

CAMEROON SOLIDARITY – UK

INDIVIDUALLY, WE ARE ONE DROP. TOGETHER, WE ARE AN OCEAN

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

CASUK

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH TOUGH TIME

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On Saturday 15/07/17, CAS-UK was launched in South London

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We have worked tirelessly since inception in March 2017 to ensure Cameroonian Families in the UK are relieved from financial burden related to burial and repatriation costs. However, we have only achieved this because of the continued support of our members

Our annual report set out what we have achieved to date and how we have spent the money we raised from members. This report is available on our website for everyone to download.

OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

HOW WE STARTED?

In the first quarter of 2017, the cameroonian community in the UK were hit by three consecutive and unexpeted deaths. Families were struggling to face the challenges of raising funds to return their relatives' corpses home. In some cases, the deceased did not have relatives in the UK Based on this, it was evident that something needed to be done. A small group of members of our community from different profesional and academic backgrounds, met to discuss the idea of creating a plateform that would bring the Cameroonian community together to make it possible to relieve the financial burden on bereaved families when a member passes away. In the summer 2017, CAS-UK was launched

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ABOUT US

Cameroon Solidarity UK (CAS-UK) is a non-governmental, apolitical, not for profit organisation dedicated to relieving financial burden related to repatriation and funerals of its members within the Cameroonian Community in the United Kingdom

"Organising the community response to face up to this challenge is the ultimate aim of CAS-UK."

VALUES

Our Vision

To build a strong Cameroonian community in the UK and provide efficient self-serving solutions to the problems it faces

Our Mission

We believe no Cameroonian in UK should be refused the option of sending his/her remains to his family back home.

OUR PLEDGE TO OUR MEMBERS

"We will always do whatever is possible to bring Cameroonians living in the UK together to support this project so that any compatriot who passes away could return home without any financial burden to his/her relatives."

"We will always be transparent with how we collect contributions from members, the amount collected, and how we spend that money. We built a fundraising platform where members can see how this in real time "

THE COORDINATOR'S STATEMENT



CELESTIN MBAKOP
(ACMA, CGMA)

COORDINATOR

5 years since inception, CAS-UK has proven that when Cameroonians come together to achieve a common goal, nothing is impossible. It is long gone the days when Cameroonians in the UK struggle to send the remains of their love one Home due to financial difficulties.

After sailing through one of the most difficult challenge with Covid-19, we have come out stronger and ready to face future challenges of building a mature and stronger Cameroonian community that can confidently take care of her own problems.

I invite Cameroonians to join this project not for self-interest but as an expression of solidarity towards a fellow Cameroonian. Furthermore, your membership to CAS-UK is a solid statement that we are now a mature community that can look after herself through self-funding. With your tirelessly support, we confidently look forward to the future as no issue is no longer too big to resolve as a community.

“Individually we are one drop. Together we are an Ocean”

To everyone who have supported us, Thank you. I am confident that with your support, we will continue to do more to ensure we bring our Community together through tough time

WHAT WE DO

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We provide a community response by registering and managing a database of Cameroonians living in the UK. Our target is for members to contribute as low as £2 and raise £10,000 for the next of kin in the event of any registered member passing away

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We work in partnership with Cameroonians' associations, groups and individuals in UK. Members can register themselves or group members free of charge. Members are also encouraged to register their children who can contribute as less as £0.20 per child.

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We have also made provision for individual membership type and created a new membership type called "Student" for those aged between 18-24 years old called student. They will only contribute 50% of their parents

"Our inclusive and best practice approach have enabled us to build a system and processes where all Cameroonians have the same rights and benefits."

HOW WE COLLECT YOUR MONEY?

Once we ascertain that a member has passed away, after ensuring that he meets all our Terms and Conditions, we inform members by email. We subsequently open a fundraising campaign for two weeks that will give information about the members and the deadline for contributions. The system will calculate how much should each contribute and we send email and text messages to all registered members. We are currently planning to use the Telegram Platform to send messages out to members as this is cost effective. We recommend to all member to download this application free of charge, and follow CAS-UK channel: <https://t.me/CASUK>).

Members log into their individual or group account and make their contributions through a transparent portal where all contributions could be seen for the open campaign in real time.

"We value transparency. That is the reason we have developed a live contribution-landing page where all contributions will be viewed in real time by all members"

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Our Achievements

**14 SUCCESSFUL
CAMPAIGNS
LAUNCHED SO FAR**



Our first member, Elise Chameni, passed away and her campaign was launched in January 2020. A total of £13,266.24 was raised. This success was down to our 500 first members who joined CAS-UK at the beginning



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Our Achievements

**MORE THAN
£140,000 RAISED
IN LESS THAN
TWO YEARS**

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The logo for CASUK, featuring the word "CASUK" in a bold, sans-serif font. The "CA" is in black, and "SUK" is in orange. A stylized orange swoosh underline is positioned under the "A".

CASUK

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Our Achievements

**NEARLY 9000
REGISTERED
MEMBERS**

THE FASTEST GROWING
CAMEROONIAN COMMUNITY
ORGANISATION IN EUROPE



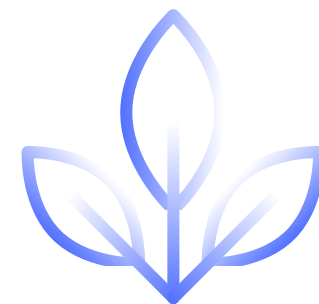
We started the first campaign in february 2020 with less than 500 members and no money. 2 years later, nearly 9000 members have joined. What makes CAS-UK so popular is the transparency and the trust of members

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Our Achievements

**15 FAMILIES
HAVE RECEIVED
£10,000 EACH SO FAR**

(March 2022)



TRUSTEE'S REPORT

In 2021/22 we faced an increasing challenge with the highest number families to fundraise for since we launched the project in 2017. We had 4 cases (2 in 2020) which was expected as the membership to CAS-UK continue to grow.

At the end of this financial year, we have helped 14 families by launching successful fundraising campaigns raising over £140,000 to ensure our member's loved ones are returned Home with dignity.

We have continued to invest in our IT system to ensure that it is robust, secure to safeguard our members personal details. We intend to continue with this investment to make sure it easily accessible, user friendly, compliant with new legislations and equipped tools necessary to respond to member's query in real time.

With the increasing volume of queries we currently received, we intend to expand our capacity in 2022/23 by recruiting a full staff administrator to handle member's queries in an effective and efficient manner

We will reinforce our governance practice by reviewing our terms and conditions and this will certainly involve requesting more information and cooperation from our members prior to joining CAS-UK

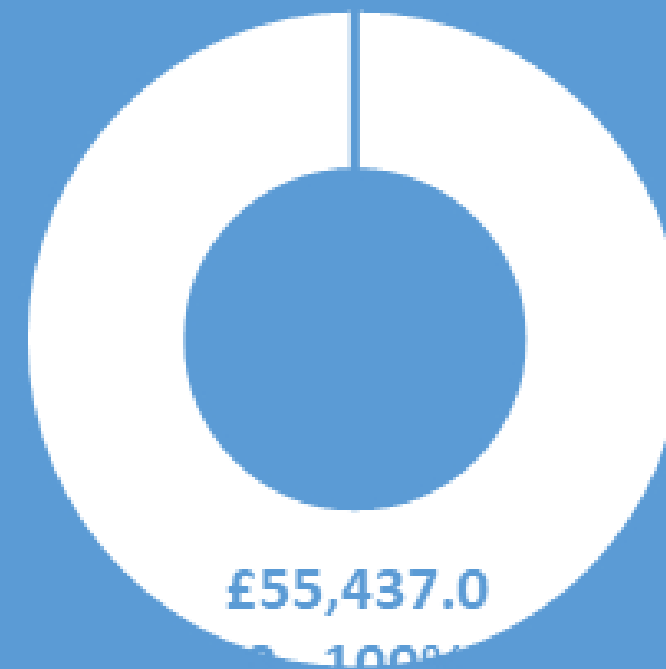
Additionally, 2021/22 has also seen a record number of members being suspended for missing two campaigns for various reasons. This remains a concern to the trustee. Although we encourage our members to keep their membership up to date to avoid suspension and fines, the measure was introduced to ensure that only committed members are kept in the system. Finally, we have introduced a right to appeal for suspended members and to date, many appeals have been successful.

HOW MUCH WE HAVE RAISED

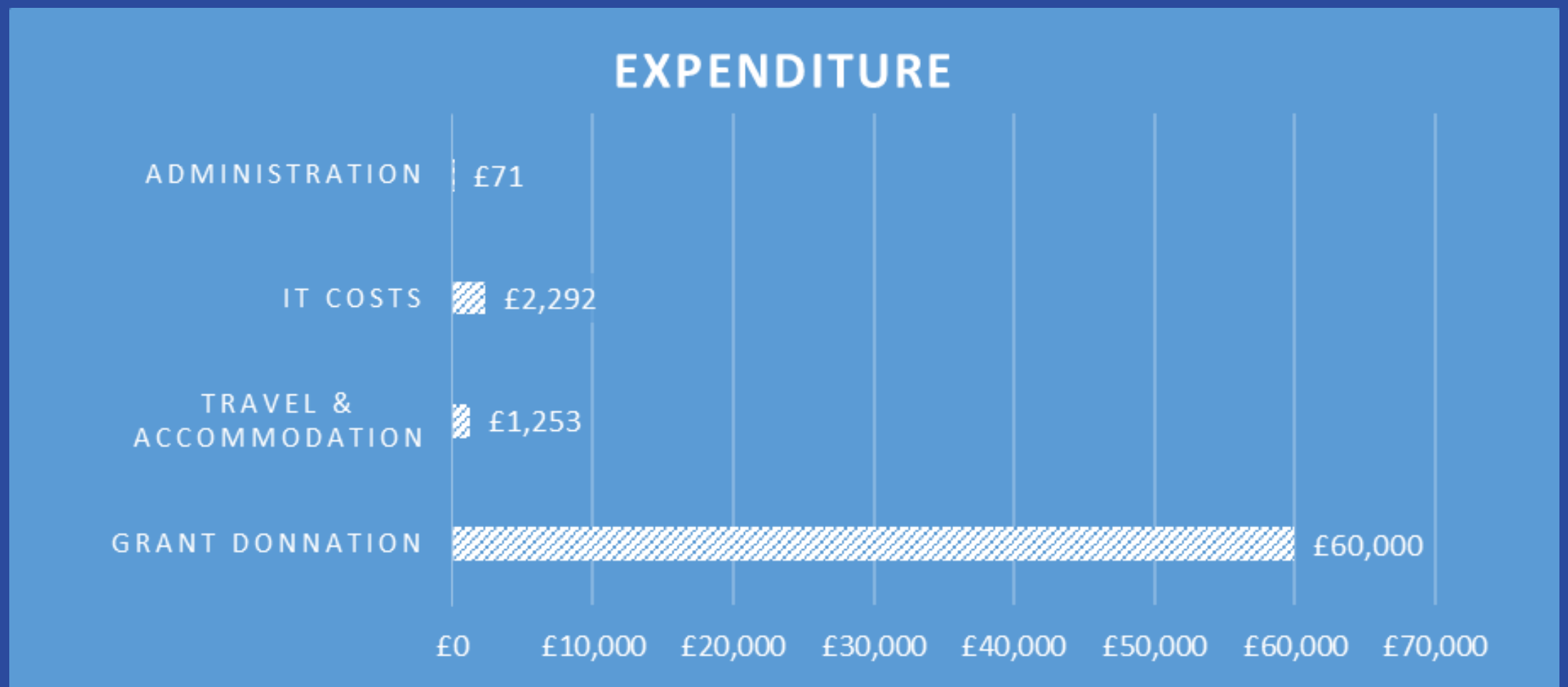
In 2021/22, we raised a total of £55,437. We could not have done this without the amazing support of our members

**£55,437 raised
in 2021/2022**

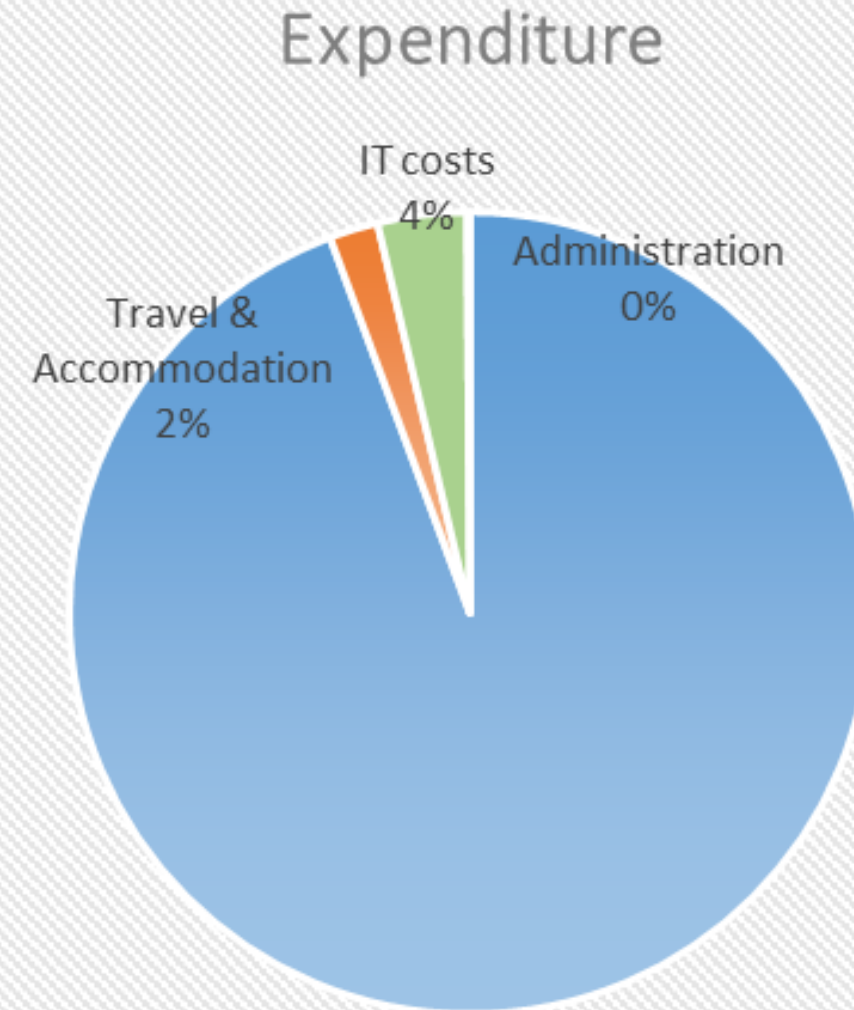
MEMBERS DONATIONS



HOW WE SPENT THE MONEY



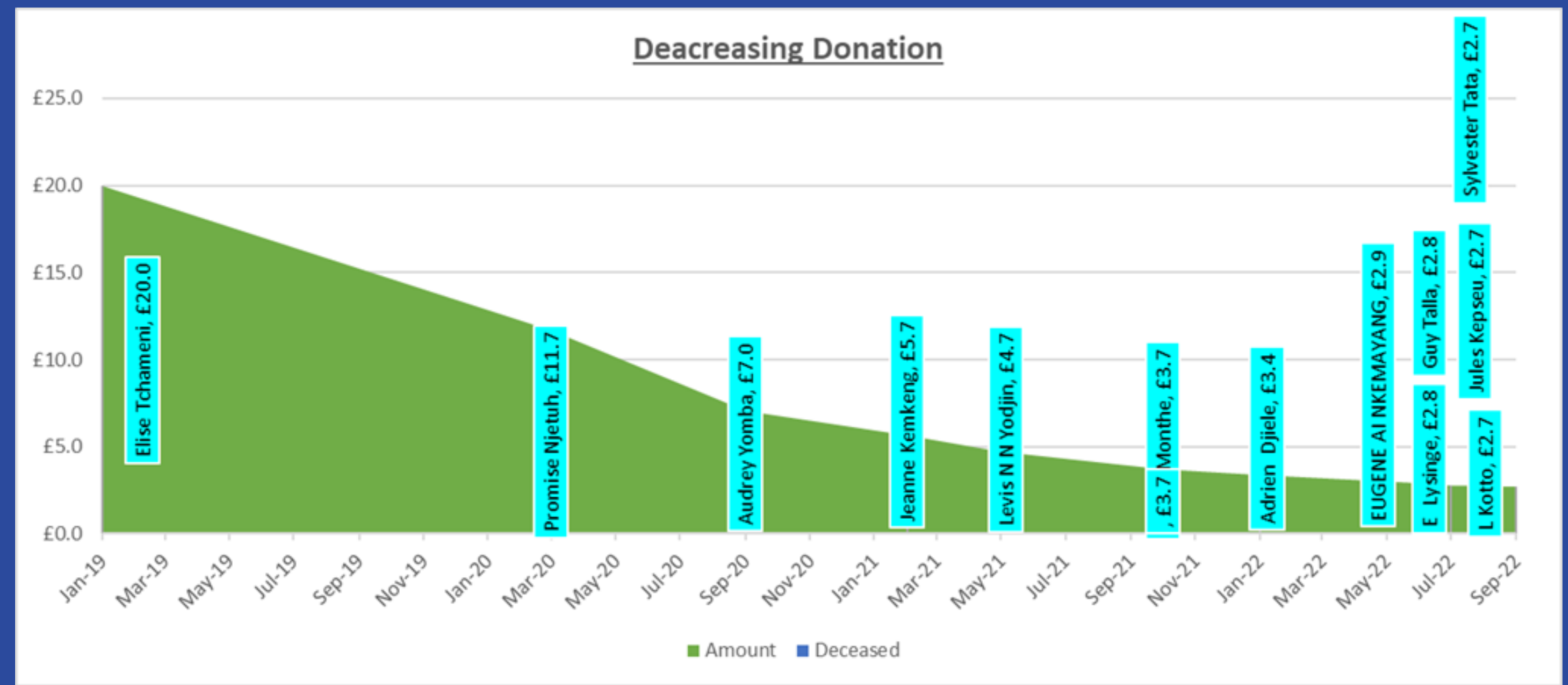
HOW WE SPENT THE MONEY



CONTRIBUTION FEES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED

From around £20 to just over £2

In 2020, contribution per adult member was around £20. Two years later, that amount decreased to just over £2 and this is down the massive number of members who join every day



CAMEROON SOLIDARITY UK (CAS UK)

Registered Charity No.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAMERRON SOLIDARITY UK (CAS UK)**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 9 - 12

This report is made solely to the Trustees of Cameroon Solidarity UK (CAS UK), as a body, in accordance with regulations made under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charity SORP (frsse). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and Charity's trustees for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the statement I have given below.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent examiner

As charity trustees, for the purposes of charity law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, the Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the reports limited to those matters set out in the statement on the next page.

**INDEPENDANT
EXAMINER'S
REPORT**

INDEPENDANT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAMERRON SOLIDAIRTY (CAS UK) (Cont'd)

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

Charles Osei, BSc (Hons), MSc, ACIE, AFA, ATA , ACIPP
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Date

CAMEROON SOLIDARITY UK (CAS UK)

Registered Charity No.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021/22</u> £
Fixed Assets	2	154,568
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in hand		6,642
Debtors		
Accrued Income		<u>161,210</u>
Creditors: Amount due within One Year		
Bank Overdraft		
Other Creditors	4	(300)
Net Assets/Liabilities		<u><u>160,910</u></u>
Reserves		
General Funds		6,342
Designated Funds:		154,568
		<u><u>160,910</u></u>

Approved by the Management Committee on
and signed on their behalf by:

BALANCE SHEET

CAMEROON SOLIDARITY UK (CAS UK)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

				2021/22
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Resources Arising				
Donations and Legacies		56,264		56,264
Income from Charitable Activities		162,703	-	162,703
Bank Interest			0	-
Other Income				
Total Income		<u>218,967</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>218,967</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	69,937	-	61,802
Total Expenditure		<u>69,937</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>61,802</u>
Resources retained for further use		149,030	-	157,165
Transfer between Funds				
Net Movement in Funds				
Reconciliations of Funds				
Brought forward 01/04/2020		11,880	0	11,880
Carried forward 31/03/2021		<u><u>160,910</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>160,910</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation.

These accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis and include income and expenditure as they are earned or incurred, rather than as cash received or paid. The recommendations of the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (frsfe) and Charities Act 2011 have been followed.

Fund Accounting.

The general funds consist of funds that the Trustees may use for CAS UK's charitable purposes at their discretion.

The restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding. Restricted funds held in reserve at the end of the year represent income received from donors to be spent within the following year. Details of these funds are set out on the separate schedule in Note 5.

Voluntary Income

All voluntary income and donations are recognised and included in the accounts as they are received.

Direct Charitable Expenditure.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the Charity that are directly attributable to the Charity's projects.

Governance costs

Include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Fund-raising Expenditure.

Fund-raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people or organisations to contribute financially to the Charity's work.

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Amortisation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off the asset over its estimated useful life.

In House Development Time - straight line over 20 years

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OUR TEAM



Mathias Kenfack Tabakem
System Engineer
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General Secretary



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Family Liaison Officer



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Jules Monthe
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System Engineer
Membership Operative



Celestin Mbakop
Coordinator

ORGANISATION PROFILE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

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