**0**

All creditors in 2022 refer to unrestricted funds (2021: unrestricted).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of fund movements	Balance Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
Designated funds:					
Fixed assets	0	4,222	0	1,361	**5,583**
Book launch	0	2,000	2,000	0	**0**
Unrestricted funds		118,506	15,429	2,804	**105,881**
	0	**124,728**	**17,429**	**4,165**	**111,464**
Restricted funds:					
Scottish Government core	0	243,360	237,008	4,165	**2,187**
Scottish Government MaSP	0	0	0	0	**0**
Global goals	0	947	0	0	**947**
David Livingstone Trust	0	10,343	10,343	0	**0**
Other grants	0	5,001	0	0	**5,001**
Scholarships	0	4,423	0	0	**4,423**
Oxygen Appeal	0	7,009	6,812		**197**
	0				0
	0	**271,083**	**254,163**	4,165	**12,755**
	0	**395,812**	**271,592**	**0**	**124,219**
Year ended 31 March 2021:					
Unrestricted funds	0	0	0	0	**0**
Restricted funds:					
Scottish Government core	0	0	0	0	**0**
Scottish Government MaSP	0	0	0	0	**0**
Global goals	0	0	0	0	**0**
Other grants	0	0	0	0	**0**
Scholarships	0	0	0	0	**0**
Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	**0**
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Designated funds: an amount equivalent to the carrying value of the fixed assets has been designated, as this sum is not immediately available for use by the charity.

£2,000 has been designated to support a book launch and related podcasts in 2021 in Malawi.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The main restricted funds are created by grants separately from the Scottish Government and other donors disclosed in note 12.

The Scottish Government core grant represents funds received from the Scottish Government for the running of the charity. These are eligible to be disbursed for the purposes set out by the Scottish Government in the agreements signed with them from time to time.

The Scottish Government MaSP grant represents funds from the Scottish Government restricted to specific costs of the Malawi Scottish Partnership. Malawi Scotland Partnership is now funded directly by the Scottish Government; this fund is now closed.

David Livingstone Trust have provided funds to the Scotland Malawi Partnership to make videos of the links with Malawi. This project finished during the year to 31 March.

During the preceding year, an Oxygen Appeal was set up to assist Malawi during the global pandemic. In excess of £40,000 was raised in one month. This has largely been spent on providing oxygen generators to Malawi; and funding a local organisation to repair oxygen generators in Malawi, amongst others. This was largely finalised in the year ended 31 March 2022 and the small balance has been disbursed since the year end.

13. Pension commitments

The company pays into the personal pension plans of certain staff members. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. Contributions paid during the year amounted to £0 (2021: £0). At the balance sheet date unpaid contributions of £0 (20201: £0) were due.

14. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a registered Scottish charity.

The charity is a SCIO, established in March 2021. On 1st April, 2021, it took over the assets, liabilities and undertakings of the company limited by guarantee known as Scotland Malawi Partnership.

15. Government Grants

The charity received government grants totalling £242,536 (2021: £0) towards funding of core activities.

16. Post Balance Sheet Event

There are no post balance sheet events which require to be disclosed in these financial statements.