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# FOREWORD

**2018** marked 50 years since Jersey made its first development grant, and we marked our half century with an exhibition at the Jersey Museum. Thanks to the brilliant work of Jersey Heritage, our Island's compassion and generosity was on show for all to see, with scores of pictures and objects supplied by our partners illustrating Jersey's life-changing work overseas. Thousands of Islanders and visitors got a virtual-reality tour of a Flying Eye Hospital, and saw how Red Cross parcels have evolved from the ones we received in 1945 to the ones we send today to Syria and Cox's Bazaar. Several public events – and a set of commemorative stamps – all celebrated this milestone, and the Jersey public showed yet again how much it genuinely cherishes its aid programme.

It is wonderful to see how enthusiastically our Island embraces its moral duty to help others less fortunate than ourselves, and how seriously it takes the task of being a good global citizen. This was also underlined in 2018 by my appointment as Jersey's first International Development Minister, which sends a powerful signal that overseas aid is not just something 'nice to have', but is a fundamental part of our government's agenda and our national identity. However, the real way we celebrated our anniversary this year was not by resting on our laurels, but by earning them.

While we have constantly striven to improve the quality of our programming since 1968, the pace of change has now markedly risen. The most fitting (if less public) memorial to our half century of overseas aid are the dozens of improvements we have made

internally to the way we select, monitor, and manage our projects. JOA celebrated its fiftieth birthday by quietly and doggedly continuing its transition into an effective, professional and respected aid donor.

Many of these reforms are not visible externally, although our funding partners will have noticed the much more demanding application process for grants, and the rigour with which we now monitor project activities and finances. We continued to narrow down our target countries, and for the first time identified focal sectors for our development grants. We also finally stopped funding single-year, activity-focused projects, and moved completely to a much more efficient and impact-oriented multi-year approach. We can now make any Jersey citizen the same offer we made to the Taxpayers' Alliance in October: Pick any development project and we'll tell you what it will achieve, which people it will help, what indicators will be used to demonstrate this, and how they will be objectively verified.

Improvements to JOA's governance, including a two-stage approval process for new grants and the formal division of responsibilities between the Commission and the Executive, further increased the robustness of our decision-making, as did the employment in January of a specialist Programme Officer. Furthermore, the creation of a Ministerial role for JOA's Chair – as well as demonstrating Jersey's commitment to aid – added another important layer of accountability and transparency. Our decisions and grants are now examined by the Council of Ministers, by the States as a whole, and by the meticulous and forensic Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.



As I was reminded in my meetings with the UN at the end of the year, Jersey's aid programme is increasingly recognised abroad for its impact and efficiency. It's an honour to fly a flag for our sometimes-maligned Island overseas, and to show the world that there's a lot more to Jersey's identity than just Finance. However, we have also increased our outreach and activities domestically as well, believing we have a responsibility to help our own citizens as well as the world's poorest. In addition to JOA awarding more money to Jersey charities than ever before, 2018 witnessed some extraordinary milestones on this front.

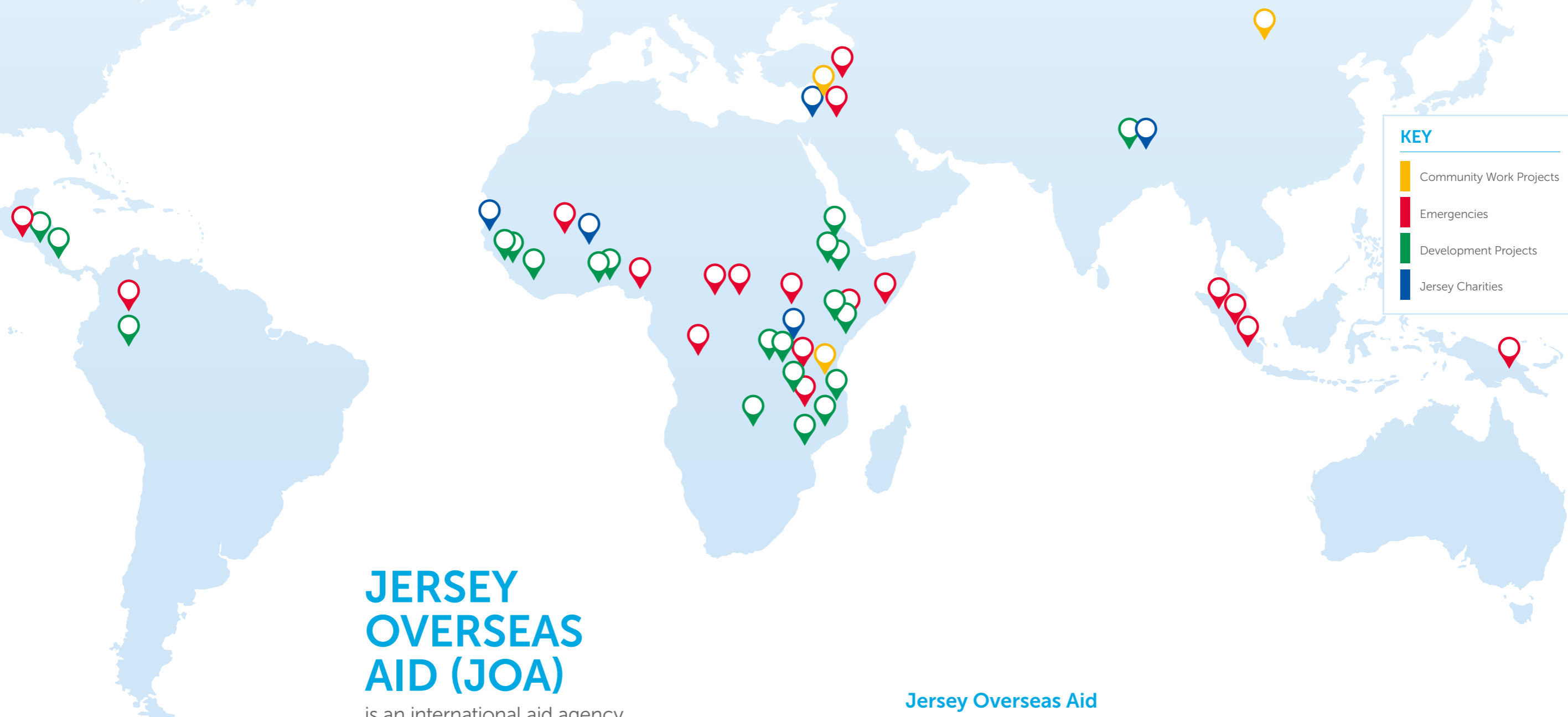
In February, our first Intern started work at JOA, and our second began in October. Lauren and Becki then took up placements with two UK charities, and were posted to Myanmar and Malawi. We designed this scheme to give bright graduates from Jersey the chance to kickstart a career in Development – a field that can actually be quite hard to break into – and it's working

exactly as planned. In the spring and summer we ran three amazing community work projects, sending over 30 volunteers (including me!) to Tanzania, Lebanon and Mongolia, and in October we signed an agreement with the Trackers' scheme to provide placements on these life-changing trips to young Jersey apprentices. We also launched our schools outreach programme, reaching 260 pupils in 13 schools with 19 technology-focused workshops. Meanwhile at the end of the year we launched two bursary schemes to give Islanders the chance to volunteer or work in a developing country.

So our 50th anniversary year has been a busy one! As readers will discover in this Annual Report, Jersey Overseas Aid continues its upward trajectory, and continues to make more of a difference at home and abroad than ever before. The most fitting way to celebrate half a century of helping others has been to ensure that we are constantly getting better at doing so.

**Carolyn Labey**  
Chairman of  
Jersey Overseas Aid &  
Minister for International  
Development

# JOA FUNDED PROJECTS 2018



**KEY**

- Community Work Projects
- Emergencies
- Development Projects
- Jersey Charities

## JERSEY OVERSEAS AID (JOA)

is an international aid agency funded by the States of Jersey that has been providing life-changing assistance to people in developing countries since 1968.

### Jersey Overseas Aid

Jersey Overseas Aid is governed by six unpaid Commissioners, three States members and three non-States members, who are appointed by the States of Jersey. The Chair of the Commission represents Jersey as the Island's Minister for International Development.

The daily management of the organisation and its grants is conducted by staff members who have experience of selecting, implementing, overseeing and evaluating development and emergency projects all over the world.

# DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



## INTRODUCTION

JOA's development projects continue to support the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities, raising incomes and improving access to basic services. Fewer school days are being lost to poor sanitation and disease, less time is being spent collecting water, more food is being grown and more income generated thanks to projects supported by JOA. From specialist health programmes in Sierra Leone and Myanmar to solar-powered water-pumps in rural Nepal, tens of thousands of lives are being transformed through the generosity of the Jersey public and the expertise of the partner organisations that JOA works with.

This year, JOA awarded twenty-two new multi-year grants in twelve countries in five core development themes: **Health, School Water Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH), Dairy for Development, Financial Inclusion** and **Conservation Livelihoods**. This narrowing of geographic and thematic focus began in 2017 and will continue into the future, as JOA strives to maximise the impact of its funding and to increase its own expertise and reputation. For the same reason, in 2018 we increased the maximum size of ordinary development projects to £450,000, and completely ended the practice of funding 12-month projects.



Children playing under a baobab tree (TreeAid)



Livelihoods project, Kenya (Farm Africa)

These are key changes to the way JOA operates. In 2016 we funded 56 new single-year projects in 28 countries (as well as 12 small multi-year, bringing the country total to 32). In 2017 we narrowed down the countries to 16, for the first time taking corruption into account, but still launched 34 new development projects, of which 25 would take less than a year to complete. Additionally, there were no stipulations on the type of activity which Jersey would fund, so we supported interventions in almost every conceivable sector.

Sustainable poverty alleviation is rarely achievable within a year, and spreading aid so thinly risks sacrificing both impact and efficiency. Additionally, such a huge number of individual projects are impossible to monitor properly for a tiny organisation, and working on dozens of issues in scores of

countries prevented JOA from gaining a deeper understanding of any. Funding fewer, larger projects in fewer places and sectors enables Jersey to help more people more effectively, while also allowing JOA's staff and Commission to apply and safeguard Jersey taxpayers' money much more professionally.

This process will continue into 2019 and 2020, with further increases in specialisation and in project scale. However, 2018 represents a key milestone in this transformation to an effective, focused development donor. Coupled with a much more demanding application process, more empirical project selection, and ever more rigorous monitoring and oversight of projects, our 50th anniversary year witnessed a sea change in Jersey's standards and ambitions in international development.

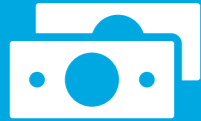
For a full list of all projects that JOA supported in 2018, including those begun in previous years, see the summary table (page 35).

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FINANCIAL INCLUSION



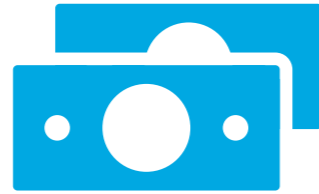
HEALTH

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH) IN SCHOOLS



CONSERVATION LIVELIHOODS

DAIRY FOR DEVELOPMENT



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

The evidence shows that when people have access to useful and affordable financial products and services that meet their needs - including money transfers, payments, savings, credit and insurance - everyone benefits. People save more, spend more on health care and education and invest in their enterprises which in turn have more opportunity to thrive. However, 1.7 billion people have no access to basic financial services, most of them in developing countries. The poor, women, young people and those living in rural areas are the most affected.

JOA has identified Financial Inclusion as an increasingly important way of reducing poverty and increasing wellbeing in developing countries, and in 2017 signed an agreement with Comic Relief, one of the UK's most cherished and experienced grant makers, to work together in this field. Branching Out: Financial Inclusion at the Margins is our 4-year flagship Financial Inclusion programme that will enable struggling families in Rwanda, Zambia and Sierra Leone to invest in small businesses, cope with unexpected emergencies, and spend more on health care and education. The fact that Jersey is a world-leading Financial Services Centre also means that we can help to build responsible and inclusive financial systems through technical assistance and knowledge exchange, deploying our significant expertise as well as our funds.



Keep capital, Rwanda (Comic Relief)



THE £8 MILLION PROGRAMME HAS THREE KEY COMPONENTS:

- Increasing bottom-of-the-pyramid access to financial services such as loans, savings, money-transfers and insurance (70%)
- Transferring knowledge to build responsible and inclusive financial systems which help move people out of poverty, protect their gains and advance economic development (10%)
- Incubating Financial Technology (FinTech) and Digital Financial Services (DFS) to increase access to basic financial services and promote private-sector growth (20%)

By the end of 2018, Branching Out had awarded five multi-year grants to the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in Zambia and Rwanda, FSD and Finca in Zambia, and CordAid in Sierra Leone. Together, these projects are worth £4.8m and will reach over 900,000 people over the next four years.



PROJECT IN FOCUS

FINANCIAL INCLUSION AT THE MARGINS

COUNTRY: Rwanda  
 PARTNER ORG: United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)  
 SUMMARY: The UNCDF is utilising digital financial services to enable the transfer of humanitarian aid and credit, savings, and payment services to forcibly displaced persons (FDPs) and their surrounding host communities. 15,000 refugees in Gihembe and Nyabiheke Camps will benefit immediately, but this pioneering project can contribute towards improving the lives of refugees worldwide.





## HEALTH

Today, at least 50% of the world's population lacks access to the most basic health services. Millions of pregnant women around the world give birth without a trained midwife, vaccinations continue to be unavailable to children exposed to killer diseases and millions of preventable deaths are recorded each year because people can't get necessary treatment for diseases such as HIV, TB, and malaria. Mental health, so long neglected, is only really now being addressed by governments with many still lacking adequate expertise, services and support. As ever, it is the world's poor who suffer the most, with an estimated 100 million people being driven further into poverty as they struggle to pay for the essential services and medication they need.

JOA's Health funding stream targets organisations that specialise in health services for the poor, building their capacity and financing projects that tackle ill-health and prevent premature mortality. A key focus of this programme is capacity-building, both of health services and of funding partners. By insisting on knowledge transfer we not only ensure Jersey's money is going further than simply paying for services, we are contributing to the country's ability to cope better in the future.

In 2018 funded JOA funded eight health projects ranging from reconstructive surgery and burns care, to Leprosy control and enhancing mental health care services in Ghana. JOA supported a pioneering programme with Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) in Sierra Leone that enhances nurse-led clinical care for infants and children at all major regional and district hospitals. This partnership alone has led to the improvement in the clinical skills of nurses and doctors in emergency care and is contributing to substantial reductions in child mortality.



Advancing children's hearing (*Sound Seekers*)



Nurse attending training session in clinical care for critically ill children, Sierra Leone (*RCPCH*)

Globally, 1.3 billion people live with some form of vision impairment, 80% of these cases are considered avoidable. Through a JOA grant, Sightsavers are expanding the reach of community eye care services, training health workers and providing sight-saving eye surgery to prevent blindness to over 10,000 people in need in Mozambique. Another specialist ophthalmic charity, Orbis, received a JOA grant to continue their work in Ethiopia by reducing preventable blindness and poor vision for over 250,000 individuals. Sound seekers and Sense International received grants to address those with hearing loss and disability in Zambia and Tanzania and the British Red Cross continued their post-Ebola recovery work in Sierra Leone having been awarded a 2-year grant in 2017.

In Myanmar, a country ravaged by ongoing internal conflict and insecurity, JOA funded Health and Hope and their project to improve medical access, knowledge and services for rural communities in two of the most neglected and impoverished regions of the country.

### PROJECT IN FOCUS

#### BUILDING A NATIONAL NETWORK OF NURSE-LED PAEDIATRIC TRAINING & MENTORING IN SIERRA LEONE



COUNTRY: Sierra Leone

PARTNER ORG: Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health (RCPCH)

**SUMMARY:** This three year project aims to deliver sustainable quality improvement in clinical care for critically ill children, building on the 2017-18 JOAC-funded collaboration with Sierra Leone's Ola During Children's National Hospital, as well as RCPCH's collaborative relationship with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and WHO Sierra Leone. The project will support Ola During become operational as the Centre of Excellence for national paediatric care training, by delivering training and mentoring to regional and district hospitals and continuing to build the role and potential of nurses as a critical resource in improving the quality of child health care.



Hand washing tutorial with children and parents, Guatemala (Care)



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) IN SCHOOLS

Despite significant progress in recent years, it is estimated that 1 in 3 people globally do not have access to safe drinking water, 2.3 billion people don't have a suitable toilet of their own and 3 billion people lack basic handwashing facilities. The absence of these basic services is acutely felt by rural communities in developing countries, with millions of people dying every year from diseases associated with inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene. Those most severely affected are women and children who, in addition to being exposed to the health risks, are forced to sacrifice their time, education and livelihoods in order to walk miles and collect the household's daily supply of water.

Poor WASH infrastructure has a particularly deleterious effect in children's education. A staggering 443 million school days are lost every year because of water-related illnesses - children are exposed to diarrhoeal disease, parasitic infections and dehydration that contributes not only to absenteeism but impairs cognitive skills and the ability required for learning. This number significantly increases when considering the number of days lost due to the lack of safe, gender specific lavatories for adolescent girls - millions of girls fall behind or never get to finish school because of inadequate or unsafe facilities during menstruation. Research shows that better-educated women tend to earn higher incomes, have fewer children, marry later and provide better health care and education for their children.

For these reasons, one of JOA's core funding themes in 2018 focused on improving education, health and gender-equality through WASH projects that targeted learners, in schools or elsewhere. JOA began six such projects in Guatemala, Rwanda, Malawi, Sierra Leone and Tanzania - all addressing the need to improve WASH infrastructure and behaviour in schools, communities and local authorities. Many components of the projects were shared, and included the rehabilitation and construction of school WASH facilities such as latrines and handwashing stations, Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), training students, teachers and parents, and supporting local authorities. Two projects (Able Child Africa's in Rwanda and Children in Crisis in Sierra Leone) specifically addressed the need to integrate children with disabilities.

### PROJECT IN FOCUS

#### MY HEALTHY SCHOOL: WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE.

COUNTRY: Guatemala

PARTNER ORG: CARE International

**SUMMARY:** This three year project is being implemented by CARE Guatemala in collaboration with the Ministries of Health and Education and local governments in Chimaltenango and Guatemala City. It aims to address poor WASH facilities and poor hygiene practices to improve school attendance and education outcomes for youth, whilst also promoting gender equality and respect for indigenous communities within school environments. Operating in 27 schools across three areas, this work will benefit approximately 9,000 boys and girls. At the end of the project they will have improved access to safe water and sanitation systems in their schools, better food and hygiene practices, and better exam results.



Project to improve girls with disabilities access to education, Rwanda (Able Child Africa)





## CONSERVATION LIVELIHOODS

With its genesis in the work of former Jersey resident and conservationist, Gerald Durrell, JOA's Conservation Livelihoods theme focuses on regions where environment/livelihood pressures are strong, especially those under threat from population growth, habitat destruction and changing weather patterns. We look for projects that establish or strengthen a virtuous circle of human and environmental wellbeing, which will likely be underpinned by a system of sustainable livelihoods. The projects actively enhance or preserve the natural environment as well as communities' incomes.

A total of four new Conservation Livelihoods grants were awarded in 2018. In Nepal JOA gave its first ever grant to Renewable World, an agency that tackles poverty in developing countries by enabling the provision of affordable renewable energy systems for energy-poor communities. Their easy to use, solar-powered water pumps are empowering rural communities through increasing access to sustainable energy and affordable and reliable water, sanitation and hygiene as well as introducing new agricultural technologies to improve livelihoods.

Conservation Livelihoods, Kenya (Farm Africa)



A first multi-year grant was awarded to Excellent Development for a project that will provide year-round access to water for 31,768 people in Mozambique's drylands using a low-cost sustainable solution: Sand Dams. Sand dams are a simple rainwater harvesting technique that allow access to clean water stored within sand. They capture surface water runoff and raise groundwater levels, allowing surrounding vegetation to regenerate and flourish. This reduces soil erosion, improves soil fertility, increases rainwater absorption, reduces desertification and transforms drylands into productive environments.

In Guatemala and Bolivia, CAFOD is improving the resilience and resource management of rural and indigenous communities as the negative effects of climate change and environmental degradation increase. Additionally, JOA continued its support for Durrell's ground-breaking work in Madagascar, where the wellbeing of over 2,000 nature-dependent households in 14 communities will be enhanced through improved food security, reproductive health, and better access to community finance schemes while reducing pressure on threatened habitats.

### PROJECT IN FOCUS

#### GROW HOPE

COUNTRY: Ghana

PARTNER ORG: Tree Aid

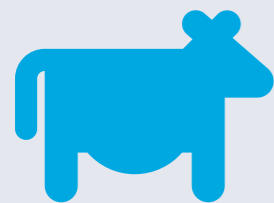
**SUMMARY:** This three-year project aims to improve livelihoods, increase household income from sustainable forest product supplies for 1,508 rural households and reduce the threats to ecosystems across two districts in the Upper East region of Ghana. The project will reach this goal through the development of viable non-timber forest product (NTFP) enterprises and cooperatives; through sustainable firewood management and the increase of tree cover on farmland. The project will help vulnerable rural communities to take fuller advantage of opportunities for commercial trade in NTFPs whilst protecting forest resources.



Milk testing by smelling, More-Milk Project in Rwanda (Self Help Africa)



Jersey Inka Nzizi, Rwanda (Jo McGuinness)



## DAIRY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Dairy cows play a vital role in many developing countries, serving not only as a source of income for smallholder farmers but contributing to the improved health and nutrition of their families and communities. As a centre of dairy expertise – and home of the Jersey breed – we are uniquely well-placed to assist farmers, charities, cooperatives, extension workers and national governments with improving the quality and profitability of milk production.

In addition to the ongoing work in Rwanda, which is reaching 12,000 smallholder farmers and transforming the national Artificial Insemination system, 2018 saw the Royal Jersey Agriculture and Horticulture Society begin a three-year project in Malawi.

Working with the Shire Highlands Milk Producers Association, Jersey will improve the household income of 6,000 smallholder dairy farmers through improved breeding, feeding and extension services, and by providing Jersey semen for Artificial Insemination. The Jersey breed is increasingly showing its worth for low-input farmers across the world, with its smaller frame, higher conversion rate, and better quality milk.

JOA also began three other new dairy projects in 2018: Two in Ethiopia (through Farm Africa and Self Help Africa) and one in Nepal. In the latter, Practical Action will establish 30 milk collection centres and increase 7,000 dairy farmers' access to improved breeding services.

### PROJECT IN FOCUS

#### MORE-MILK: MARKET ORIENTED RURAL ENTERPRISE FOR MILK



COUNTRY: Ethiopia (Oromia)

PARTNER ORG: Self Help Africa

**SUMMARY:** 600 producers will be trained on improved breeding management practices, with a focus on improved feeding practices, forage production and herd health management. They will also receive two rounds of AI with improved semen. Dairy production will increase by 50% and income will increase by 70% for the targeted producers due to increased production and the higher value of processed/chilled milk, and 90% beneficiaries are projected to increase their dietary diversity score. There will also be multiplier effects beyond the targeted households due to the strengthened government livestock extension services, AI provision and access to improved forage and fodder from the government nursery.

Internally Displaced  
Persons, Central  
African Republic  
(UN-OCHA)



# EMERGENCY & DISASTER RELIEF

In 2018 we spent a total of £2.86m on emergency assistance, enabling experienced aid organisations to reach those affected by natural disasters and conflict in 12 different countries. As a country which within living memory was receiving Red Cross parcels itself, Jersey is acutely aware of the importance of timely humanitarian assistance. However, such aid is sometimes fragmented, onerous and inefficient, and this is a particular danger for a small donor without much of a global presence. Jersey is unable, for example, to do the necessary due diligence on the local and national responders which should play an increasing role in humanitarian interventions, nor to choose empirically between the numerous underfunded humanitarian responses. Instead, we have traditionally contributed small amounts to scores emergency appeals run by a handful of recognised aid agencies: 44 in 2016, of which 39 contributions were for £30,000 or less.

As with our Development programming, JOA has been working hard to improve the efficiency and impact of the Island's emergency assistance. A key reform has been to further increase the size of each contribution; in 2017 they averaged just over £100,000, and in 2018 they reached almost £140,000. The size alone means more can be done with each pound, and less is wasted on fundraising, reporting and admin. Significant contributions in 2018 included £350,000 following the Sulawesi tsunami, and £191,592 via Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) for the management of malnutrition in children, medical missions (including limb reconstruction and breast cancer care) and the purchase and delivery of essential drugs in the occupied Palestinian territories. Additionally, during the devastating earthquake that struck Papua New Guinea in early 2018, JOA was UNICEF UK's single largest donor.

However, in addition to responding better to crises as they arise, Jersey has also tried to be more strategic with its emergency funding. In 2017 we began supporting the UN-led Syrian Humanitarian Fund, and in 2018 we increased our support of this mechanism to include the Central African Republic. We also proudly became the fourth government donor to support the START Network. This is an innovative rapid-financing mechanism made up of 42 international and national NGOs, focussing on the small to medium crises which often slip under the international media's radar. In 2018 these included anticipating deadly heatwaves in Pakistan and assisting communities affected by severe waterlogging in Bangladesh.

Such pooled funds allow JOA to provide aid in multiple sectors at the absolute frontline of a humanitarian emergency without the risk and cost of choosing individual partners, and in so doing contribute to - rather than undermine - response coordination. The professional, transparent and low-cost administration of the funds make them an efficient and low-risk way for JOA to provide support. Furthermore, our role is not as a silent benefactor - the agency has a seat on the Start Fund's Donor Council and attend (by telephone) the quarterly meetings in Damascus of the Advisory Board of the UN's Syrian Humanitarian Fund.



Humanitarian relief, Syria  
(UN OCHA)

## PROJECT IN FOCUS

### UN COUNTRY BASED POOL FUNDS (CBPFS) (SYRIA HUMANITARIAN FUND)

**COUNTRY:** Syria

**PARTNER ORG:** UN OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

**SUMMARY:** The Syria Humanitarian Fund is a country-based Pooled Fund (CBPF), managed by the UN OCHA in consultation with the Humanitarian Community. CBPF's allow donors to pool their contributions into single, unearmarked funds to support local humanitarian efforts. These funds are made directly available to relief partners at the front lines of the response, thus enabling humanitarian partners in crisis-affected countries to deliver timely, coordinated and principled assistance to the people who need it most. They ensure that funding is prioritised by those closest to people in need and foster collaboration and collective ownership of the emergency response. They also encourage efficient use of resources (e.g. by helping to minimizing transaction costs) and are vital to a coordinated and agile response. JOA began contributing to CBPF's in 2016 and our contributions to CBPF's represent about 5 per cent of our annual aid budget. In 2018, Jersey contributed \$705,219 to the Syria Humanitarian Fund, in support of people affected by the conflict in Syria, one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time. In 2018, the Syria Humanitarian Fund reached 4.1 million people, with \$48 million in allocations.



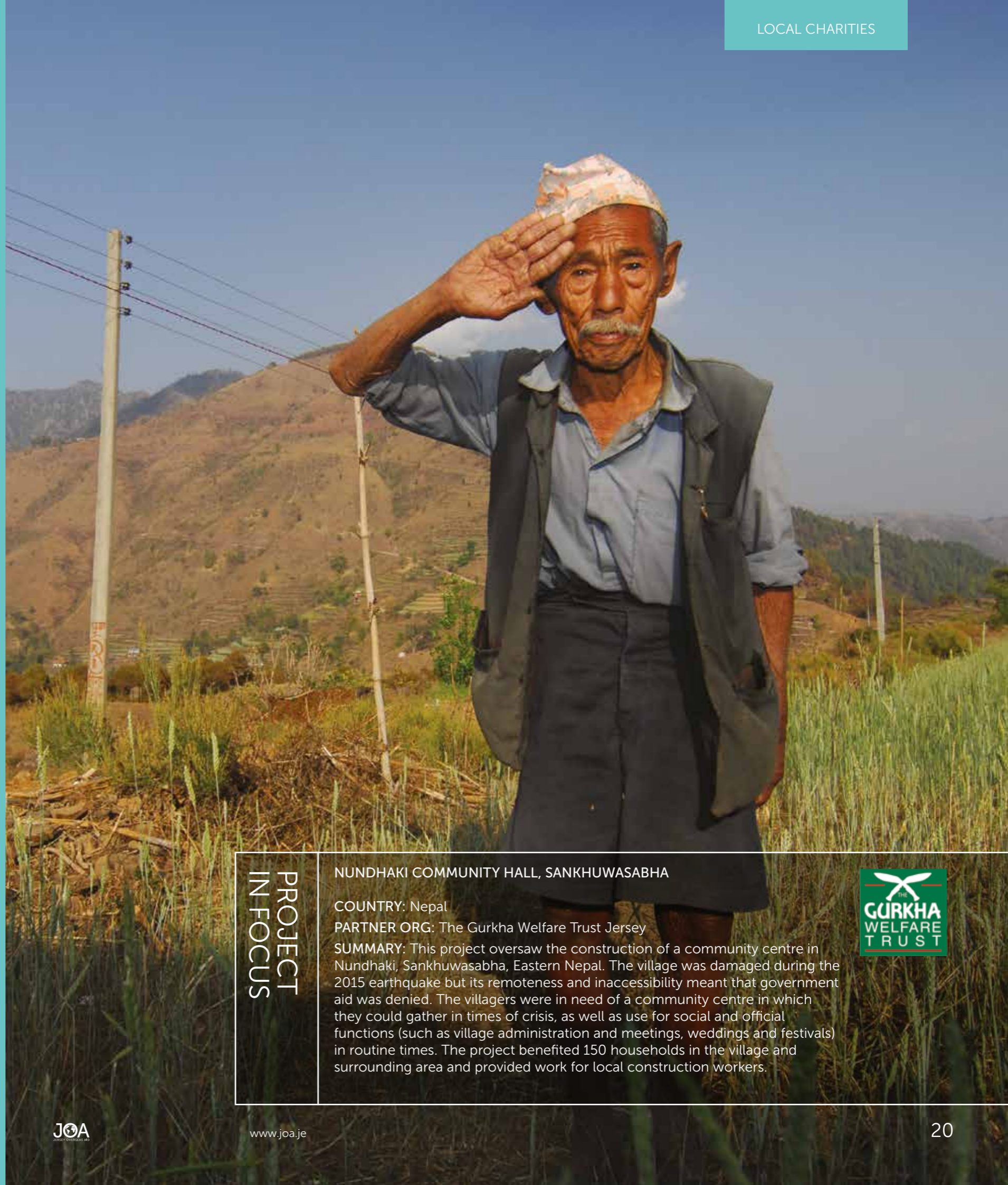


# LOCAL CHARITIES

Ex-Gurkha Soldier, Nepal

Jersey-based charities working overseas range from tiny kitchen-table organisations to large international NGOs like Durrell. Whatever their size they are fantastic ambassadors for the Island, and at £1.13m in 2018 JOA gave them more money than in any previous year in history – despite having made the application process significantly more rigorous. New grants included classroom construction in Burkina Faso by the Freedom Church, wells for women’s vegetable gardens in Gambia (Jersey Africa Projects) and supporting the Ashish Children’s Home in Nepal (CRY Jersey). Hands Around the World continued its education-focused work in Southwest Rwanda, while in East Jerusalem, through a partnership with St John Ambulance, an Island-sponsored nurse helps thousands of people receive life-changing treatment in one of the busiest eye hospitals in the world.

Meanwhile, the partnership with the Jersey Branch of the Gurkha Welfare Trust went from strength to strength in 2018. In addition to constructing a Community Hall, Jersey money funded three community water systems in remote areas, transforming the lives of thousands of Nepalese. The strength of the connection between the Island and Nepal is nowhere better demonstrated than by the extraordinary local fundraising efforts of the Gurkha Welfare Trust’s many local supporters.



## PROJECT INFOCUS

### NUNDHAKI COMMUNITY HALL, SANKHUWASABHA

COUNTRY: Nepal

PARTNER ORG: The Gurkha Welfare Trust Jersey

SUMMARY: This project oversaw the construction of a community centre in Nundhaki, Sankhuwasabha, Eastern Nepal. The village was damaged during the 2015 earthquake but its remoteness and inaccessibility meant that government aid was denied. The villagers were in need of a community centre in which they could gather in times of crisis, as well as use for social and official functions (such as village administration and meetings, weddings and festivals) in routine times. The project benefited 150 households in the village and surrounding area and provided work for local construction workers.





# OUTREACH



## COMMUNITY WORK PROJECTS

Since 1972 Jersey residents have participated directly in changing the lives of those most in need. Jersey volunteers have brought clean water to those without, built classrooms, orphanages and clinics where there have been none, and provided one-to-one care for those who have no one. For many in Jersey it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, bringing with it a sense of achievement, life-long friendships and extraordinary memories.

In 2018, following a launch and round of interviews, a total of 32 Jersey residents travelled to three different locations, all with very different objectives.

- TANZANIA:** JOA and Raleigh International held a joint project to improve access to, and the use of, safe and sustainable sanitation facilities for 1,800 children (aged 7-13). Tanzania's population is 50 million people, but just one in six people have access to safe and clean sanitation facilities. JOA's volunteers addressed this issues by constructing new school sanitation blocks for children and teachers, setting up SWASH clubs in schools, and providing capacity building to School Management Committees to give them the skills and knowledge to maintain their school sanitation facilities.
- LEBANON:** In a departure from the usual construction-focused Community Work Projects, this year Jersey volunteers provided one-to-one care to underprivileged people suffering quite profound physical and mental disabilities. Lebanese with intellectual disabilities receive little state support, and often end up in crowded and underfunded institutions. These camps, operated by the Sovereign Order of Malta, offer the opportunity for volunteers to provide much needed care and attention where guests can benefit from sunlight, fresh air, outdoor walks, and the beautiful surrounding landscape of the Lebanese mountains.

Jersey volunteers  
- CWP, Tanzania



- MONGOLIA:** Volunteers provided a secure and caring space for 50 children, coming from very poor families, allowing parents to be able to go out and source income for the family. This was achieved by renovating a building within the Bayankhoshuu Ger area owned by Caritas Mongolia, turning it into a day care centre.

# "A LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY"

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Jersey volunteers  
- CWP, Lebanon

"The 12 Jersey Overseas Aid volunteers who embarked upon the physically and emotionally intensive challenge in Lebanon this year unanimously agreed that the experience enriched their own lives in equal measure to the disabled institutionalised Lebanese people they were there to assist.

"Most volunteers were assigned a disabled guest to support on a 1-1 basis. Their primary role was to become a friend to them assisting them with everyday tasks, supporting them with personal care and generally ensuring that for the duration of the camp they had a great time.

"The days were long with little opportunity for personal downtime, and yet the strong teamwork and commitment from all the volunteers meant that we found lots of reasons to smile and appreciate the simple things of life. We were richly rewarded with beautiful views, wholesome Lebanese food, unique cultural experiences and of course the knowledge that we were serving others who would otherwise have no chance of experiencing the freedom and choices the camp offered.

"We would all love to go again next year, ideally with a bigger Jersey team. The only requirements are to have lots of enthusiasm and energy and for one week be willing to put someone else's needs before your own. Could that be you or someone you know?"

- CWP Team Leader  
Sharon Eddie

Lauren Midgley in Myanmar  
with HelpAge International



## INTERNSHIP

Jersey school-leavers or career-changers often lament the lack of diversity for entry-level positions in sectors other than finance. Acknowledging this - and the fact that getting your first job in international development can be hard - JOA launched its inaugural annual internship programme in 2018. This exciting initiative - run in partnership with two leading UK charities and JOA partners (Practical Action and Help Age UK) - offers someone from Jersey the chance to spend twelve months with a respected charity including a six month assignment in a developing country. The ultimate goal is to equip the successful candidate with the skills and experience necessary to enable them to take frontline roles with international relief and development organisations.

In 2018 JOA recruited 2 interns, both of whom spent some time with JOA in St Helier before heading off to the UK and then their respective field placements.



## JOA INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

NAME: Rebecca Curtis  
ORG: Practical Action

"This year has been incredible, providing me with invaluable on-the-ground experience and offering me a platform to test and enhance my professional capabilities. I have had the opportunity to delve into new industries and new ideas, from assisting with budgets and procurements, to learning about different community-based ownership models. I have participated in developing innovative solutions that incorporate renewable energy and agro-ecology, concepts that could catalyse new initiatives that stretch from the Channel Islands to Indonesia. Living in Malawi has also offered me a window into the social, cultural, political and economic realities of Malawians and allowed me to be immersed in a network of creative and inspiring people, for which I will always be grateful.

"This internship has opened a path to potential careers that seemed fanciful as a Jersey child. We have an island of bright, capable people and the creation of local initiatives that embrace this talent will make a great difference to lives locally as well as internationally. It has been incredible to be a part of Practical Action's Malawi team and I hope that in the years ahead I am fortunate enough to be able to use the platform that JOA has given me to continue to change lives for the better."

Rebecca Curtis, Jersey  
Overseas Aid Intern, Malawi



## JOA AT 50

2018 saw JOA celebrate 50 years of reducing poverty and suffering around the world. To celebrate this milestone a twelve month exhibition was installed in the Jersey Museum in St Helier, with the incredible support of Jersey Heritage and with input from most partner organisations. Thousands of members of the public, tourists and visitors were able to see the kinds of projects Jersey supports around the world, and also to get an idea of how JOA operates. Some genuine Red Cross parcels from 1944 sat alongside modern relief items provided by Jersey in Syria and Bangladesh, underlining the pleasing symmetry of an Island once in receipt of aid now being able to give it.



JOA at Fifty Exhibition Panels

Meanwhile, Jersey Post issued a set of six commemorative stamps featuring images from Jersey-funded projects.



## BURSARIES

At the end of 2018 JOA expanded its public outreach programme by launching two new bursaries. These aimed at offering Jersey residents financial support so they can contribute towards international development projects abroad, either for short periods as enthusiastic volunteers, or for longer periods on a professional basis.

### THE JOA PROFESSIONAL BURSARY.

Transferring knowledge and providing technical assistance is one of the most efficient forms of aid. It can also greatly benefit the individual who is sharing their skills in a new context - deepening proficiency, adding new perspectives and experience, and providing a great sense of professional satisfaction. JOA's Professional Bursary Programme enables Jersey residents with relevant skills to spend time overseas utilising their expertise to help communities and organisations in need of professional assistance. JOA provides funding of up to £4,000 for extended placements abroad, sometimes partnering with employers who realise this is a great way to develop staff as well as to give something back.

### THE JOA VOLUNTEERING BURSARY.

JOA's Volunteering Bursaries provide a modest contribution (£500) towards living costs while volunteers give up their time for others abroad. Applicants simply needing to demonstrate that they will be working with a recognised organisation for a minimum of two weeks and doing something that evidently helps those less fortunate than ourselves.

*"The JOA bursary helped ease the financial burden internships can sometimes carry."*

## GETTING INVOLVED

Following an MA in Near and Middle Eastern Studies and Intensive Arabic from SOAS, Jersey resident Charlie Denney undertook a 5 month internship with UNICEF's regional office in Middle East & North Africa where she contributed to programmes on youth mobilisation and opportunity. In 2018 Charlie was awarded a JOA Volunteering Bursary that ensured she could complete her internship at UNICEF and make the most of her time abroad.



Charlie Denney, recipient of the JOA Volunteering Bursary

"Starting out in the development sector, and finding the right opportunity to experience the culture and gain the skills and language ability needed, can initially seem like an impossible task. However, receiving the JOA bursary provided me the necessary encouragement and support in my decision to undertake an internship at UNICEF in Jordan. The JOA bursary helped ease the financial burden internships can sometimes carry. Having completed my internship at UNICEF, it is clear that working in this sector is both challenging and rewarding, and receiving the JOA bursary has given me the confidence to continue a career in a sector which can contribute to meaningful change in some of the world's most diverse environments".



# SCHOOLS

JOA increasingly tries to promote understanding and in Jersey about international relief and development, and 2018 was the first year that JOA actively engaged with local schools on an island-wide scale. In partnership with Practical Action, JOA produced free, downloadable teacher and student resources, and held workshops for 260 pupils at the Jersey Museum for 13 primary and secondary schools. Using challenges based on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum, students were introduced to real-life development issues such as access to safe and clean water and how to stop infectious diseases.



## SCHOOL OUTREACH – TEACHER PERSPECTIVE

“We loved the Stop the Spread workshop, because it provides the students with a different perspective to what they experience in the classroom. For example, as part of the curriculum we teach them about bacteria, infectious diseases and ways to limit their spread, but we don't always cover global perspectives, mission statements and agendas in these lessons. Through this and other workshops they get to see how the Science they learn is implemented and acted upon in the 'real world' and it helps them to develop as a global citizen. As well as opening their eyes to careers and organisations that they may wish to be involved in.”

**JOA** **PRACTICAL ACTION**

### CAN YOU STOP THE SPREAD?

**What is the problem?**  
Infectious diseases cause death and illness to millions of people each year in the developing world.

**What could be a solution?**  
Providing a way for young children to wash their hands regularly and understand why hand washing is important is one way to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

**Your challenge**  
Imagine you are working for an international development charity. Your job is to build a hand washing device for children in a primary school in Kenya and help them understand why they should wash their hands.

**DROP NO.1 Get organised!**  
Working together in a team is an important part of your challenge. Decide on different roles e.g. product designer, engineer, researcher and science communicator.

**DROP NO.2 Research**  
Research infectious diseases and how they are spread. Find out about the Global Goals and how they aim to stop the spread of infectious diseases. Take part in fun activities to help your understanding.

**DROP NO.3 Design your model**  
Think about a model that can be used for hand washing. What materials will you use? Try to make your model as sustainable as possible. You will have a budget so be careful not to go over it.

**DROP NO.4 Build your model**  
The best bit! When you start building you may find your design does not work the way you thought it would, or you get a better idea. Don't worry... just change it.

**DROP NO.5 Test and redesign your model**  
When you think you have a working model it's time to test it. Think about how you could improve it even more and make any changes.

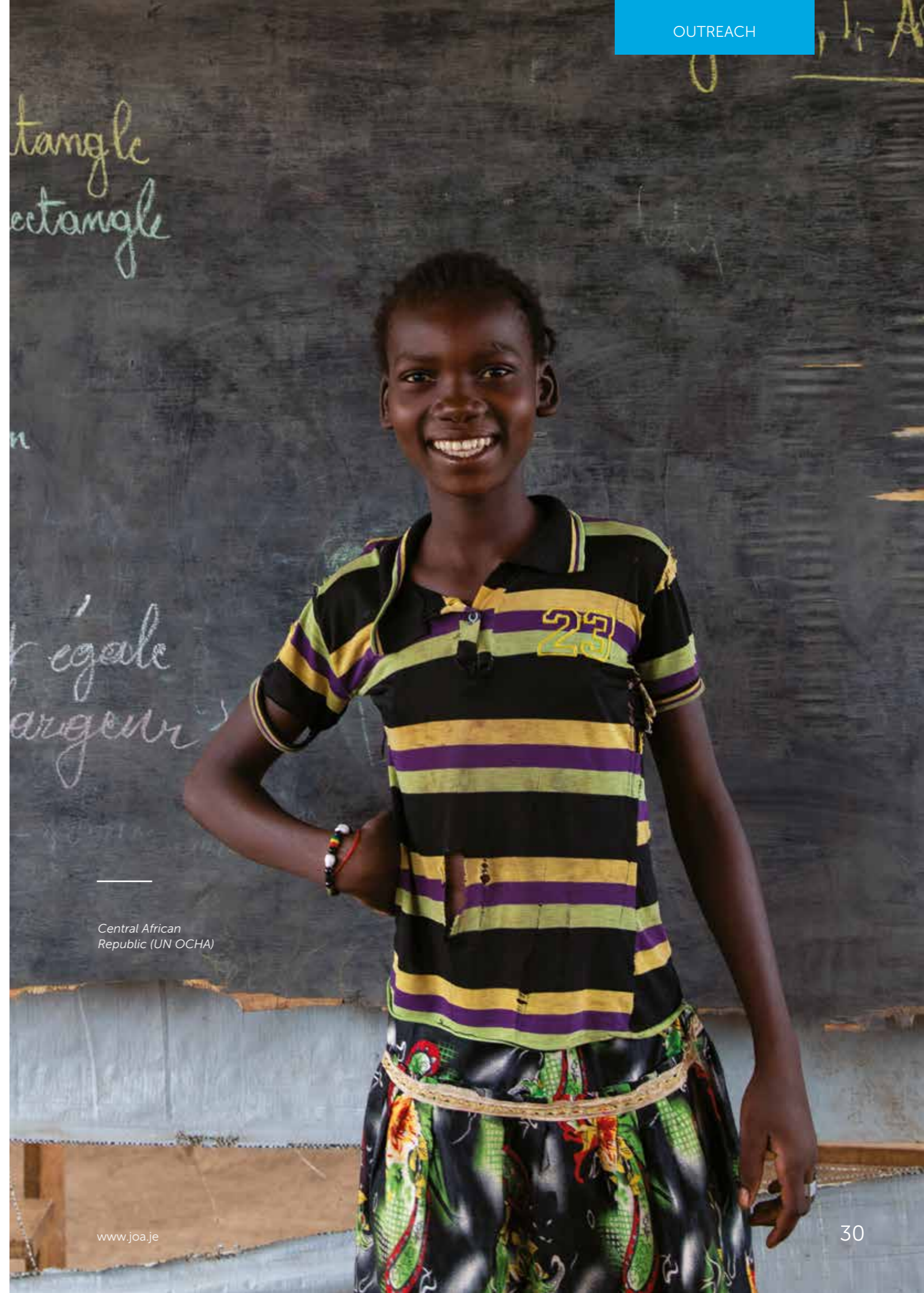
**DROP NO.6 Create materials for primary school pupils**  
Design exciting, interesting materials to persuade primary school children in Kenya to wash their hands. Suggestions include a poster, animation, video, rap, poem or wristbands. The more creative the better.

**DROP NO.7 Record and share your work with others**  
Keep track of your ideas and any decisions you have made as you go along. Present your model and education materials to the rest of the class in a 'Dragons' Den' style.

**DROP NO.8 Evaluate the work of others**  
Watch the other groups present their work. Tell them what you really like. Do you have any suggestions on how they could improve?

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Central African Republic (UN OCHA)

# LIST OF 2018 PROJECTS

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## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

AGENCY	PROGRAMME	COUNTRY	THEME	VALUE
<b>AbleChildAfrica</b>	To improve girls with disabilities access to education through safe water, hygiene and sanitation	Rwanda	SWASH	£201,297
<b>Care International</b>	My Healthy Schools project	Guatemala	SWASH	£417,270
<b>Children in Crisis</b>	Inclusive Wash For School Children In Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	SWASH	£230,945
<b>Habitat for Humanity</b>	Improving WASH status in Primary Schools in Chikwawa District	Malawi	SWASH	£405,203
<b>Raleigh International</b>	Safe Sanitation and Hygiene for Primary School Children in the Morogoro region of Tanzania	Tanzania	SWASH	£494,633
<b>Wateraid</b>	WASH for improved education in Bugasera and Nyamagabe Districts (WIEBAND)	Rwanda	SWASH	£450,000
<b>Farm Africa</b>	Livestock for Livelihoods	Ethiopia	Dairy	£450,000
<b>Practical Action</b>	Boosting rural livelihoods by enhancing production, value chains and dairy cow genetics	Nepal	Dairy	£400,000
<b>Self Help Africa</b>	Market Orientated Rural Enterprise for Milk (MORE-MILK)	Ethiopia	Dairy	£449,238
<b>Basic Needs</b>	Enhancing Maternal Mental Health	Ghana	Health	£191,293
<b>Health and Hope UK</b>	Community-led healthcare	Myanmar	Health	£449,619
<b>Orbis</b>	South Omo comprehensive rural eye care expansion project	Ethiopia	Health	£409,720
<b>Resurge Africa</b>	Capacity building in reconstructive surgery and burns care	Sierra Leone	Health	£242,003

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS Cont.

<b>Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health</b>	Building a national network of nurse-led paediatric training and mentoring	Sierra Leone	Health	£408,590
<b>Sense International</b>	Early Intervention programme for children with deafblindness/ multi-sensory impairments	Tanzania	Health	£390,799
<b>Sightsavers</b>	Nampula Inclusive Eye Care project	Mozambique	Health	£447,926
<b>Sound Seekers</b>	Advancing children's hearing health services in Lusaka and Ndola	Zambia	Health	£412,275
<b>The Leprosy Mission England &amp; Wales</b>	Leprosy control and complications management	Mozambique	Health	£436,337
<b>CAFOD</b>	Quechua and Mayan Indigenous communities - development and resilience	Bolivia and Guatemala	Conservation Livelihoods	£419,519
<b>Excellent Development</b>	Reducing water stress and hunger in rural Mozambique	Mozambique	Conservation Livelihoods	£392,642
<b>Renewable World</b>	SolarMUS III: Alleviating poverty in Nepal in the face of a changing climate	Nepal	Conservation Livelihoods	£263,584
<b>Tree Aid</b>	Grow Hope – Non-timber Forest Products	Ghana	Conservation Livelihoods	£387,379
<b>UN Capital Development Fund</b>	Digital Financial Services for Refugees	Rwanda	Financial Inclusion	£1m
<b>UNCDF</b>	Market systems approach to Financial Inclusion	Zambia	Financial Inclusion	£1m
<b>FSD Zambia</b>	Improving availability and access of formal and informal financial services	Zambia	Financial Inclusion	£1m
<b>Finca</b>	Expanding agent banking network to 800 new locations	Zambia	Financial Inclusion	£800,000
<b>Cordaid</b>	Getting 100,000 poor people on the first rung of the ladder for financial services	Sierra Leone	Financial Inclusion	£1m

# LIST OF 2018 PROJECTS *Cont.*

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## HUMANITARIAN

AGENCY	PROGRAMME	COUNTRY	MONTH	VALUE
Mission Aviation Flying	Food Insecurity	Uganda	February	£200,000
Unicef	Displacement	DRC	February	£100,000
Tearfund	Displacement	DRC	February	£94,525
Unicef	Earthquake	Papua New Guinea	March	£100,000
Goal	Displacement	Ethiopia	March	£100,000
OCHA	Conflict	Syria	April	£500,000
Unicef	Flooding	Somalia	May	£100,000
Tearfund	Food Insecurity	Burkina Faso	June	£52,886
Plan	Volcano	Guatemala	June	£75,000
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)	Medical	OPt	July	£191,592
Plan	Displacement	Ethiopia	July	£100,000
Unicef	Displacement	Central African Republic	August	£100,000
OCHA	Displacement	Central African Republic	August	£100,000
Tearfund	Displacement	Nigeria	August	£99,700
Tearfund	Refugee	Colombia	August	£59,755
British Red Cross	Earthquake and Tsunami	Indonesia	October	£200,000
Unicef	Earthquake and Tsunami	Indonesia	October	£75,000
Care	Earthquake and Tsunami	Indonesia	October	£75,000
Start Fund	Underfunded Emergencies	Global	October	£500,000
Care	Humanitarian	Yemen	December	£84,000
Unicef	Humanitarian	Yemen	December	£76,000
Health and Hope	Hurricane	Burma	December	£16,000

## JERSEY CHARITIES

AGENCY	PROGRAMME	COUNTRY	THEME	VALUE
Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society	Dairy Growth Project targeting 6,000 smallholder farmers	Malawi	Dairy	£999,769
Gurkha Welfare Trust	Nundhaki Community Hall, Sankhuwasabha	Nepal	Livelihoods	£21,858
St John Ambulance	Partial funding of the salary of a nurse at St John Ophthalmic Hospital for three years	East Jerusalem	Health	£52,654
Hands Around the World	Bugarama Combined Education Projects 2018	Rwanda	Education	£36,475
Gurkha Welfare Trust	Nepal WASH Projects	Nepal	WASH	£56,747
Jersey Africa Projects	Additional wells for women's vegetable gardens	Gambia	Livelihoods	£4,860
Freedom Church	Secondary school classroom construction in Bobo Dioulasso	Burkina Faso	Education	£16,612
CRY Jersey	Ashish Children's Home	Nepal	Education	£6,000
Durrell (2017)	Improving human wellbeing for nature-dependent communities	Madagascar	Conservation Livelihoods	£944,767
RJA&HS (2017)	Inka Nziza dairy development project targeting 12,000 farmers	Rwanda	Dairy	£999,571

# 2018 ACCOUNTS

All JOA transactions are made through the States Treasury, and the figures below come from the States Accounting System (J D Edwards). JOA is subject to internal and external audits like other departments, though is exempt from adhering to States Financial Directions. JOA's accounts are also found in a slightly different format in the 2018 States of Jersey Annual Report.

## 2018 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Funding Stream	% of Spending	Year ended 31 December 2018 Total Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
States Grant		10,340,500
Carry forward from Previous Year		39,972
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<b>10,380,472</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Grant aid	59.1	6,134,466
Grant refunds	-1.8	(183,567)
Disaster and emergency aid	27.6	2,861,264
Community work projects	1.4	143,495
Local charities working abroad	10.9	1,127,719
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>10,083,377</b>
<b>Commission Administration</b>		
Salaries	1.7	177,286
Printing & Stationery	0.1	10,628
IT Support	0.5	50,999
Travel and Accommodation	0.2	25,470
Meals and Hospitality	Negligible	4,525
Premises and Maintenance	0.1	9,938
Other expenses	0.1	10,844
<b>Total Commission Admin expended</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>289,690</b>
<b>TOTAL SPEND</b>		<b>10,373,067</b>
Unexpended funds carried forward	0.1	7,405



## The Commission

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