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FOREWORD

2004, the last full year of life for this Committee, from the end of 2005 with the blessing of the States Chamber it will become a Commission consisting of three States members and three lay members. This change will come into effect at the same time as the States of Jersey moves to a ministerial government. All is in place and hopefully will proceed with very few hiccups.

So how did 2004 go? Quickly would be to put it mildly, unfortunately the world has not changed much, poverty is still with us. There are 600 million people living in absolute poverty and one child dies every 3 seconds from hunger and preventable diseases, giving a total of more than 10 million children dead in a year! We have to continue to push even harder to try and make a difference.

Aid needs to focus on poor people's needs and not government's wants, this is our criteria, basic health and education, clean water and sanitation and a hand up to self sufficiency. Whilst it is the aim of large ruling States to contribute 0.7% of GNI, Jersey is not a large ruling State and Jersey's per capita contribution stands amongst the highest in the world. Jersey's GNI and GDP figures are inflated because of the high level of finance that flows through our Island as we are an international finance centre. It must be remembered that Jersey Overseas Aid gives non conditional aid *ONLY* to non government organisations, never direct to governments or officials, it should therefore be remembered that nearly almost 100% of Jersey's overseas aid budget is real aid.

Boxing Day, 26th December 2003, we had the Bam earthquake in Iran, this year on exactly the same day we witnessed the terrible Tsunami disaster, the aid for which will continue through 2005 and beyond.

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There were three main work projects undertaken in 2004. India in January (new ground), Gambia in March and Romania in September (new ground). All were successful thanks to the hard work and commitment of our team leaders, members and Sub-Committee team.

2004 appears to be the last year for many things. Not only the last full year of the Jersey Overseas

1970	20,000
1975	100,000
1980	155,000
1985	780,000
1990	1,986,000
1995	2,612,000
2000	4,174,400
2001	4,801,900
2002	4,649,000
2003	4,603,000
2004	5,306,000

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Balance 1 st January	12,898	21,394
States Grant	<u>4,604,400</u>	<u>5,306,000</u>

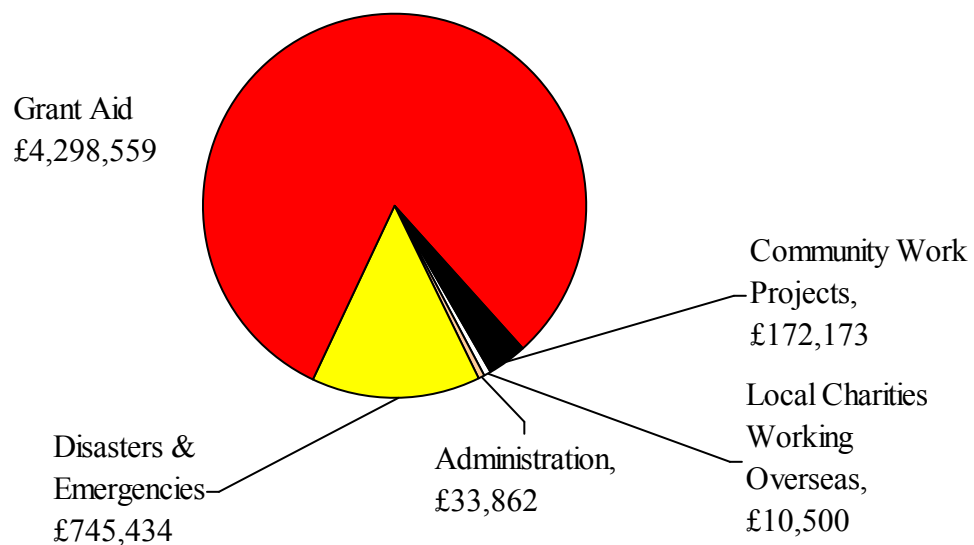
£4,617,298

£5,327,394

Net Expenditure

Grant Aid to Agencies	3,720,093	4,298,559
Disasters and Emergencies	690,500	745,434
Community Work Projects	120,211	172,173
Local Charities Working Overseas	25,243	10,500
Administration	39,857	33,862
Balance 31 st December	<u>21,394</u>	<u>66,866</u>
	<u>4,617,298</u>	<u>5,327,394</u>

2004 Official Aid Contribution from Jersey



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DISASTER AID

The funding of individual disasters and emergencies has been restricted to keep to the Committee's allocation of its budget (15%). The applications were mainly in respect of natural disasters with approximately 25% being spent on applications arising from human conflict. During the course of the year £745,434 was awarded from this budget compared with £690,500 in the previous year.

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004

£23,840	Tearfund – provision of shelter, food, medical assistance and warm clothing following flooding in Peru
£24,750	World Vision- provision of blankets, tarpaulins and kitchen sets to those displaced by violence following civil unrest in Uganda
£23,500	Save the Children Fund – provision of personal hygiene kits, water purification equipment and mosquito nets for those affected by flooding in Brazil
£8,148	Mission Aviation Fellowship – supporting aid by air for those communities cut off by cyclones in Madagascar
£25,000	British Red Cross – provision of shelter, water, sanitation equipment and chemical pesticides to prevent malaria and other water borne diseases following flooding in Namibia
£25,000	Oxfam – provision of clean water to communities following civil unrest in Haiti
£25,000	Concern – provision of basic seeds and planting tools following civil unrest in Haiti
£25,000	UNICEF – provision of essential supplies to prevent outbreak of disease and malnutrition following civil unrest in Sudan
£25,000	Save the Children Fund – provision of mosquito nets, children’s clothes, baby soap and nappies following flooding in Haiti
£25,000	Oxfam – urgent improvements to water sanitation and hygiene promotion following the displacement of those affected by civil unrest in Sudan
£3,625	Mission Aviation Fellowship – transit of building materials to remote areas affected by the cyclones in Madagascar
£24,850	Tearfund – provision of shelter to children seeking protection from the risk of attack and abduction following civil unrest in Uganda
£21,387	Tearfund – emergency sanitation intervention to those camps recently demolished following civil unrest for the internally displaced in Sudan

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued

£25,000	Tearfund – supply and distribution of food and emergency materials to those affected by flooding in India
£25,000	Intermediate Technology Development Group – provision of food, water, medical supplies and flood assistance to those affected by flooding in Bangladesh
£20,098	Save the Children Fund – provision of warm clothing for vulnerable

children and livestock medicines in response to severe weather conditions in Peru

- £24,775 **Impact** – for the supplying and distribution of food supplies and emergency materials including water purification equipment as a result of severe flooding in Bangladesh
- £25,000 **One World Action** – supply and distribution of emergency food supplies to those affected by severe flooding in Bangladesh
- £20,000 **Save the Children Fund** – provision of temporary shelter and clothing to those children affected by flooding in India
- £25,000 **Plan** – provision of food, medicine, tents, cooking pots and utensils following floods in Nepal
- £25,000 **British Red Cross** – part contribution towards the purchase, transportation and distribution of food packs and family kits, shelter material and other basic health supplies following flooding in Nepal
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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued

- £25,000 **Care International** – provision of agricultural seeds to commence immediate production to support livelihoods together with the installation of tube wells and household materials following floods in Nepal
- £16,500 **Just World Partners** – provision of food, medical supplies, clothing and temporary shelter to families left homeless following the typhoon in the Philippines
- £25,000 **British Red Cross** – provision of emergency food, household kits,

	shelter and clothing to communities affected by Hurricane Ivan in the Caribbean
£25,000	Save the Children Fund – provision of essential equipment for the protection and care of children and young people affected by Hurricane Ivan in the Caribbean
£25,000	UNICEF – provision of water and sanitation equipment and essential medical supplies to those communities affected by Hurricane Ivan in the Caribbean
£22,182	World Vision – provision of equipping anti-locust brigades with sprayers, approved pesticides, kit protection and fuel to combat the locust plague in Senegal
£25,000	Tearfund – provision of improved shelter and sanitation to communities following civil unrest in the Congo
£23,944	World Vision – provision of motor driven pumps to draw water for six villages affected by drought and locusts in Niger
£25,000	UNICEF – provision of water, sanitation, medical supplies and evacuation centres following tropical storms in the Philippines
£15,345	Just World Partners – provision of relief work to 12 tribal minorities some of which were amongst the poorest and most disadvantaged groups affected by the severe weather conditions in the Philippines
£22,490	Save the Children Fund – to improve the living conditions and to protect children affected by flooding in Colombia
£745,434	TOTAL

DISASTER AID

EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGENCIES REPORTS

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Immediate Response to Flooding in South East Haiti

In May 2004, floods affected more than 110,000 people in the southeast part of Haiti resulting in over 3,000 deaths and thousands of homes being damaged or destroyed, with other areas also seriously damaged or destroyed.

As a result of the floods, Save the Children utilised the support from Jersey Overseas Aid to procure and transport critically needed hygiene materials to prevent the possibility of disease from harming the families and children affected by the flooding. The intervention focused on those most in need in the five communes most seriously affected. The Jersey Overseas Aid Committee funded intervention was implemented as part of a larger emergency programme funded by DIFD that included the distribution of basic education kits, the rehabilitation of flood affected schools and the distribution of essential non-food items.

The funds received from Jersey Overseas Aid totalling £25,000 were used to finance the procurement, transport and distribution of 2,000 hygiene kits to the families worst affected by the flooding, benefiting approximately 10,000 children. Each kit consisted of items that were essential for supporting the immediate needs of a family that had recently lost most, if not all, of its possessions after the floods. The mosquito nets helped to ensure that malaria would not break out in the flooded communities.

The programme was developed and implemented in co-ordination with the other agencies responding to the disaster to ensure that no duplication of effort would take place. In order to ensure the sustainability of the project, Save the Children mounted an experienced team for its response to the emergency to provide essential long and short term support to the intervention on the ground. Two community animators have also been working full time in the communities to conduct hygiene training and mobilisation and to provide support to the affected communities. According to feedback received, the hygiene kits were greatly appreciated by the families affected by the flooding.

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WORLD VISION

**Emergency Relief for equipping Anti-Locust Brigades
Senegal**

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The first alert regarding the formation of the locust currently invading the entire sub Saharan Africa was first announced on the national media in March 2004 when satellite photos indicated the beginning of swarm formations in the arid zones of Algeria and Mauritania. Despite the alert there was no sustained political will on the part of the Sahelian countries to take immediate drastic measures to halt the threat promptly.

On 29th July, the locust alert became reality in Senegal when the first officially announced swarms invaded the newly created region of Matam in the northwest zone of the country. By 7th August the invasion had spread over the entire north eastern and central zones of Senegal, conquering the regions of Louga and St Louis by 13th August and extending eventually to the regions of Thies, Diourbel, by 30th August 2004.

World Vision was able to equip four local brigades in the region of Fatick. The anti locust brigades were able to respond to the adult swarms in the region and the infant locusts. The project worked in partnership with the Senegalese government and other local organisations to respond to the treat posed by locusts. The four brigades funded were integrated into a larger unit of brigades supervised by the Senegalese military. This enabled the brigades to receive training and advice on the location of locusts and the best methods to respond.

In addition to the above activities the funding also allowed the purchase of three other motorised sprayers. These were bought to strengthen the future response to the locust crisis. Because of the locust breeding cycle it is highly likely that locust will return and World Vision is continuing to work with partners to prepare for this event.

*Photo:
Locusts cover the sky in a Seereer village near the World Vision project zone*

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COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT
INDIA

This project was to assist in the construction of operating theatres for ophthalmic services currently provided at Kothara Leprosy Hospital. The hospital is financed by the Leprosy Mission and a husband and wife team are responsible for patient care and for the overall administration of the hospital. The ophthalmologist was sharing theatre facilities with the surgeon who performs reconstructive surgery

on leprosy affected patients. The new facility includes three operating theatres and will expand the services which the hospital can currently provide. It will also encourage the local people and tribal population to make further use of the facilities.

The land on which the project was to be built is agricultural and therefore necessary to have substantial foundations to avoid subsidence. Upon arrival 141 trenches had been dug each of which was between 6-8ft deep. The team first had to remove the soil from the trenches as it was not possible for the engineer to set out the profile without removing the soil. The work was extremely hard as there were no wheelbarrows and the soil had to be loaded into 'camillas' metal containers which were carried on the head and discharged into a trailer for dumping. This took several days whilst a local labour force put the steel reinforcements into the trenches, the team assisted local tribesmen remove rubble to clear the site. The next task was to fill each trench with 5 inches of sand laid before concreting could commence. The team had targets each day as to how many trenches could be filled with the steel reinforcements in place. They were delighted that they completed them all.

During the trip it was Republic Day in India. The team were invited to the celebrations held in the Community Hall. The team decided to participate and performed on stage, this action was highly appreciated by the audience.

The school also held a ceremony at which all the children received a gift from the group together with a toothbrush and toothpaste. The children normally cleaned their teeth with ash and fingers or twigs. The gift of a toothbrush and toothpaste was highly acceptable.

A farewell was held in the chapel on the final Sunday at which the team were thanked for their hard work and presented with garlands of marigolds and a gift of Indian cotton napkins. The team found it a very humbling experience.

Leader – Toni Roberts

Team Members – Peter Coleman, Sue Deans, Hilario Diogo, Sam Eastwood, Jane Hall, Carl Le Poidevin, Paul Liddiard, John Oxley and Paul Isham

<i>Approximate Cost</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Materials</i>	<i>50,000</i>
<i>Group/Travel Expenses</i>	<i>10,626</i>
<i>Less Volunteer contributions</i>	<i>4,558</i>
TOTAL	£ 56,068

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COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT
GAMBIA

With preparations finally complete the team departed Jersey Airport on 15th March 2004. Arriving at Banjul Airport where they were met by Robin and Carol Mallet, co-founders of the Jersey Gambia Schools Trust and the Gambian members of their committee who escorted them to Sohm. On arrival at the village they were met by a crowd of over 200 adults and children all shouting, cheering and playing loud instruments.

The following morning was one of 'settling in' before starting work on the site straight after lunch. The team had asked for the pad to be laid so that they could get on with block laying on arrival and it

faces as tonnes of earth were barrowed to infill basement to floor level. Trenches were dug, wood primed, batons sawed, tiles shifted, nails banged in, nails pulled out, plasterboard ceilings erected and floors laid.”

When it was not possible for all members to be working on site they gave their strength and energy to harvesting tonnes of onions, unloading containers of humanitarian aid, helping distribution to the local community and fostering relationships with the homeless children who will benefit from the new centre.

The team worked and played together well and gave so much to the Romanian Community. Friendships were formed and each team member gained so much as a result of this project.

Leaders – Rosemary and Tony Coote

Team Members – Nathalie Hawlin, Catherine Murray, Nathan Turner, Julie Murphy, Kirstie de ste Croix, Graeme Michel, Katy Clinton, Margaret Jenkins, Francine Getenet, Francis Raffay and Jenna Killmister

<i>Approximate Cost</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Materials</i>	<i>45,000</i>
<i>Group/Travel Expenses</i>	<i>19,823</i>
<i>Less Volunteer contributions</i>	<i>5,650</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>£59,173</i>

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GRANTS TO JERSEY CHARITIES WORKING OVERSEAS

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004

Friends of Ecce Homo Trust - £3,500
Agricultural project to provide self sufficiency, Romania

Jersey Gambia Schools Trust - £3,500
Provision of borehole and pump with toilet facilities at the proposed Sohm skills centre, Gambia

Kenya Widows and Orphans Trust - £3,500
Renovation of houses donated to the Trust to be used as a food, day care, education and counselling centre benefiting an estimated 800 AIDS orphans, Kenya

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004**£**

Acord	Water and sanitation	Tanzania	20,000
Action Aid	Training of birth attendants	Afghanistan	64,000
	Food security	Sierra Leone	48,800
British Red Cross	Water and sanitation	Zambia	43,739
Bush Hospital Foundation	Hospital drug supplies	Zambia	15,000
	Hospital drug supplies	Malawi	15,000
CAFOD	Rehabilitation of war children	Liberia	65,000
	Water filtration	Nigeria	27,321
Cambodia Trust	Training of prothetist/orthotists	Cambodia	25,638
Care	Nutrition security project	Sierra Leone	54,569
	Minor tank rehabilitation	Sri Lanka	64,774
	Community input for peace process	Sudan	12,960
Childhope	Juvenile Justice	Bangladesh	26,279
Christian Aid	Integrated rural development	Ethiopia	30,000
	Centre for development	Peru	21,077
	Livelihoods and capacity building	Senegal	14,590
	Rural development	Bolivia	15,893
	Watershed development	India	17,417
Concern	Safe drinking water	DPR Korea	60,897
CORD	Somleng (Voice)	Cambodia	22,438
	Community Water	Nigeria	14,000

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Global Care	Street children, day care/education	India	23,000
Habitat for Humanity	Eight simple affordable homes	Armenia	24,480
	Fifty simple affordable homes	Guatemala	27,432
	Ten simple affordable homes	Chile	35,000

In construction a simple, affordable home, Armenia

Hands Around The World	Children's centre	India	12,000
	Wind pump and house/classroom	Zambia	16,000
	School girls hostel	Uganda	6,000
Helpage	Reducing impact of HIV/AIDS	Cambodia	24,135
	Urban food production	Ecuador	13,594
	Carers for HIV orphans	Uganda	15,000
Hope and Homes	Education/training of war orphans	Sierra Leone	22,420
Impact	Third Year of 2001 3 Year Project: Safer motherhood and child survival	Nepal	35,976
	First Year of 2004 3 Year Project: Disability prevention partnership	East Africa	50,877
	Jibon Tari floating hospital	Bangladesh	35,874
	Training doctors for hearing impaired	Nepal	16,272
	Establishment of prosthetic centre	Bangladesh	43,970
	Restoring sight & cutting cataract backlog	Sri Lanka	20,150
	Safer Motherhood	Tanzania	16,135

"Thank you all, and the people of Jersey, so much for your sustained support, which is helping us to change the lives and opportunities of some of the world's most marginalized people". Claire Hicks, Chief Executive

International Medical Corps	Winter support for displaced people	Russia	49,339
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"JOA support of IMC activities proved to be essential for addressing immediate needs of the war affected population of Ingushetia. The great appreciation shown by the beneficiaries, reflected in letters, personal comments, and the assessment questionnaire, testifies to the project's success. IMC will continue to work towards building local capacities and providing sustainable solutions in the Northern Caucasus and looks forward to further collaboration with JOA in this endeavour."

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued

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Intermediate Technology Group	Community access to rural services	Nepal	34,474
	Women's rural enterprise	Peru	29,664
International Planned Parenthood	Extending youth friendly services	Nepal	15,000
Just World Partners	Sustainable agriculture	Tonga	10,811
	Income generation	Vanuatu	12,750
	Improved nutrition	West Papua	9,529
	Blue forests	Fiji	15,150
Landmine Action	Nuba mountain mine clearance	Sudan	65,000
	Emergency first aid training	Sudan	45,000
Leonard Cheshire	Ranchi self reliance programme	India	13,120
	Vocational training for disabled people	Sierra Leone	26,354

Lepra	Leprosy services	Nepal	16,953	
	Adapted footwear for disability	Brazil	11,745	
	IEC for elimination of lymphatic filariasis	Bangladesh	14,046	
	Provision of TB and Leprosy services	Angola	25,000	
The Leprosy Mission	Integrated approach to Leprosy	Sudan	31,894	
	Renovation for Kumi Hospital	Uganda	10,728	
	Tuberculosis control	India	10,624	
	Increasing capacity of Nav Jivan TB prog.	India	12,602	
Marie Stopes	Second Year of 2002 3 Year Project:			
	Improving the wellbeing of women	Tanzania	38,426	
	Preventive measures STI/HIV/AIDS	Angola	50,000	
	Reproductive health	Pakistan	32,616	
	Improving sexual health	Mongolia	49,011	
	Reproductive health centre	Fiji		49,819
Medicines Sans Frontieres	Second Year of 2002 3 Year Project:			
	TB treatment pilot project	Uzbekistan	50,000	
	Prevention and treatment of HIV infection	Kenya	65,000	
	Support control for human Trypanosomiasis	Africa	48,000	
	Chronic diseases clinic	Cambodia	65,000	
Access to healthcare	Haiti	65,000		
Merlin	Second Year of 2002 3 Year Project:			
	Developing TB control	Georgia	40,345	
	Kenema district hospital laboratory	Sierra Leone	62,558	
	Emergency well rehabilitation project	Kenya	59,675	
Mines Awareness Group	First Year of 2004 3 Year Project:			
	Village assistance clearance	Laos	77,254	

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GRANT AID.....continued

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued - £

Mission Aviation Fellowship	Completion of new aircraft acquisition	Papua NG	65,000
	Avionics package for floatplane	Bangladesh	64,898
	Satellite clinic	Bangladesh	60,720

Ockenden	Water provision and management	Sudan	24,997
One World Action	Improved stoves & vegetable plots	Nicaragua	6,501
	Post harvest production support	Philippines	8,769
	Rehabilitation programme for the disabled	El Salvador	6,881
	Community health and development	Bangladesh	13,932
	Vocational training programme	El Salvador	12,870
Orbis	Agricultural programme	Philippines	16,494
	Paediatric eye care with outreach	India	26,235
Orphaids	Establishing county eye-care services	China	32,523
	Palliative care Doctor Nicola Bailhache	Ecuador	18,963
Oxfam	Third Year of 2001 3 Year Project: Pastoral development programme	Kenya	56,123
	First Year of 2004 3 Year Project: Basic education for internally displaced children	Sudan	57,500
	Livelihood support for women	Chile	64,403
	Education for children living in slums	Kenya	65,000
	Food security and livelihoods for the poor	Haiti	63,765
Plan UK	Food security and health care	Bangladesh	64,182
	Rural livelihoods & capacity building	Cameroon	38,500
SAMS	Health centre construction	Bolivia	18,750
	Smiles dental health project	Brazil	10,000
Save the Children	Second Year of 2002 3 Year Project: Basic education	Sudan	64,000
	First Year of 2004 3 Year Project: Improved quality of life for rural communities	China	50,110
	Integral development centre	Bolivia	20,500

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued - £

Sense	Deafblind children and families in rural communities	Bolivia	34,200
	Opportunities for deafblind children	India	47,000
Sight Savers	Provision of quality cataract surgery	Bangladesh	21,750
	Community based Trachoma control	Kenya	26,060
	KBHB paediatric eye care	India	8,991

Cataract Surgery, Bangladesh

SOS Sahel	Introducing Melia Volensii to poor farmers	Kenya	10,500
Sound Seekers	HARK Mobile Clinic	Sierra Leone	60,000
	Swazi earcare training	Swaziland	10,000
	Training audiology technicians	Uganda	8,000
	HARK Namibia audiologist	Namibia	10,000
	Surgical visit	Swaziland	5,000
	Surgical visit	Namibia	5,000
Tearfund	First Year of 2004 3 Year Project: Samu water and sanitation project	Sierra Leone	60,134
	Water and food security	India	39,594
	Village improved sanitation	Albania	64,719
	Water and agriculture project	Guinea	52,079
	Deep bore well drilling	Brazil	36,098
	Multi purpose cyclone centre	Bangladesh	31,998
Tools for Self Reliance	Sewing machines for enterprise	Africa	22,529
	Jersey tools for development	Africa	585
	Assisting artisans for development	Uganda	11,733

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued

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Target TB	Laboratory equipment for TB control	Bangladesh	29,545
	Equipment for Zatulet health centre	Zambia	15,716
	Capacity building and training at Zatulet	Zambia	31,775

The TB nurse and community volunteers visit patients in all weathers. The bikes help make community visits more efficient, enabling more patients to be seen. Zatulet Centre, Zambia

UNICEF Third Year of 2001 3 Year Project:			
	Community based Malaria control	Tanzania	50,000
	Protecting mothers & babies from tetanus	Uganda	51,268
	School water and sanitation	Cape Verde	45,192
Uganda Society for Disabled Children	Children's rehabilitation hostel	Uganda	19,560
	Equipment for vocational training	Uganda	14,816
	Supporting and giving voice to the young	Uganda	20,000
Vetaid	HIV/AIDS impact mitigation through agricultural development	Kenya	21,495
VSO	Alan Rossi, English teacher	China	11,556
	Matthew Thornington, Marketing advisor	Uganda	7,040
	Daniella Watts, Youth for development manager	Malawi	4,626
Wateraid	Third Year of 2001 3 Year Project: Tamiraparani Water Network	India	52,414
	First Year of 2004 3 Year Project: Integrating water, sanitation and hygiene	India	36,000
	Safe water, sanitation and hygiene Integrating water, sanitation and hygiene	Mozambique Ghana	49,846 30,000
World Vision	Centre for female victims of civil war	Sierra Leone	22,056
	Mobile dental clinic	Sri Lanka	27,590
	School construction	Ethiopia	40,000
	Water/environmental management	Bolivia	38,821
	Residential centre for street girls	India	38,178
	School renovation project	Bangladesh	39,023

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ARMENIA SAYS "THANK YOU JERSEY"

In 2002, the Jersey Overseas Aid Committee provided funding of £63,510 towards a community based primary healthcare scheme providing services to remote villages in Armenia. The people of Jersey were warmly thanked for their generosity by members of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia during a self funded visit by Senator Edward Vibert, Vice-President of the Jersey Overseas Aid Committee and Deputy Celia Scott Warren, a member of Jersey's Health and Social Services Committee.

The fact finding trip was organised by Oxfam, who were joint partners with the Jersey Overseas Aid Committee in this ground breaking scheme to provide sustainable primary health care and clean water to over 300 homes in four remote villages in the poorest and most inaccessible region of Southern Armenia.

In a one-to-one meeting with the Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Environmental Protection, Mr. Mnatsakan Petrosyan, Senator Vibert and Deputy Scott-

Warren were asked to convey to the people of Jersey, “the heartfelt thanks of the people of Armenia for their wonderful generosity”.

Mr. Petrosyan told Senator Vibert and Deputy Scott-Warren; *“The rural health scheme pioneered by Oxfam Armenia for some of our remote villages, and supported by the island of Jersey, has been so successful that we are now working with Oxfam to incorporate the scheme into a new law that will take this sort of primary health care to all remote villages in Armenia. It has been a wonderful success and we can’t thank Jersey enough for the financial aid we received.”*

During their visit, Senator Vibert and Deputy Scott-Warren were invited to meet some of the beneficiaries of the scheme who live in the villages. They spoke in glowing terms of how the medical centres had changed their lives.

“One of the concerns about Overseas Aid often expressed to me by islanders is whether we are sure that the money sent to a country is used for the benefit of people in need and not siphoned off by governments. The Committee has a policy of only providing aid to non-government organisations (NGO’s) with an excellent track record and the Oxfam-Armenian project is a perfect example of how well this works” said Senator Vibert. *“I can assure the people of Jersey who provided the money for this project that all of the money is being well used, is subject to very stringent controls and is having maximum impact of people in need”.*

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Persons wishing to undertake research into Overseas Aid from the Island of Jersey can obtain back copies of reports from:- The States’ Bookshop, Morier House, Halkett Place, St. Helier, Jersey JE1 1DD.

Comments and improvements on this annual report should be addressed to Leslie Crapp FCA, Honorary Executive Officer.

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