



Scotland's International
Development Alliance

Annual Review 2019-2020

Supporting, informing and connecting the humanitarian and
international development community



Message from the Chair

Despite explicit warnings from the UN's Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, COVID-19 has caught us off-guard and has changed everything. The economic recession sparked by the current health pandemic could reverse decades of progress on poverty reduction in developing economies that do not recover in the short term. Political willingness to take the opportunities of building forward better is not emerging as we might hope and need.

Against this backdrop, the Alliance team has worked hard providing support to members in their vital international development work across the world. This support includes in-depth investigation to find out how COVID-19 is affecting members, moving services entirely online and adapting to new ways of working remotely. I would like to commend the Alliance staff for their hard work and commitment during this period, helping to convene, lobby and support as members were forced to navigate a challenging new operating environment.

In these turbulent times the Alliance has hit new highs in terms of our impact and influence during the 2019-2020 financial year. We ran more events, reached more people and got better feedback than ever before. This can be exemplified by our biggest and most successful ever annual conference in 2019 focusing on the cross-cutting theme of gender equality.

From the launch of our new safeguarding working group to the publication of [our flagship report showcasing our members' contributions to the UN SDGs across the world](#), we have increased skills and knowledge and developed new connections.

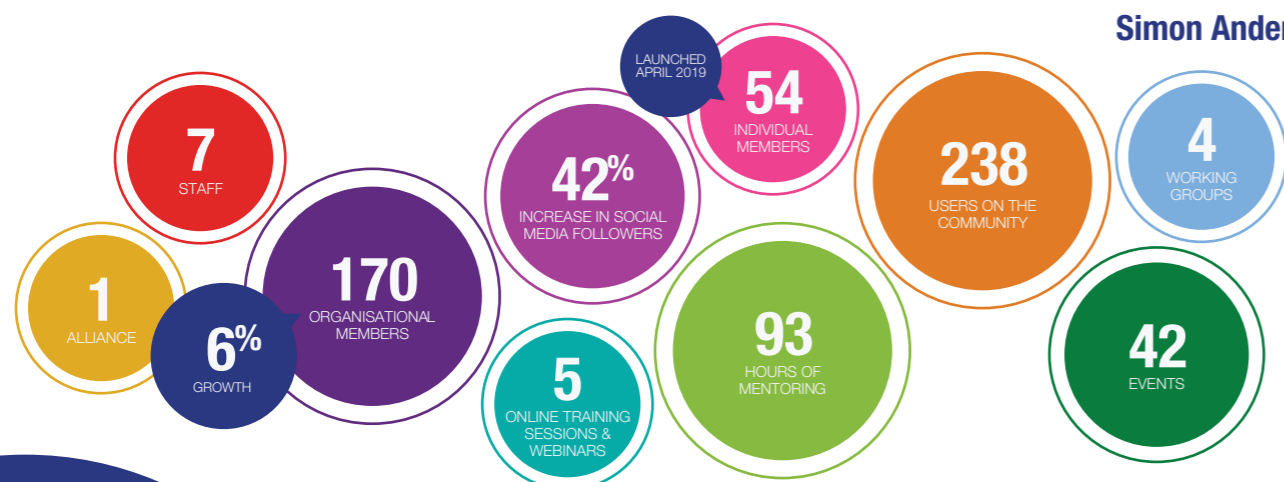
We have also continued to grow, with new members pushing our broad Alliance beyond 200 organisations and individuals for the first time in our history. This has all helped us to have a leading voice for the international development sector in Scotland.

As we near the end of our 2017-2020 strategic plan period, Alliance members, staff and board have undertaken a thorough process to deliberate and develop a next [3-year strategic plan](#) that is now published and underway. This strategy also forms the basis for the Alliance's submission to the current Scottish Government's International Development Review.

Looking to the near-term future the Alliance has issued [a manifesto](#) that promotes a strong and principled international development approach ahead of the 2021 Scottish elections.

With a new strategy in place and our Alliance stronger than ever before, I am confident that we can contribute meaningfully to the global recovery from COVID-19 and put forward a positive vision for what Scotland can do to help create a fairer world free from poverty, injustice and environmental threats.

Simon Anderson



Networking, Policy & Advocacy

More people from more organisations within our membership have connected with each other over the course of this year than ever before. Across all our events, workshops & trainings, **at least 831 people have participated** from a total of 100+ organisations.

We continue to collaborate with our members to maintain a collective voice on issues important to our sector. Through the work of [our Policy Committee](#), we have responded to **3 consultations and written 4 briefings** on a range of issues. Our advocacy for the UN Sustainable Development Goals saw us play a pivotal role in securing a debate in the Scottish Parliament, while also leading Scottish sector-wide responses to two Westminster inquiries.

Providing our members with a platform to connect with decision makers remains one of our core services for our members, hosting **5 round-table events with Ministers, MPs and MSPs throughout the year**. Our secretariat support for the Holyrood Cross Party Group on International Development has also helped raise issues important to our members with a broad range of MSPs across all political parties.

Finally, we have kept [advocating for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development](#), working closely with Government officials and building support for action across our sector and beyond.

Effectiveness & Learning

Our effectiveness and learning programme reached more people than ever before, **with 395 people joining one of our training events or workshops** throughout the year. We also did more online and outside the central belt – with events in Dundee, Aberdeen & Perth.

In response to COVID-19 in March, we rapidly created a series of resources about [COVID-19, including our information page](#), interviewed our members and published our research about the early [impacts of COVID-19](#).

Our work on Safeguarding continues to help organisations develop their own approach – with 74 people from 42 organisations trained as part of [the Alliance's programme of safeguarding support](#). We also launched our new Safeguarding Working Group.

Our Digital Reach

Online, we continue to reach more people with a **42% increase in social media followers, and total engagement up by 262%**. We have also seen a **25% rise in total visitors to our website** compared to the previous year. Other achievements include:



holding 2 online training sessions and 3 digital webinars including our first ever **two-week long online course** on institutional funding.



238 users of the **online community** from 108 different organisations.

Our Finances April 2019 - March 2020

This year we saw a **6% growth** in membership, with an associated **12% growth** in membership income.

	Total 2019-20 (£)	Total 2018-19 (£)
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	373,765	344,519
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	354,426	308,941

Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	19,399	35,575
Funds brought forward	148,008	112,430
Funds carried forward	167,347	148,008



Full statutory accounts are available on request.

We would like to thank the Scottish Government, the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and our members for their continued financial support.

“ The Alliance is a vital source of resources and support and enables organisations like ours to be much more effective. ”

- **Simon Willoughby-Booth**
Trustee/Treasurer
Zambia Therapeutic Art

Our 2019-20 annual member survey

Most commonly-cited benefits of membership were:

- Access to new skills & knowledge
- Development of connections
- Awareness of sector news

“ The Alliance has evolved into an effective organisation that has moved beyond the old silo mentality of the ‘Third Sector’ and engages powerfully and imaginatively with all sectors through relevant partnerships that can achieve tangible results in international development. ”

- **Benjamin Carey**,
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Organisational Members

2050 Climate Group	Charity Education International	Glasgow Centre for International Development	Linda Norgrove Foundation	Scottish Association of Young Farmer's Clubs International Trust	Third Generation Project
500 Miles	Children of Rwanda		Link Education International		Thrive Scotland
Aberdeen for a Fairer World	Children of Songea Trust	Global Ecovillage Network	LUV+ (Leprosy at Utale Village PLUS)	Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association	Together in Sport Rwanda
Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	Christian Aid Scotland	Global Minorities Alliance	LVDCS	Scottish Fair Trade Forum	TruPact Limited
Acacia Development Associates	Christian Engineers in Development	Global Support Link	Malawi Fruits	Scottish Football Supporters Association	Twende Pamoja SCIO
ACTSA Scotland	Church of Scotland (Faith Impact Forum)	Habitat for Humanity	Mamie Martin Fund	Scottish Love in Action	Unicef UK
Africa On The Ball	Classrooms for Malawi	Hand Up Events	Mary's Meals	Send A Cow	United Nations Association Scotland
African Lakes Company	Clean Water Wave CIC	Heriot-Watt University	Mellow Parenting	Sense Scotland	University of Dundee
African Scottish Development Organisation	CMS Cameron McKenna	Homeless World Cup Foundation	Mercy Corps Europe	Signpost International	University of Edinburgh
Aim Hai Trust SCIO	Comfort International	Human Appeal	Mission Aviation Fellowship	Sisterland UK Ltd (formerly Kids Action)	University of Strathclyde
Alliance for Water Stewardship	Corra Foundation	IDEAS	Mishwar Amal	Smileawi	Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)
Association of Serving the Humanity International	Cross Ethnic	IIED	Mxogyny	Soko Fund	Waste Aid UK
AYDAP Scotland	Disability Beyond Borders	Inclusive Development Consulting Ltd	Ombetja Yehinga Organisation	Solas Educational Trust	Water Witness International
Bana Tandizo Foundation	Diverse Talent	Institute for Global Health & Development	On Call Africa	Starchild	WaterAid in Scotland
Bananabox Trust	Ecologia Youth Trust	International Justice Mission	Opportunity International	STEKAskills	Way2Go
Bats without Borders	Edinburgh Global Partnerships	International Voluntary Service	Orbis Expeditions	StoneX	Whitfield Echlin & Company LLP
Bethesda Khankho International	Educate	IOD PARC	Orkidstudio	Team Kenya	Yes! Tanzania
Beyond Borders Scotland	EMMS International	Isaro Community Initiative	Orskov Foundation	Tearfund	Youth for Economic Justice
Books Abroad	Enactus	Islamic Relief	Oxfam Scotland	The Chesney Trust for Education in Malawi	Zambia Therapeutic Art
Bressay Outreach	Equality Network	Jairah Funds	People's Postcode Lottery	The CIFA Trust	ZamScotEd SCIO
British Red Cross	Fair Trade Scotland Ltd.	Jubilee Scotland	Plan Vivo Foundation	The Global Concerns Trust	
Cairdeas International Palliative Care Trust	Feed the Minds	Just Trading Scotland	Police Scotland	The HALO Trust	
Carey Tourism	Firefly International	Just Wheels	Renew SCIO	The John John Trust	
CBM UK	First Aid Africa	Kenya Children's Homes	Rwanda Scotland Alliance	The Leprosy Mission Scotland	
CEMVO Enterprises CIC	Food4Africa	Kenyan Women in Scotland Association	Save the Children (Scotland)	The Livingstone Initiative	
Centre for Climate Justice	Friends of Chitambo	Kilcheran	SCIAF	The Logie Legacy	
Centre4Solar	Friends of Hilary Storm School Uganda	Kings's Community Foundation	S-CITA	The Maitri Trust	
Cerebral Palsy Africa	Gaia Education	Leith Community Crops in Pots	Scotland Malawi Mental Health Education Project	The Nepal Trust	
Challenges Worldwide	GALVmed	Lilypads	Scotland Malawi Partnership	The Open University	
	GIC Limited		Scotland Zambia Partnership	The Rwanda Partnership	
				The Vine Trust	

Our Board of Trustees

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Our Vision & Mision

Our vision is of a Scotland increasingly committed to creating a fairer world, free from poverty, injustice and environmental threats.

Our mission is:

- To help our members to build their capacity, improve their impact and strengthen their support base.
- To represent our members and the people and communities they work with, to local, national and international decision-makers.
- To engage people and organisations in Scotland with international development issues and encourage their informed support.

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About Scotland's International Development Alliance

The Alliance is the membership body in Scotland for everyone committed to creating a fairer world, free from poverty, injustice and environmental threats. Our membership brings together a diverse range of over 200 international NGOs, faith-based organisations, companies, universities, charitable trusts and individuals that operate in over 100 countries.

Cover Image - Farmers in Rwanda benefiting from Opportunity International UK's agricultural programme. With funding from the Scottish Government, Opportunity International UK works with its local partner Urwego Bank to offer farmers access to loans and savings account, as well as training including Life Skills and Good Agricultural Practices. **Credit:** John Cairns