

GORTA UK  
(A company limited by guarantee)

Reports and Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
31 December 2014

*COMPANY NUMBER: SC 272970*  
*CHARITY NUMBER: SC 036100*

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**GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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**DIRECTORS**

Mr. Seán Gaule (Chairman)  
Mr. Jeremy Woolwich  
Mr. Michael Hoevel (appointed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Mr. Adrian Wood (appointed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Ms. Helen Brophy (appointed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Mr. Tom Corcoran (appointed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Mr. Brian Kehoe (resigned 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Ms. Carmel Fox (resigned 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Prof. Denis I. F. Lucey (resigned 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Ms. Deirdre Fox (resigned 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Mr. Thomas Kirley (resigned 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)  
Mr. Pat Murphy (resigned 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014)

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**COMPANY NUMBER**

SC 272970

**CHARITY NUMBER**

SC 036100

**AUDITORS**

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm  
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## **GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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The directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Gorta UK (the company) for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Gorta UK is an international development, non-governmental organisation. We work with farmers and agricultural businesses in Africa to help them grow and sell more food, diversify their income and their diets, and make their livelihoods more sustainable and resistant to external shocks.

#### **Vision, mission and beliefs**

Our vision is an economically thriving and resilient Africa with opportunities for all smallholder farmers, women and men, to make a sustainable livelihood and contribute positively to their local economy.

Our mission is to help large numbers of female and male African smallholder farmers to help themselves to grow and sell more food and expand their economic activity in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Our beliefs:

- We believe food security is a fundamental human right and, in this age of increasing global prosperity, it is an outrage that more than 800 million people suffer from chronic hunger.
- We believe in the capacity of the people we work with and, as such, we work to empower people to become agents of their own development.
- We have a strong belief in solidarity over charity, that interventions can only be solutions if we work in tandem, as equal partners, with local authority at the community, national and/or regional level.
- In line with the Sustainable Development Goals we believe in long-term, sustainable, market-based solutions that respect the natural environment.

#### **Merger**

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Gorta, a charitable company registered in Ireland and the sole member of Gorta UK, merged with Self Help Africa, another charitable company registered in Ireland. This merger was completed following EGMs of both organisations. The merged entity now trades as Gorta-Self Help Africa. The activities of Gorta UK are carried out in association with Gorta-Self Help Africa.

#### **Our work in Africa**

Our primary client targets are poor and vulnerable rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa, with particular focus on Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, Togo and Zambia.

We support both small projects and large programmes. We seek to leverage small projects into larger programmes to maximise the extent of their positive impacts. We are respectful of the culture, needs and wishes of the communities we work with and proactively seek out their views on and participation in programme development and implementation.

We are committed to the principle of empowering communities and helping them to help themselves, rather than simply providing funds. We work with local government and the business community to create sustainable linkages that last beyond the life-cycle of projects.

Self Help Africa (UK) employs professional development staff and agronomists in all its countries of operation. We believe that indigenous staff best understand the context, culture and languages of people and are best placed to lead country programmes. We work with and through local partners from civil society, the public sector and business community and provide training and support to help them develop.

#### **Organisation structure and decision making**

Gorta UK is a registered charity established to promote the relief of poverty and distress in any manner, which now or hereafter may be deemed to be charitable by law in any part of the world (including but not limited to the promotion of sustainable development) and such other exclusively charitable purposes as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion determine.

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### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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The activities of Gorta UK are carried out in association with Gorta (trading as Gorta-Self Help Africa), a company registered in the Republic of Ireland and the sole member of Gorta UK, as referred to above. Both companies have aligned their objectives under a consolidated strategic plan and management team. The management team reports to both sets of directors on operational and financial performance, as well as progress against strategic objectives, on a regular basis.

#### **Constitution**

The company which is limited by guarantee was incorporated on 6 September 2004. Management of the company has been delegated to the directors who are appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **Vision**

Gorta UK's vision is a world where there is no hunger or poverty and where the poorest communities have the means to create more prosperous futures for themselves and their children.

#### **Mission**

Through its work, Gorta aims at empowering communities to eradicate hunger and poverty, with particular emphasis on food security and nutrition, water security and unrestricted access to secure and environmentally sustainable livelihoods.

Our mission is:

- To promote best practices in the field of community area-based development, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on scaling up agriculture, promoting watershed management, facilitating access to markets, and investing in enterprise development
- To promote community social, economic and environmental development with emphasis on 'the development of people'.
- To generate, share and apply knowledge by promoting research-based solutions to local problems.

#### **Values**

Gorta UK will ensure that all our decisions, actions and stakeholder interactions conform to the organisation's moral and professional principles. These principles are the foundation for the organisation's culture and values.

Ethical  
Donor Focussed  
Partnership  
Inspiring

Businesslike  
Caring  
Innovative  
Advocate of food and water security

#### **How We Achieve Our Mission**

Gorta UK is an independent, international development NGO and is connected to Gorta the Irish partner of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). We are a not for profit organisation working to the highest professional, business and ethical standards.

Our intention is to contribute meaningfully to the eradication of the causes of hunger and poverty in the world. We are not an emergency relief organisation.

Our approach to long term development is holistic, multi-disciplinary and creative. We encourage integrated solutions recognising the inter-dependent relationship that exists between food and water security, health, education and social enterprise.

### **Sustainable Development**

We support both small projects and large programmes, whichever is most appropriate to the challenge faced. We seek to leverage small projects into larger programmes to maximise the extent of their positive impacts. We are respectful of the culture, needs and wishes of the communities we work with and proactively seek out their views.

We are committed to the principle of empowering communities and helping them help themselves, rather than simply providing funds. Put into practice this means communities making a contribution of some kind themselves. It may be in terms of labour, equipment, money, passing on help and advice to other projects, or other 'in kind' contributions. Only in the most exceptional cases will Gorta UK fund 100% of a project or programme.

Where appropriate Gorta UK will work with local communities to set up businesses to help meet the needs of programmes.

Our principal focus is on the poorest, most disadvantaged communities in sub Saharan Africa.

Working with our connected charity Gorta, we identify local partners and provide training and support to help them develop as part of our programmatic approach.

Gorta UK primarily considers projects in sub-Saharan Africa. We will also support other potential partners in other countries on an exceptional basis in response to a request from other Irish or UK connections, other NGO's, or where there is an opportunity to learn from or develop best practice that can be transferred elsewhere.

We proactively support specialist academic institutions in priority countries focusing on agriculture, horticulture, hydrology and agro forestry to assist communities to tackle the challenges they face.

We have a role in education and advocacy on behalf of communities needing long-term development. Whilst we are 'apolitical' we will be their voice.

### **Donor Partnerships**

We act responsibly in regard to our donors' funds. We keep our costs to the minimum consistent with our need to be effective, ensuring the maximum amount can be used where it matters most. We are committed to being in communication with our donors, keeping them informed as to how their contribution is being used effectively.

Wherever practical, and consistent with the responsible use of our donors' resources, Gorta UK will work with local community resources, skills and knowledge.

We see ourselves as facilitators, providing opportunities for communities, businesses, workplace and social groups, families and individuals to make a contribution to the fight against hunger and drought especially in sub Saharan Africa.

We recognise that we cannot achieve our vision on our own. It can only be achieved through developing and working in long term partnership with local and national government, local communities, other 'expert' organisations, businesses and individuals who have complementary skills to our own. Meaningful partnership is central to our approach.

We raise funds through a wide range of sources and will never become overly dependent upon just one source. We look to new technology as a way of cost efficient communication with our donors.

## **GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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#### **Ethical Behaviour**

We are an open learning organisation, developing and sharing 'best practice' with our peers and partners. Gorta UK believes in the importance of education and training.

Gorta UK will ensure that all our decisions, actions, and stakeholder interactions conform to the organisation's moral and professional principles. These principles are the foundation for the organisation's culture and values.

The principles apply to all individuals involved in the organisation, from employees to members of the board of directors, and are communicated and reinforced on a regular basis. They ensure Gorta UK's mission and vision are aligned with its ethical principles empowering people to make effective decisions with confidence.

#### **Grant Making Process**

Each proposal is reviewed by the responsible manager/officer. If it is in line with Gorta UK's strategy, it is sent to the Programmes Committee for review. Where the Programmes Committee recommends a programme the proposal is then sent to the Board for approval.

#### **Our Development Approach**

Gorta UK focuses on the areas of:

- Food & Nutrition
- Water & Sanitation
- Enterprise Development

**Food & Nutrition:** Gorta supports smallholder farmers to improve their agricultural practices by promoting and increasing crop production and diversification while, at the same time, enhancing nutritional outcomes.

**Water & Sanitation:** Gorta's water projects aim to support the development of integrated watershed management programmes and provide clean and safe drinking water for households with improved access to sanitation.

**Enterprise Development:** Gorta supports skills training for income-generating activity, especially among women, as an approach to greatly reduce peoples' vulnerability to food shortages, poor health and poverty.

During the year the Board approved the assessment of the Programmes Committee to support applications from Rwanda. This combined with previously approved projects in Nigeria and the Gambia and a regional watershed project covering the Gambia, Tanzania, and Zambia constituted the overseas work of Gorta UK during 2014.

#### **Connected Charity**

Gorta, the first overseas development organisation to be set up in Ireland is the sole member of Gorta UK. It was established by the Irish Department of Agriculture in 1965 as the permanent body to evolve from the Irish Freedom from Hunger Campaign, part of an international initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. On 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 Gorta merged with a like-minded Irish organisation, Self Help Africa to form a larger more effective entity. Gorta UK will continue to carry out its activities in association with Gorta-Self Help Africa.

#### **Financial Review**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements and the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The current economic environment has led to a reduction in both donations and fundraising income and expenditure on charitable activities. Notwithstanding this, the assets of the company are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

## **GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as listed on page 2. Brian Kehoe, Carmel Fox, Denis Lucey, Deirdre Fox, Thomas Kirley and Pat Murphy all resigned on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Michael Hoevel, Arian Wood, Helen Brophy and Tom Corcoran were appointed on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

#### **Reserves**

The directors do not intend to accumulate reserves within the charity as all funds raised will be directed to projects and programmes consistent with the objectives of Gorta UK. The reserves at 31 December 2014 were in surplus by £154,290 (2013 surplus £104,596).

#### **Risk Assessment**

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the company is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

The charity will continue to recruit donors to fulfil its objectives in collaboration with its connected charity Gorta.

Gorta UK will directly fund development projects in the developing world as per its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **Governance**

All directors are already familiar with the work of the charity and are appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors, all of whom are non-executive, are elected on a rotational basis for a term of three years.

#### **Environment**

As part of Gorta UK's Vision we strive to achieve environmental justice for all. Gorta UK's programmes embrace the UN Millennium Development Goals which challenge all of us to respond to tackle poverty, hunger, disease, lack of shelter and exclusion – while promoting gender equality, healthcare, education, environmental sustainability and economic opportunity.

We proactively support specialist educational institutions in priority countries focusing on agriculture, horticulture, hydrology and agro forestry to produce graduates equipped to tackle the challenges their communities face.

Gorta UK has a proactive approach to conducting our business in a manner that protects the environment. Gorta UK is compliant with relevant environmental legislation.

#### **Statement of Public Benefit**

Gorta UK supports programmes that are concentrated in the most needy areas and are aimed at benefiting the poorest of the poor with particular emphasis on food and water security, empowerment of women and improving the health of children to ensure growth and development.

#### **Health and Safety**

Gorta UK is committed to managing and conducting its work activities in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety, health and welfare at work of its employees, including fixed term employees and temporary employees and other individuals at the place of work (not being its employees).



### **Political Donations**

The company did not make any political donations in the year (2013: £Nil).

### **Books of Account**

The books of account are located at the organisation's parent company, Gorta's premises at Kingsbridge House, 17-22 Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, Ireland.

### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

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

Company law requires the directors 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 directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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**Disclosure of Information to Auditors**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- (1) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (2) the director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of the information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

**Auditors**

Deloitte & Touche were re-appointed as auditors at the Annual General Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

**Michael Hoevel**  
Director

28<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBER OF GORTA UK**

We have audited the financial statements of Gorta UK for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Statement of Accounting Policies and the related notes 1 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective April 2008 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities)).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act, 2006 and to the charity's directors, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act, 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations, 2006 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and the directors 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 charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's directors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act, 2005 and under the Companies Act, 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

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**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act, 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations, 2006 9 as amended).

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF GORTA UK**

### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act, 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year 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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations, 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charitable company has not kept proper and adequate accounting records or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a Strategic Report and in preparing the Directors' Annual Report.

Thomas Cassin, Senior Statutory Auditor  
for and on behalf of Deloitte & Touche  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Deloitte & Touche  
Earlsfort Terrace  
Dublin 2

28 May 2015

Deloitte & Touche is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act, 2006 and consequently to act as the auditor of a registered charity.

## **GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United Kingdom and UK statute comprising the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (Revised 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities". The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling £ under the historical cost convention.

#### **INCOMING RESOURCES**

- (i) Income from voluntary donations is recognised when received. As with many similar charitable organisations, independent groups from time to time may organise fundraising. However, as any amounts collected in this way are outside the control of the company, they are not included in the financial statements until received by Gorta UK.
- (ii) Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.
- (iii) Legacies are included when the amount is received by the charity or into an executor bank account for distribution to the charity at a near future date.
- (iv) Interest income is recognised on a receivable basis.
- (v) Refunds in respect of tax relief on voluntary donations are recognised on a receivable basis.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure is included when incurred, and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable for development projects attributable to the current financial year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

With the support of its connected charity Gorta, expenditure is kept to a minimum with the principal outlay relating to the administration of regular donations and any direct fundraising expenditure arising.

#### **SUPPORT COSTS**

Support costs represent the cost to head office of administering projects. The resources expended on charitable activities have been classified to comply with SORP 2005. Such costs, when incurred, include the direct costs of the charitable activities together with those Support costs (Finance and Administration cost) incurred that enable these activities to be undertaken. These have been allocated across the activities based on headcount.

#### **COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS**

These represent costs incurred running and managing the organisation, including managing and safeguarding the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **GIFTS IN KIND**

Gifts in kind are deemed non-material so are not included in the accounts.

## **GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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#### **FUNDS ACCOUNTING**

Funds held by the charity are:

*Unrestricted general funds* – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors.

*Designated funds* – these are unrestricted funds which have been set aside for particular purposes by the Charity itself, in furtherance of the Charity's charitable objects.

*Restricted funds* – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

In order to secure the long term viability of Gorta UK and to maintain the smooth operation of the organisation, it is critical to ensure that the organisation has adequate reserves. Gorta has a reserve policy based on foreseeable expenditure and in particular, long-term commitments to projects

The level of reserves needs to cover the following activities of the organisation:

- Provide funding for sustainable Programmes.
- Meet contractual liabilities such as payments to creditors.
- Maintain a required level of funding available for overseas programmes during times of financial difficulty where fundraising income is diminished.
- Meet unanticipated expenses, currency variances and legal costs.
- To facilitate programme/project continuation especially where a partner submits a new or additional phase proposal in advance of the current activity being completed, in order to meet seasonal requirements (i.e. farming season) and prevent development gaps.
- Cover day to day expenditure of Gorta UK.
- Ensure there is adequate funding should any winding up costs ever arise.
- Provide for any other unanticipated expenditure of significance.

The Board may designate unrestricted reserves for specific future expenditure such as Long Term Programmes, sinking funds and any other potential future requirement(s).

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

All cash balances for planned development work are held in deposit accounts at the highest interest rates available.

#### **FOREIGN CURRENCIES**

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2014 £	Unrestricted Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2013 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
<b>Voluntary income</b>					
Donations and fundraising income	3	6,793	267,544	274,337	310,699
<b>Other incoming resources</b>					
Investment income		-	6	6	14
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>6,793</b>	<b>267,550</b>	<b>274,343</b>	<b>310,713</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Programme costs	4	6,793	193,581	200,374	184,451
<b>Cost of generating funds:</b>					
Fundraising costs	5	-	17,673	17,673	21,165
<b>Governance costs</b>					
Governance costs	5	-	6,602	6,602	7,120
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>6,793</b>	<b>217,856</b>	<b>224,649</b>	<b>212,736</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	2	-	49,694	49,694	97,977
Total funds brought forward		-	104,596	104,596	6,619
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	8	<b>-</b>	<b>154,290</b>	<b>154,290</b>	<b>104,596</b>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds arising from continuing operations for the year.

**GORTA UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2014</b> £	2013 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash in bank		<b>327,989</b>	799,211
Debtors	6	<b>112,763</b>	68,306
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		<b>440,752</b>	867,517
<b>CREDITORS:</b> (Amounts falling due within one year)	7	<b>(286,462)</b>	(762,921)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		<b>154,290</b>	104,596
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		<b>154,290</b>	104,596
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<b>RESERVES</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	<b>154,290</b>	104,596
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		<b>154,290</b>	104,596
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

**Michael Hoevel**

Director

**Jeremy Woolwich**

Director



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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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	<i>Note</i>	<b>2014</b> <b>£</b>	2013 <b>£</b>
<b>Net cash outflow from charitable activities</b>	9	<b>(471,228)</b>	(978,414)
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>			
Interest received		<b>6</b>	14
<b>Decrease in cash</b>		<b>(471,222)</b>	(978,400)
Net funds at 1 January		<b>799,211</b>	1,777,611
<b>Net funds at 31 December</b>		<b>327,989</b>	799,211

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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1. LEGAL STATUS OF THE COMPANY

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the company's assets if it should be wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member for payment of the company's debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights on the contributories among themselves.

<b>2.</b>	<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>2014</b>	2013
		£	£
	Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging):		
	Auditor's remuneration (Note 2(a))	<b>1,860</b>	1,845
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(a) The auditor's remuneration fee is in respect of audit only. No amounts were paid to the auditors in relation to advisory, tax advisory or other assurance services.

<b>3.</b>	<b>VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	2013
		<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	Total
		<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	Funds
		£	£	£	£
	Committed giving	-	<b>223,087</b>	<b>223,087</b>	254,274
	Gift Aid refunds	-	<b>44,457</b>	<b>44,457</b>	50,556
	Committee income	<b>6,793</b>	-	<b>6,793</b>	5,869
		<u>6,793</u>	<u>267,544</u>	<u>274,337</u>	<u>310,699</u>
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**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE**

Charitable activities expenditure can be analysed as shown below. Many of these programmes achieve results in more than one of these categories, but are analysed for this purpose under the principal category only.

Country	Livelihoods £	Food Security £	Education £	Water and Sanitation £	Health £	Manage- ment Costs £	2014 £	2013 £
The Gambia	640	-	-	(47,532)	-	-	(46,892)	(20,953)
Tanzania	-	-	-	93,794	-	-	93,794	(12,552)
Zambia	-	-	-	18,954	-	-	18,954	(25,255)
Kenya	-	15,452	63,870	-	-	-	79,322	-
Uganda	290,073	-	-	-	-	-	290,073	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	(57,867)	-	(57,867)	239,727
*Regional	-	-	-	(175,226)	-	-	(175,226)	(1,098)
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,143)
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	964
Travel, staff and support costs	-	-	-	-	-	(1,784)	(1,784)	8,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,713</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>63,870</b>	<b>(110,010)</b>	<b>(57,867)</b>	<b>(1,784)</b>	<b>200,374</b>	<b>184,451</b>

\* Regional watershed covers Zambia, Tanzania and The Gambia.

Previously grants payable for development projects were included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when approved by the Directors and agreed with the recipient organisation. The value of such grants unpaid at the year end was accrued. During 2014 the contracts with implementing partners were re-issued with the result that only grants relevant to the current financial year are reflected in the SOFA and the 2013 grants are deemed no longer payable.

**5. COST OF GENERATING FUNDS/GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	Fundraising Costs £	Governance Costs £	2014 £	2013 £
Fundraising initiatives	17,334	-	17,334	21,165
Audit	-	1,860	1,860	3,477
Legal Fees	-	3,607	3,607	-
Governance costs	-	1,135	1,135	3,643
Bank charges	339	-	339	-
	<b>17,673</b>	<b>6,602</b>	<b>24,275</b>	<b>28,285</b>

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<b>6. DEBTORS:</b> (Amounts falling due within one year)	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
Gift Aid refunds due	<b>112,763</b>	68,306		
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<b>7. CREDITORS:</b> (Amounts falling due within one year)	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
Amount due to group company (Note:10)	<b>282,655</b>	72,140		
Creditors	<b>3,807</b>	31,958		
Projects deferred expenditure	-	658,823		
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	<b>286,462</b>	762,921		
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<b>8. RESERVES</b>				
<b>(i) Reconciliation of funds:</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
		<b>£</b>		
Opening balance at 1 January 2014		104,596		
Net incoming resources for the year		49,694		
<b>Closing balance at 31 December 2014</b>		<b>154,290</b>		
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<b>(ii) Analysis of net assets between funds:</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
		<b>£</b>		
Current assets		440,752		
Liabilities		(286,462)		
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>154,290</b>		
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<b>(iii) Movements in funds:</b>				
	<b>Balance as at</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>01/01/2014</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>expended</b>	<b>31/12/2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Restricted funds	-	6,793	(6,793)	-
Unrestricted funds	104,596	267,550	(217,856)	<b>154,290</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>104,596</b>	<b>274,343</b>	<b>(224,649)</b>	<b>154,290</b>
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<b>9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOMING RESOURCES TO CASH INFLOW FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2014</b> £	2013 £
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>49,694</b>	97,977
Increase in debtors	<b>(44,457)</b>	(47,057)
Decrease in creditors	<b>(476,459)</b>	(1,029,320)
Interest received	<b>(6)</b>	(14)
<b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(471,228)</b>	(978,414)

**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES**

	At 1 January 2014 £	Cashflows 2014 £	At 31 December 2014 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>799,211</u>	<u>(471,222)</u>	<u>327,989</u>

**10. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY**

Gorta (trading as Gorta-Self Help Africa has sole membership of Gorta UK which is a charitable company registered in Ireland and the results of Gorta UK are consolidated into the financial statements of Gorta. Copies of the group financial statements of Gorta may be obtained from the charity's registered office at Kingsbridge House, 17-22 Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, Ireland.

**11. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Directors are not remunerated, but are entitled to be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties. No payments of this nature were made during the year (2013: £Nil)

**12. TAXATION**

No charge to taxation arises due to the charitable exempt status of the company. Irrecoverable Value Added Tax is expensed as incurred.