



HelpAge International UK
(known as Age International)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

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Trustees' report

Structure and Governance

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

Age International is an independent charitable company limited by guarantee. It is a subsidiary of Age UK (registered charity 1128267) and forms part of the Age UK group. Age International is the UK affiliate of the HelpAge International global network of age focused organisations. The network has 114 affiliates in 73 countries.

Age International is governed by a Board of six Trustees (its Memorandum and Articles allow for up to eight members), of which two are nominated by each of Age UK and HelpAge International ('HelpAge'), and one is nominated by each of the two organisations, these latter two serving for a three year term which may be renewed. The Board meets quarterly and Trustees have responsibility for the overall strategy and direction of Age International, and for financial and risk management. The Director of Age International is appointed by the Board and has day-to-day responsibility for the running of the Charity.

Objects of Age International

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

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

Objectives and Activities for 2014-15

The following objectives were set for Age International in 2014-15:

1. To improve the lives of older people in developing countries through emergency relief programmes, improving access to services and support, and by increasing their income
2. To improve the lives of older people in low and middle-income countries by achieving change in policy and practice at national, regional and global level
3. To work with Age UK and HelpAge to create a wide range of income streams that are sustainable, achieve growth, and enable Age UK to meet the income targets set for this period
4. To build a supporter base committed to taking action on ageing and international development
5. To increase understanding of, and support for, ageing and development issues among opinion formers, decision-makers and the UK NGO community and to achieve changes in policies and practices by agencies and government

The Trustees report here on the progress made during the year in meeting these objectives, and the objectives that have been set for 2015-16.

1. To improve the lives of older people in developing countries through emergency relief programmes, improving access to services and support, and by increasing their income

Age International achieves its international programme objectives through its partnership with HelpAge International ('HelpAge'). Funding is provided to HelpAge to implement a specific programme of work in designated countries to achieve objectives and outcomes that improve income, health and emergency response and which protect the rights of older people.

Age UK provided a significant proportion of the funds required to implement the programmes described below, and helped to leverage additional funds for HelpAge to make the whole programme of work possible. This year, Age International also raised significant funding for overseas projects thanks to grants from UK institutional donors.

In 2014-2015, Age International provided essential services to 850,000 older people and their families and communities in 38 low and middle-income countries: to improve their health, wellbeing and income security; the quality of care they both give and receive; to prepare for and recover from emergencies; and to have a voice in decisions that affect their lives.

Working as part of the HelpAge global network, we also helped ensure that 1.41 million older people had access to health services; and 1.8 million people benefited from new or improved social protection schemes.

1.1 Long-term development work

1.1.1 *Reducing poverty*

Age International ensures that older people can enjoy sustainable livelihoods by providing micro-credit and grants so they can start small enterprises to support themselves and others in their care. It provides agricultural inputs to people in later life, such as seeds and tools, and ensures that older people have access to water so they can carry out agricultural activities. Age International also provides frail and sick older people who cannot work with cash transfers, so they can buy the things they need.

Working through HelpAge, Age International sets up and works through Older People's Associations (OPAs) in order to carry out its poverty reduction work. In low and middle-income countries, Age International and HelpAge help older people to access pensions where they exist and lobby for pensions in countries where they don't.

In 2014-15, Age International continued to support a five year cash transfer programme in the north of **Kenya**, called the Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) – funded by the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID). This is an unconditional cash transfer programme for 500,000 poor and marginalised people, including those in later life.

In **Myanmar**, Age International's partner HelpAge responded to a call by the President for help in creating a pension. With the support of Age International, important first steps have been made in this area of work. A social pension in Myanmar will help address high levels of poverty among poor older people. Age International took on responsibility for this contract with the Department for International Development (DFID) – Strengthening the Ministry of Social Welfare to fulfil its role in expanding social protection – with a total value of £1.25 million over three years.

Age International started a three-year micro-credit programme in **Pakistan**, thanks to a £481k grant from the Big Lottery Fund (BLF). This project will work directly with 5,000 older people in Sindh Province to support their livelihoods activities through micro-credit activities. This will generate evidence of older people's resilience and reliability which will be used to combat age discrimination and financial exclusion, indirectly benefitting up to 45,000 older people. This helps older people to work their way out of poverty; improves the perception of older people as contributors to their household; and increases average household income.

Age International also secured a £498k grant from BLF for a three year sustainable livelihoods project in **Kyrgyzstan** and **Tajikistan**. The project will directly improve the livelihoods of 500 vulnerable multigenerational households in twenty rural cross-border villages. Indirectly, the project will also benefit a further 134,000 people (the total population of the twenty villages). The project will improve livelihoods by engaging older people in improved, resilient horticultural and livestock activities, which will lead to improved food production and nutrition. The twenty communities will have increased access to information and legal advice in order to achieve their rights and better access to pensions and entitlements. Twenty Self-Help Groups will also be established to provide training, support and a forum for sharing experiences.

In 2014/15, Age International ensured that:

- 10 governments were provided with technical assistance on social protection, with a new initiative in **Nepal** to integrate social pensions into a revised Senior Citizens Act
- 1.8 million older people accessed pensions and benefits worth £528 million a year, with significant growth in **Latin America** and **East Asia** and new schemes approved in **Ethiopia**, **Myanmar** and **Zanzibar** - in part as a result of policy and advocacy work by our partner, HelpAge
- 4,424 Older People's Associations (OPAs) – with 98,384 members in 20 countries - were involved in income-generating work, with significant growth in **India**, **Myanmar** and **Tanzania**, and moderate growth in the **Philippines**
- 134,000 older people were granted new access to financial services, with significant growth in **India** and **Kenya**, through access to community savings and loans schemes and access to commercial banking services respectively

1.1.2 Improving health and healthcare

In low and middle-income countries, Age International provides healthcare which takes into account the needs and rights of people in later life. This is achieved by training healthcare staff; ensuring people in later life can access medication and treatment for chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke and dementia; setting up mobile health camps; and providing mobility aids, hearing aids and eye care, including cataract operations.

For older people infected and affected by HIV, Age International provides support through HIV care and prevention programmes: supporting older carers with school costs for their grandchildren, supplying homecare medical kits, giving start-up grants to enable them to set up small businesses, and by forming support groups where older carers and those living with HIV meet for emotional and practical help.

In Spring 2014, Age International worked with the Age UK's 428 charity shops to collect donated goods to support its work. During Spring, donated items were sold to benefit vulnerable older people in developing countries. The UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID) then matched this effort pound for pound in a scheme called UK Aid Match. Together Age UK and Age International raised £3.9 million to fund a far-reaching healthcare project in four African countries, **Ethiopia**, **Mozambique**, **Tanzania** and **Zimbabwe**.

Working with HelpAge in these countries, over the next three years Age International aims to improve access to health and care services for 361,000 poor older people, making them less vulnerable to illness and worsening poverty. Older people will have access to age-appropriate health, HIV and care services, and to social entitlements that will better enable them to meet their health needs. The programme will also improve accountability of service-providers and policy makers both locally and nationally and achieve sustainable improvements in healthcare for older people.

In 2014-15, Age International ensured that:

- Health professionals in 8 countries were trained to support older people, with new initiatives in **Bangladesh** and **Sudan**
- 1.41 million older people in 29 countries reported increased access to health services with significant growth in the **Philippines**, with the introduction of a new health insurance programme for older people. Notable growth to access in government services was reported in **Ethiopia**, **India**, **Myanmar** and **Tanzania**

- Service-delivery work in the area of health, HIV and care was delivered to 120,000 older people in 26 countries
- Increased access to antiretroviral treatment or support services for older people and family members living with HIV were provided in 7 countries, with partners in **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe** supporting actions to ensure the implementation of the South African Development Community HIV and care guidelines
- 51,000 older people received improved access to community-based care, with notable growth through service provision and carer training in **Ethiopia, Colombia, Myanmar, Gaza, Serbia, Sudan** and **Zambia**
- 452,000 older people reported improved health status, due to improved access, service delivery, self-care and improved income, in 23 countries, with significant growth in the **Philippines** and **Tanzania**
- 20,000 older people received eyecare services in **Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Myanmar, Pakistan** and **Sudan**

1.2 Emergency response

Age International ensures that the needs of older people are met and represented following emergencies.

We continued to help older refugees fleeing the four-year conflict in Syria. Working with our local partners in **Lebanon** - Médecins du Monde, Amel Association International and YMCA Lebanon - Age International provided healthcare to those suffering from non-communicable diseases. The programme offered a comprehensive basket of services that covers promotion, prevention and management of diabetes and hypertension. On average, 310 new patients are enrolled in the project every month and 345 patients benefit from services related to the management of diabetes and hypertension.

Older people's needs were highlighted on many occasions among humanitarian actors, governmental bodies, UN agencies, INGOs and local NGOs via presentations and the dissemination of related material. Through this project, our implementing partner, HelpAge, became highly involved in the national NCD strategic planning process and was able to advocate for older people by including the development of a specific NCD protocol for older people within the overall strategy.

Following the typhoon in the **Philippines** in November 2013, Age International continued its three year recovery programme with its local partner, the Coalition of Services for the Elderly (COSE) by helping older people to re-establish their livelihoods; build new shelters; and obtain lost ID cards in order to improve their access to essential services such as health care and social benefits. Rights and entitlement messages were broadcast through weekly radio programme in order to inform and advocate for older people's rights. A total of 135 broadcasts were made from November 2014 to April 2015.

COSE also engaged with other agencies (Oxfam and Save the Children) in the provision of 336 shelters for vulnerable older people and people with disabilities; and the training of 266 carpenters in the "Build Back Better" approach to directly assist older people to rebuild their houses.

1.2.1 South Sudan

As a result of internal conflict and food shortages, 1.3 million people fled their homes in **South Sudan**. Over 3.2 million were in need of food aid. Older people were particularly vulnerable – less able to flee and more susceptible to malnutrition. Age International provided an emergency grant to its partner, HelpAge, so the two organisations could:

- Provide essential items to 600 older people who had fled their homes without any possessions
- Create two day centres for 1,500 older people, where they could receive trauma counselling
- Construct thirty latrines with handrails in camps for displaced people, thus making toileting easier for frail older people
- Deliver eye care to 300 older people, thus helping them to see again and feel more secure.

As a result of advocacy work, the United Nations agreed to include older people in South Sudan as a priority group for assistance. The Age International grant enabled HelpAge to establish a presence in the country and build the foundations to implement a 1.5 million Euro grant from the German government, thus allowing us to reach more older people in South Sudan.

1.2.2 Gaza

Following the conflict in **Gaza** in the summer of 2015, Age International worked with HelpAge to create a safe space for older people to come together. The day centre in Gaza City provides a place where more than 500 people in later life can socialise, receive counselling and share meals. We also:

- Provided vouchers so that 1,400 older people could replace destroyed possessions
- Helped 39 older farmers and artisans re-establish their livelihoods
- Repaired the houses of 210 older people
- Trained community care-givers and professional healthcare providers in the needs of older people
- Provided healthcare and medicine to 1,400 older people
- Distributed walking sticks, wheelchairs, food vouchers and hygiene kits.

These hygiene kits contained desperately sought-after items such as incontinence pads – thus meeting a physical need as well as helping to restore the dignity of those in need.

1.2.3 Ebola

This year saw a devastating outbreak of Ebola in West Africa. Age International launched an emergency appeal to help support older people faced with this deadly virus. It also participated in the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal.

Age International partnered with Restless Development in **Sierra Leone** to ensure its programme included a focus on the needs of older people. It funded the recruitment, training and deployment of 228 social mobilisation volunteers in four districts, reaching 176,000 people in more than 1,000 communities. A further 348 DFID-funded volunteers also received training and they reached 218,000 people in over 2,000 communities. The volunteers targeted older people in their awareness-raising and prevention work and also trained over 3,400 Community Champions to focus on older people. This social mobilisation approach has been widely recognised as one of the key actions that contributed to the falling incidence of the disease.

Age International also trained district health teams in Sierra Leone on how to effectively include and care for older people in their services. Age International also employed an Ageing Adviser in **Liberia** to make sure that other agencies responding to the Ebola crisis addressed the specific needs of older people.

In 2014-15, Age International ensured that:

- 23 countries were provided with humanitarian assistance or recovery programmes, with new responses in **Ukraine, Lebanon, Serbia, South Sudan, Indonesia** and **Nepal**
- 155,000 older people benefited from emergency response and recovery programmes in 23 countries with major responses in **Sierra Leone** and **Ethiopia**
- 17 countries improved their national disaster preparedness and response plans, with significant work in **Bangladesh, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan** and **Vietnam**; and with new engagements with humanitarian cluster systems in **South Sudan**
- 19 humanitarian agencies specifically responded to older people's needs in their policy and programmes, with new partners being Medecins du Monde, International Medical Corps and the BOND UK NGO Humanitarian Working Group

2. To improve the lives of older people in low and middle-income countries by achieving change in policy and practice at national, regional and global level

2.1 Partnership with HelpAge

Age International is a member of the HelpAge global network – which has 114 affiliates in 73 countries. Age International is the UK member. As a UK agency, Age International carries out policy and influencing work at a national level; as a member of the European network within the global network, Age International carries out policy and influencing work at a regional level; and as a member of the HelpAge network, it is part of a greater movement achieving policy change at a global level.

Age International provides HelpAge with an annual grant of £6 million in order to improve the lives of more than three million older people in over 40 low and middle income countries through a combination of long-term programme delivery and policy change.

Work on policy change focused at a global level on three areas: securing post-2015 sustainable development goals that explicitly include the needs and rights of older people; achieving progress in building the case for a UN Convention on the Rights of Older People; and contributing to the World Health Organization's work on its World Health Report 2015.

2.2 Protecting rights

Age International promotes the rights of older people by pressing for change both with and for them; and by helping to build Older People's Associations (OPAs) so that people in later life can make their voice heard and challenge discrimination.

In the UK, Age International engages in lobbying and campaigning work to change international development policies and approaches towards older people. For further information on this, please see section 5 below.

In 2014-15, Age International supported HelpAge's work in this area:

- 6,356 Older People's Associations (OPAs) with 442,000 members were supported, with new programmes in **Bangladesh, India and Tanzania**
- 2,333 OPAs with 38,000 members in 27 countries monitored government service delivery, with significant programmes in the **Philippines and Tanzania**
- 190,000 older people were assisted to claim existing entitlements, with growth in 14 countries , particularly **Tanzania, India, Kenya and Colombia**
- Work to prohibit or reduce abuse or discrimination against older people were implemented in 12 countries, with initiatives in **Lebanon, Jordan and South Sudan** on exclusion in humanitarian programmes and access to health services in **Nepal**
- 51,000 older people took action locally around specific rights abuses and exclusion from services, with continued growth in activism across 21 countries

2.3 Evaluation and learning

As an affiliate of the HelpAge International network, one of the aims of Age International is to work with other affiliates to strengthen the global network. One way to achieve this is through learning and sharing this learning. During the last year, Age International increased its emphasis on learning in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of what we, and HelpAge, do and to build the evidence base that informs our UK-facing policy, advocacy and communications work. During the year a Programme Monitoring and Learning Manager was recruited to work with the Senior Programme Manager to drive this process forward.

2.3.1 Evaluation of our Syria crisis response programme

During the year an independent evaluation was carried out of the Age International response to the Syria crisis in **Jordan** and **Lebanon**. The evaluation was largely positive, concluding that the programme was relevant to people with specific needs - older people and people with disabilities – who were largely excluded from the international refugee protection response in Jordan and Lebanon. It concluded that the response was also relevant to the strategic objectives of the UNHCR-led international response.

The evaluation also found that the Age International programme contributed to improving the lives of older people and people with specific needs. Learning from the evaluation has been applied to our continuing programme in Lebanon to ensure that services are improved.

2.3.2 Baseline studies and the Health Outcomes Tool

Baseline studies have been undertaken for the DFID-funded Better Health programme in four African countries – **Ethiopia**, **Mozambique**, **Tanzania** and **Zimbabwe** - and the BLF-funded programme livelihoods programmes in **Pakistan**. These reports will not only form baselines against which we will measure progress but will also support the development of advocacy strategies within the programmes, contributing to the programmes' sustainability by ensuring long-term change.

In addition, the HelpAge Health Outcomes Tool has been applied within the Better Health programme to complement the baseline study undertaken by external consultants. The tool assesses older people's wellbeing and life satisfaction as well as health based at the time of measurement. The tool looks at general health status, physical functionality, social and daily activities, work activities, emotional/mental functionality, dependency, access to health services, quality of health services, affordability and includes a functional test. The tool was tested in the latter quarter of 2014-15. A report will be developed next year and the results will form the baseline against which we can measure progress within the Better Health programme.

2.3.3 Review of the Older Citizens' Monitoring Approach

In the Better Health programme, Age International also started a review of the Older Citizens' Monitoring (OCM) approach. In OCM, older people are engaged in monitoring and evidence gathering, turning traditional research on its head. Instead of external researchers gathering data and drawing conclusions and recommendations from the analysis, older people within local communities decide which services or issues they are going to monitor; they collect the data themselves, and use the data to lobby policymakers and service providers. This review will inform the OCM work within the Better Health programme, but will also guide OCM practice and policy within the wider HelpAge International network. The report will be finalised in mid-2015.

2.3.4 Humanitarian Innovation Fund

Despite their potential vulnerabilities in humanitarian situations, older people are rarely identified as a group in need of nutritional or food assistance. Some humanitarian workers argue that the methodology for assessing the nutritional status of older people is costly and complicated. In order to address this issue, Age International worked with the Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF) in order to enable HelpAge to finalise the design and test a rapid assessment method for older people (RAM-OP) in **Ethiopia** and **Tanzania**. Following testing, the tool is now being finalised and will provide humanitarian partners with a simple, quick, reliable, robust and cost-effective method for assessing the nutritional status and vulnerabilities of older people in emergencies.

3. To work with Age UK and HelpAge to create a wide range of income streams that are sustainable, achieve growth and enable Age UK to meet the income targets set for this period

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

3.1 Emergency appeals

In summer, Age International ran an emergency appeal for **Gaza**, raising over £385k to support older people affected by the conflict. In October, an appeal for the Ebola crisis to help reach older people in the response raised over £313k.

Age International joined two DEC appeals on Gaza and the Ebola crisis, from which we were allocated £370k and £689k respectively.

Grants were received from The Evan Cornish Foundation and The Geoff Hill Charitable Trust. A number of generous individuals also donated funds for our work on Gaza and the Ebola Crisis.

3.2 Sponsorship, Cows n Things and Ophthalmic work

Age International continued to raise nearly £1.8 million through the Sponsor a Grandparent programme. A further £25k was raised from individual donors through the online ethical gifts catalogue www.cowsthings.org.uk. Age International carried out a direct marketing appeal and tube panel advertising campaign in order to raise funds for its healthcare programme, including ophthalmic work.

3.3 Major donors, trusts, foundations and corporates

Ten trusts, 39 high-net worth individuals and two corporate partners gave gifts to Age International during the 2014/15 financial year.

As one of the nominated international charity partners for Prudential, Age International benefits from their Chairman's Challenge – a programme designed to encourage volunteering among Prudential staff across the world. Age International received £83k in July 2014 to support volunteering projects for older people in **Thailand, India and Korea**.

In 2014/15, Legal & General donated £26k to Age International. This support – reflecting its growing business and social investment within **India** – went towards a Mobile Medical Unit in Mumbai, providing access to essential health care and medicines to older people in need.

Age International received grants from The Evan Cornish Foundation, The D G Charitable Settlement, The Uiverscroft Foundation, The Souter Charitable Trust, The Fulmer Charitable Trust, The Geoff Hill Charitable Trust and The Gibbs Charitable Trust.

3.4 Institutional fundraising

Age International secured £497k from the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) to provide livelihoods support to older people in **Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan**.

As a result of the stock appeal with Age UK charity shops – see section 1.1.2 above - and the receipt of UK Aid Match funding from the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID), Age International raised £3.9 million for a three year healthcare programme in four African countries.

4. To build a supporter base committed to taking action on ageing and international development

Age International continued to communicate about its work to the staff and volunteers of the Age UK Group, using the intranet, e-newsletters, inductions and briefings. Age International supporters were reached through the website, social media, e-newsletter, printed newsletter and blogs; Age UK supporters through their communications channels (website, social media, e-newsletter, flagship publication *Life*, and their radio station *The Wireless*).

4.1 Working with local Age UKs

Age International communicated with the staff, volunteers and supporters of Age Scotland, Age Cymru, Age NI and 166 local Age UKs in England through their monthly publication-newsletter, *Signpost*; and reached the membership of 146 Friends and 294 Forums in the UK through their publication *The Link*.

Age International receives support from 110 of the 166 local Age UKs, including: Age UK Sutton marking the International Day of Older People and raising funds for the Ebola Crisis Appeal; Age UK Lewisham & Southwark hosting a visit by the **Myanmar** government delegation and sponsoring two grandparents in **Ethiopia** through the Sponsor a Grandparent scheme; and Age UK South Tyneside raising over £1k for the Gaza Crisis Appeal and nearly £2k for the Ebola Crisis Appeal.

4.2 Gaining media coverage

As the UK member of the HelpAge global network, Age International worked to secure media coverage in the UK for HelpAge's flagship publication, the Global AgeWatch Index. Age International secured national UK print coverage of the Index in *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Independent*, *The Daily Mail* and *The Evening Standard*, as well as online coverage on a number of news sites including theguardian.com, bbc.co.uk and reuters.com.

Age International also secured media coverage in the UK for its landmark publication, 'Facing the facts: the truth about ageing and development.' The influential bloggers, Duncan Green and Jonathan Glennie, promoted the report – which was also picked up by the World Bank – and a letter was placed in *The Times* focusing on the need to take into account the needs of older people in international development.

4.3 Reaching people online

Age International continued to reach supporters and members of the public through its website (www.ageinternationalorg.uk) – which was improved this year by amending the structure and adding new content, in particular the expansion of the What We Do section and an accountability section.

Age International also continued to promote its messaging through its social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter) – extending its reach by carrying out digital marketing activity and launching a LinkedIn profile. Age International produced an animated video to summarise our work – which was viewed over 40,000 times on Facebook.

5. To increase understanding of, and support for, ageing and development issues among opinion formers, decision makers and the UK NGO community and to achieve changes in policies and practices by agencies and government

5.1 Strengthen research on global ageing issues

▪ **Facing the facts**

This year, Age International launched its landmark publication, 'Facing the facts: the truth about ageing and development', presenting it to MPs, Peers, academics and international development agencies at the House of Lords in February 2015 (for further information on the launch of the report, please see section 5.2 below). The report makes the case for why focusing on ageing makes good development sense.

'Facing the Facts' brings together experts in both ageing and development – including Dr Margaret Chan, the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – to illustrate the fact that the world's population is ageing and that policies and programmes must take account the needs and rights of older people.

▪ **WHO Knowledge Transfer Project**

Age International worked in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) on the Knowledge Transfer Project in **China**, which worked on a study that identified key health trends for older people and their implications for policy and practice. A meeting with WHO and a range of government, academic and civil society organisations reviewed the findings of this study and planned further work to pilot policy and programme responses to the key health issues that emerged from the work.

5.2 Increase Age International's visibility and support with a parliamentary and influencing stakeholder audience in the UK

5.2.1 Parliamentary launch

Age International launched its flagship publication 'Facing the facts: the truth about ageing and development' at the House of Lords in February 2015 – for further information on the report, please see section 5.1.1 above.

Baroness Lindsay Northover, the then Lib Dem Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development and the cross-bench Peer Baroness Sally Greengross, among others, pledged their support for this crucial areas of work.

5.2.2 UN Human Development Report

In July 2014, Age International and HelpAge hosted the UK launch of UNDP's Human Development Report 2014 in London. Attended by over eighty people, the launch significantly raised the profile of Age International with the UK international development sector and helped generate useful debate on the importance of addressing vulnerability across the lifecourse. Chaired by the Age International Director, Chris Roles, it featured the Director of the Human Development Report and lead author Khalid Malik; cross-bench Peer Baroness Sally Greengross; HelpAge CEO Toby Porter; Professor Frances Stewart (Oxford University), Professor Lord Layard (London School of Economics), and Sir Richard Jolly (Institute of Development Studies).

5.2.3 Disaster Risk Reduction

To promote the 2014 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, Age International organised an event with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). During the event – chaired by Age International Director, Chris Roles – the HelpAge report 'Resilience in an Ageing World' was presented and the ODI Head of Climate and Environment, David Mitchell, gave a keynote presentation.

5.3 Ensure the post-2015 global development framework includes population ageing and older people

In 2014/15, The UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were in their final year. The eight MDGs – which range from halving extreme poverty rates to providing universal primary education by 2015 – formed a blueprint for governments to act in the field of international development. Although wide-reaching, the MDGs did not have a single goal focusing on older people. They are due to be replaced in 2015 with new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As a member of the Beyond 2015 UK Steering Group, Age International worked hard to ensure that the new goals explicitly include the needs and rights of older people.

Age International was delighted when the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon, issued his Synthesis Report on the SDGs, in which older people and global population ageing featured prominently, leaving little doubt that older people are being taken into consideration in the new goals. Age International is hopeful that when the SDGs are agreed by member states in September 2015, they will send a strong message that older people must be taken into account to achieve sustainable development.

5.4 Build greater awareness and support in the UK for a UN Convention on the Rights of Older People

In 2014-15, Age International continued to build support for a UN Convention on the Rights of Older People amongst ageing and international development stakeholders in the UK.

Working with Age UK, Age International took a significant step forward in its work towards a convention by articulating a joint strategy that commits both organisations to working to the ambitious objective of securing the UK Government's support. The strategy focuses on securing clear leadership within the UK Government, cross-Whitehall support and engaging a broader group of civil society stakeholders.

5.5 Work with HelpAge affiliates in Europe to develop and implement an influencing strategy with the European Union (EU)

As part of the HelpAge EU Network, Age International contributed to the development of a briefing for MEPs on questions to ask nominated Commissioners to ensure they are aware of global ageing issues and are taking them into account. Age International also contributed to the development of a briefing paper for EU stakeholders on ageing and development issues. Age International visited Brussels along with a Tanzanian partner to meet with UK MEPs and raise their awareness of global ageing issues.

Looking ahead to 2015/16

The Age International Board approved an annual plan of work for the period to March 2016.

Public Benefit

In setting plans and priorities of areas of work, the Trustees of Age International have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities contribute to meeting the objectives set. How Age International delivers its principal charitable objectives - as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and which may be summarised as promoting the welfare of older people in any part of the world - is demonstrated in the statement of Objectives and Activities above.

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

Financial Review

Age International is a grant-funded Charity with a total income of £14,445,000 in the year ending 31 March 2015. Of this income, £9,676,000 was received from Age UK which is contracted by Age International to fund raise on its behalf and which allocates funds from its other income-generating activities in order to support the work of Age International.

Age International incurs most of its cost through grant giving. Of the total costs of £14,442,000 incurred in the year, £13,107,000 consisted of grants awarded to charitable organisations.

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

Going Concern

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

Trustees

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

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

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

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

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

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

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

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

- *Funds for short-term international humanitarian and long-term development programmes not being used effectively.*
Risks include the loss of reputation with institutional and other donors and a loss of confidence at the governance level. In order to mitigate this risk, Age International actively participates in the design, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of programmes for which it secures funds and for which it is accountable to donors. HelpAge internal audits and evaluations, and implementation of key policies, are reviewed by Age International.
- *Funds for humanitarian programmes not reaching beneficiaries, but being diverted for other use.*
Risk assessment and assurance mechanisms are in place and are reviewed annually. They demonstrate to stakeholders that control frameworks are in place to ensure the efficient and effective use of funds in humanitarian emergencies. Trustees monitor review of and enhancement to these assurance mechanisms.
- *Age International's way of working – both as the UK member of the global HelpAge network and as a subsidiary charity of Age UK – limits organisational effectiveness and the delivery of strategic objectives.*
Since 2012, Age International has been progressively taking on the responsibilities appropriate to the UK member of the HelpAge global network. Clear agreements and role descriptions have been developed to define Age International's UK role in programme management; policy, influencing and advocacy; fundraising and funding; communications, media and research.

Trustees are aware that there is a need to ensure that Age International has the structure, staffing and skills to fulfil its growing responsibilities and strategic ambitions. The Age International Board monitors this aspect of the organisation's development. Age International manages a wide range of relationships within the Age UK Group, liaising with Age UK staff whose work contributes to Age International fulfilling its objectives.

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

Reserves

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

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees in respect of the Trustees' Report and the financial statements

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Concluding comments

The Trustees are pleased with the progress made by Age International in its third period as an independent charitable company, and wish to place on record their thanks to the staff for their contribution to the achievements recorded here. I should also like to pay tribute to the Director for his professional approach and expert navigation of the diverse objectives detailed above.

By order of the board



Dianne Jeffrey
Chairman

1-6 Tavistock Square
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Independent auditor's report to the members of HelpAge International UK

We have audited the financial statements of HelpAge International UK for the period ended 31 March 2015 set out on pages 18 to 29. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 16, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- The Charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The Charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of Trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- The directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.



Marianne Fallon (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

22 July 2015

Chartered Accountants
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**Statement of Financial Activities
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2015**

	Note	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	2015 Total £'000	2014 Total £'000
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income					
Donations and gifts		-	-	-	25
Grants	2	3,715	10,730	14,445	11,953
Total incoming resources		3,715	10,730	14,445	11,978
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Long term development programmes	3	(302)	(3,971)	(4,273)	(4,697)
Institutional grants for development programmes		(375)	(4,229)	(4,604)	(1,850)
Emergency relief programmes		(240)	(2,527)	(2,767)	(3,222)
Influencing, advocacy and communication in the UK		(216)	-	(216)	(172)
General support to HelpAge International		(2,574)	-	(2,574)	(2,027)
Governance costs	4	(8)	-	(8)	(8)
Total resources expended	3	(3,715)	(10,727)	(14,442)	(11,976)
Net movement in funds in year	10	-	3	3	2
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds at 31 March 2014		-	28	28	26
Total funds at 31 March 2015	10	-	31	31	28

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

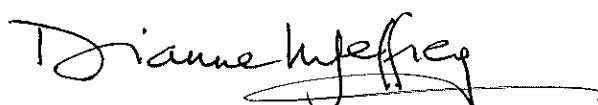
The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of the financial statements.

Balance Sheet
 At 31 March 2015

	Note	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Current assets			
Debtors	7	728	32
Cash at bank and in hand		82	5
Total current assets		810	37
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(779)	(9)
Net current assets and Net assets		31	28
Funds			
Restricted funds	10	31	28
General reserve	10	-	-
Total funds		31	28

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of the financial statements.

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


Dianne Jeffrey
 Chairman
 15 July 2015

Notes to the accounts *(forming part of the financial statements)*

1 Accounting policies

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees, who are also ordinary members and named on page 2. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities, published in March 2005, and applicable Accounting Standards.

The Trustees have reviewed Age International's financial position and considering the impact of future activities, to ensure it is appropriate to produce the accounts on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

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

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

Resources expended

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

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

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

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

Foreign exchange

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

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Pensions

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

Funds

Restricted funds

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

Unrestricted funds

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

2 Analysis of grants receivable

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	Total	Total
			£'000	£'000
Age UK, from retail activities for international work	2,368	788	3,156	755
Age UK, from Age International supporter legacies	-	977	977	1,393
Age UK, from other fundraising restricted for Age International's work	18	1,929	1,947	2,208
Age UK, grant generated from unrestricted funds	1,329	350	1,679	3,299
Age UK, Disasters Emergency Committee and emergency appeals	-	1,915	1,915	2,032
UK Aid, for restricted activities	-	3,045	3,045	1,933
Humanitarian Innovation Fund, for restricted activities	-	70	70	70
UN, for restricted activities	-	1,591	1,591	251
EC, for restricted activities	-	2	2	2
Big Lottery Fund, for restricted activities	-	62	62	-
International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA), for restricted activities	-	1	1	-
World Jewish Relief, for restricted activities	-	-	-	10
Total Grants received	3,715	10,730	14,445	11,953

Age International raises funds directly from institutional donors, such as UK Aid, BLF, the UN, and other grant-making bodies. Grants and donations are also made by trusts, foundations, companies and individuals. Age International runs emergency appeals and participates in Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeals. Age UK works to raise funds for Age International, receiving and delivering grants to support long-term development work. Age UK also raises funds for Age International through retail activities and makes grants from its unrestricted income.

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3 Resources expended

	Activities undertaken directly		Grant funding of activities		Support cost allocated		Total 2015 Expended £'000	Total 2014 Expended £'000
	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000		
Charitable activities*								
Long term regional development programmes	(78)	-	-	(3,971)	(224)	-	(4,273)	(4,697)
Institutional grants for development programmes	(134)	(16)	-	(4,213)	(241)	-	(4,604)	(1,850)
Emergency relief programmes	(95)	(44)	-	(2,483)	(145)	-	(2,767)	(3,222)
Influencing, advocacy and communication in the UK	(205)	-	-	-	(11)	-	(216)	(172)
General support to HelpAge International	-	-	(2,439)	-	(135)	-	(2,574)	(2,027)
	(512)	(60)	(2,439)	(10,667)	(756)	-	(14,434)	(11,968)
Governance costs	(8)	-	-	-	-	-	(8)	(8)
Total resources expended	(520)	(60)	(2,439)	(10,667)	(756)	-	(14,442)	(11,976)

Of the total grants awarded for the period, £1,676,398 was made in foreign currencies (2014: £364,722) and £11,430,261 was made in Sterling (2014: £10,512,681).

A total of 37 grants were awarded to organisations during the year ending 31 March 2015 (2014: 21); no grants were made to individuals.

Support costs of £755,779 were charged to Age International from other members of the Age UK Group in relation to services provided for IT, Finance, HR, Legal and Office Management Services (2014: £661,357).

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4 Governance costs are made up of following:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
External audit	8	8

The Trustees received no remuneration for their services.

The aggregated amount of expenses reimbursed to 2 Trustees during the period was £257 (2014: £226). Indemnity insurance is provided for Trustees, premiums are paid centrally for the whole group by Age UK, the parent of Age International. The premiums are not broken down by individuals, so Age International's portion cannot be distinguished. During the period, total indemnity insurance paid by Age UK in relation to Trustees was £6,095.

5 Staff costs and staff numbers

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Salaries and wages	331	267
Social security costs	34	28
Pension costs	30	24
	<u>395</u>	<u>319</u>

The average number of employees, calculated on a full time basis, was as follows:

	2015 Number	2014 Number
Charitable activities	10	7

Number of staff receiving remuneration (basic salary, bonuses and benefits in kind) above £80,000 in the year is 1 (2014: 1).

Contributions of £7,988 have been paid into pension schemes on behalf of the above employee (2014: £8,000)

At 31 March 2015 there are 11 staff members in the defined-contribution schemes (2014: 7).

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6 Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
External Auditors' remuneration		
Audit of these financial statements	8	8
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7 Debtors

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Other debtors	-	32
Amounts due from group undertakings	230	-
Prepayments and accrued income	498	-
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	728	32

8 Creditors – amount falling due within one year

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Amounts due to group undertakings	-	8
Accruals	779	1
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	779	9

9 Analysis of charity net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	2015 Total £'000	2014 Total £'000
Current assets				
Debtors	230	498	728	32
Cash at bank and in hand	51	31	82	5
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	(377)	(402)	(779)	(9)
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	(96)	127	31	28

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10 Movement in funds	31 March		Grants £'000	Other 31 March	
	2014 £'000	Income £'000		spend £'000	2015 £'000
Long term development programmes					
Africa	-	1,924	(1,924)	-	-
Latin America	-	377	(377)	-	-
Asia Pacific	-	270	(270)	-	-
Middle East	-	110	(110)	-	-
South Asia	-	844	(844)	-	-
Legal & General - Mobile Medical Unit, India	-	26	(26)	-	-
Prudential - Corporate partner programme, Thailand	-	41	(41)	-	-
Prudential - Corporate partner programme, Korea	-	30	(30)	-	-
Prudential - Corporate partner programme, India	-	12	(12)	-	-
Dementia Programming	-	100	(100)	-	-
Healthcare, Myanmar	-	150	(150)	-	-
Happy Lives, Uganda	-	1	(1)	-	-
Older People's Livelihoods, Pakistan	-	5	(5)	-	-
Total long term regional development programmes	-	3,890	(3,890)	-	-
Institutionally funded projects					
UK Aid - Hunger safety net programme, Kenya	-	1,796	(1,796)	-	-
UNOPS LIFT - Social Protection, Myanmar	-	1,024	(1,024)	-	-
Common Humanitarian Fund - Shelter and NFI Assistance for Vulnerable Older People in West Darfur, Sudan	-	85	(85)	-	-
Common Humanitarian Fund - Restoring Food Security and Livelihoods amongst Vulnerable Conflict Affected Population in West Darfur	-	130	(130)	-	-
Common Humanitarian Fund - Supporting the protection and inclusion of older people in humanitarian programmes	-	122	(122)	-	-
UNHCR - Provision of assistance to older people in West Darfur, Sudan	-	173	(173)	-	-
Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund - Sustainable peace promotion in West Darfur, Sudan	-	57	(57)	-	-
American Association of Retired Persons - Human rights advocacy	26	1	-	-	27
UK Aid - Water pump testing, Haiti	-	11	(11)	-	-
EC - Promoting Age - Friendly Development	2	-	-	-	2
EC - Preventing Elder Abuse in Ukraine	-	2	(2)	-	-
Big Lottery Fund - Empowering Older People to Improve Lives	-	55	(53)	-	2

Notes to the accounts
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10 Movement in funds (continued)	31 March	Income	Grants	Other	31 March
	2014				spend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Big Lottery Fund - Reducing Poverty in Central Asia	-	9	(5)	(4)	-
UK Aid - Reducing poverty by improving health for older women and men in Africa	-	849	(837)	(12)	-
Total Institutionally funded projects	28	4,314	(4,295)	(16)	31
Emergency relief programmes					
Africa General Emergencies	-	41	(41)	-	-
Latin America General Emergencies	-	-	-	-	-
Asia Pacific General Emergencies	-	-	-	-	-
Middle East General Emergencies	-	12	(12)	-	-
South Asia General Emergencies	-	-	-	-	-
UK Aid - Rapid Response Fund, Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines	-	-	-	-	-
UK Aid - Rapid Response Fund, Gaza Crisis	-	266	(266)	-	-
UK Aid - Rapid Response Fund, Cyclone Orissa, India	-	-	-	-	-
UK Aid - Age and disability capacity building	-	123	(123)	-	-
Humanitarian Innovation Fund, Tanzania and Ethiopia	-	70	(70)	-	-
Syria	-	6	(6)	-	-
South Sudan	-	100	(100)	-	-
Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines	-	9	-	(9)	-
Gaza Crisis	-	305	(289)	(16)	-
Ebola Crisis, Liberia	-	81	(69)	(12)	-
Disasters Emergency Committee - Syria Crisis	-	410	(407)	(3)	-
Disasters Emergency Committee - Philippines Typhoon	-	597	(597)	-	-
Disasters Emergency Committee - East Africa Crisis	-	-	-	-	-
World Jewish Relief, Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines	-	-	-	-	-
Disasters Emergency Committee - Gaza Crisis	-	249	(245)	(4)	-
Disasters Emergency Committee - Ebola Crisis	-	257	(257)	-	-
Total Emergency relief programmes	-	2,526	(2,482)	(44)	-
Total Restricted Funds	28	10,730	(10,667)	(60)	31
General Fund	-	3,715	(2,439)	(1,276)	-
Total Funds	28	14,445	(13,106)	(1,336)	31

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11 Pension schemes

During the period Age International has operated a defined-contribution pension scheme for which the contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company and independently administered. Contributions expensed by Age International in the period amounted to £28,380 (2014: £24,064).

12 Taxation and charitable status

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

13 Company limited by guarantee

The liability of 2 members of the Charity is limited by guarantee to £1 each.

14 Contingent liabilities and Capital Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2015.
There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2015.

15 Parent charity

The Trustees consider that the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling related party of the company to be Age UK, a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England: registered office address 1-6 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9NA, company number 6825798, and registered charity number 1128267.

16 Related Party Transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with Age UK and other wholly owned companies within the group. During the period, grants with a total value of £12,801k have been awarded to HelpAge International (2014: £10,763k); HelpAge International holds a 25% interest in Age International.

Notes to the accounts
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17 Grants Receivable

The Charity received the following grants during the period.

Organisation	Project	Grant (£)
Age UK	Annual Grant to HelpAge International	6,000,000
Age UK	General support for Age International	1,275,510
Age UK	Thailand, Chairman's Challenge programme	41,050
Age UK	India, Chairman's Challenge programme	12,450
Age UK	Korea, Chairman's Challenge programme	30,032
Age UK	Syria, Disasters Emergency Committee	410,232
Age UK	Philippines, Disasters Emergency Committee	597,199
Age UK	Gaza, Disasters Emergency Committee	249,431
Age UK	Liberia and Sierra Leone, Disasters Emergency Committee	257,264
Age UK	Uganda, Happy Lives project	255
Age UK	Pakistan, Older People's Livelihoods	5,000
Age UK	Additional general support to HelpAge International	17,911
Age UK	India, Mobile Medical Units	26,000
Age UK	Ukraine, EC Preventing Elder Abuse	2,242
Age UK	Syria crisis	5,520
Age UK	Philippines, Typhoon Haiyan	9,404
Age UK	South Sudan crisis	100,000
Age UK	Gaza crisis	304,791
Age UK	Liberia and Sierra Leone, Ebola crisis	81,371
Age UK	Southern Africa, Dementia care programming	100,000
Age UK	Myanmar, Healthcare	150,000
UK Aid	Haiti, Water pump testing	10,810
UK Aid	Kenya, Hunger Safety Net Programme	1,796,413
UK Aid	Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, Reducing poverty by improving health for older women and men	849,238
UK Aid	Gaza crisis	265,640
UK Aid	Age and Disability Capacity Building programme	122,737
Humanitarian Innovation Fund	Tanzania and Ethiopia, Nutritional assessment for older people in emergencies	69,615
International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA)	Human Rights Advocacy	1,331
UNHCR	Sudan, Provision of assistance to older people in West Darfur	173,137
Common Humanitarian Fund	Sudan, Shelter and NFI Assistance for Vulnerable Older People in West Darfur	85,445

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17 Grants Receivable *(continued)*

Organisation	Project	Grant (£)
Common Humanitarian Fund	Sudan, Restoring Food Security and Livelihoods amongst Vulnerable Conflict Affected Population in West Darfur	129,585
Common Humanitarian Fund	Sudan, Supporting the protection and inclusion of older people in humanitarian programmes	121,520
UNOPS LIFT	Myanmar, Social Protection	1,023,606
Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund	Sudan, Sustainable peace promotion in West Darfur	57,332
Big Lottery Fund	Pakistan, Empowering Older People to Improve Lives	54,957
Big Lottery Fund	Kyrgyzstan, Reducing Poverty in Central Asia	7,500