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Front Cover Photo:
"Orphans and Grandparents collecting their chickens"
VETAID -Food security for people living with HIV/AIDS, Tanzania

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FOREWORD

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Thank you (to who?), everyone involved. First and foremost to our States Members for their continued support and increase of funds to JOAC and to everyone else who has helped in any way.

Following Jersey's move to Ministerial Government at the end of 2005, we officially became a Commission of three States members and three non-States members. We had many excellent applicants apply and the choice eventually came down to one banker, one lawyer and one accountant. No, we are not going to borrow money, we hope not to go to court and we do not anticipate any bank errors. The people were chosen to balance against the social States members and I have now nicknamed them all 'The Dream Team'.

Jersey's aid programme is probably unique in the world. Whilst it is the aim of large ruling states to contribute 0.7% of GNI, Jersey is not a ruling state. It is a small island and what we do donate has a far greater impact than the figures alone show, namely that is because of JOAC's small administrative support base which combined with effective grant giving to proven charities ensures the aid reaches its target and is used cost effectively. Comparison with other nations overlooks the fact that some large donors spend £2.00 for every £1.00 that is delivered and much of that £1.00 returns to the country of origin through commercial deals. Jersey's administration is 0.8% with no strings attached.

I have run a set of figures to work on a population basis and they give an entirely different perspective as you will see from the graph overleaf. I believe that Jersey can be truly proud of their contribution, especially as we know the States of Jersey are committed to continually upping the JOAC grant each year.

Country	Per head	Aid £	Population
Luxemborg	£310.88	137m	44,972
Denmark	£216.17	1.2bn	5,352,815
Sweden	£174.10	1.5bn	8,875,053
Netherlands	£151.42	2.4bn	15,981,472
France	£81.32	4.8bn	59,551,227
Belgium	£80.87	830m	10,258,762
United Kingdom	£75.44	4.5bn	59,647,790
Jersey	£61.00	5.3m	87,000
Portugal	£58.35	587m	10,066,253
Germany	£51.59	4.3bn	33,029,536
Canada	£45.88	1.4m	31,592,805
Australia	£43.24	837m	19,357,594
Japan	£39.93	5bn	126,771,662
United States of America	£39.04	11bn	278,058,881
Spain	£36.35	146m	40,037,995
New Zealand	£31.05	120m	3,864,129

Aid contribution

as supplied by OXFAM GB

Jersey's contribution however does not stop here. On pages 12 and 13 is a list of those Jersey Charities working overseas who have successfully approached us to assist with funding projects for developing communities. The sums granted often are a kick start to funding, with all these organisations independently fund raising in addition to the grant JOAC provides. These are our unsung heroes, many of whom have been actively working for many years to improve the lives of others, all of whom would not be the success they are, without your constant support.

Deputy Jacqui Huet
JOAC Chairman
May 2006

BUDGETARY POSTION FOR OVERSEAS AID 1968 - 2005

1968 (1st Year)	14,000
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
2005	5,524,000

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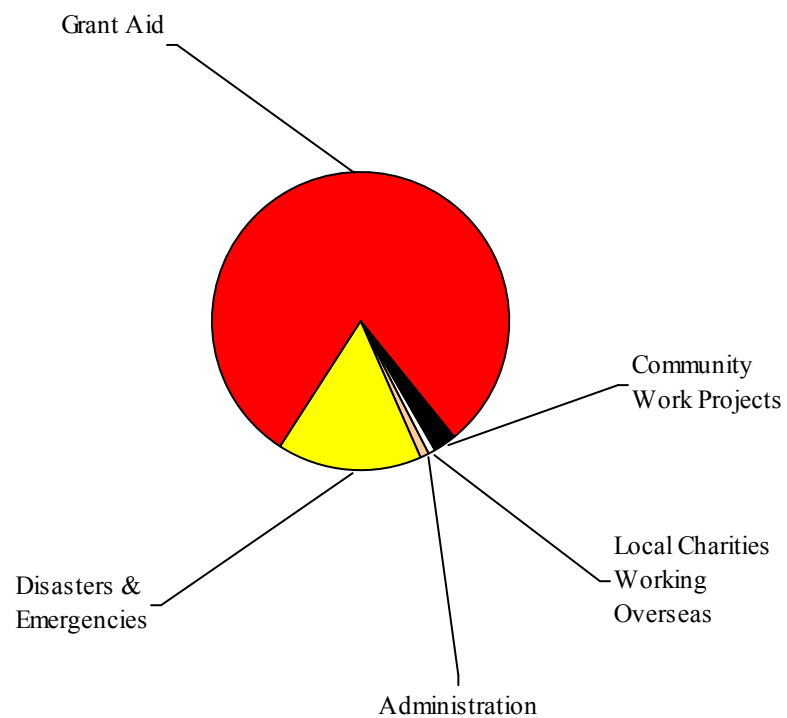
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Income

Balance 1 st January	66,866
States Grant	<u>5,524,000</u>
	<u>£5,590,866</u>
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Net Expenditure

Grant Aid to Agencies	4,461,518
Disasters and Emergencies	869,852
Community Work Projects	132,377
Local Charities Working Overseas	50,745
Administration	49,090
Balance 31 st December	<u>27,284</u>
	<u>£5,590,866</u>
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DISASTER AID

The funding of individual disasters and emergencies has been restricted to keep to the Commission's allocation of its budget (15%). All applications were as a result of natural disasters including the provision of £500,000 awarded to the Jersey Asia Appeal Fund for distribution by the British Red Cross, as immediate response to the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. During the course of the year £886,785 was awarded from this budget compared with £745,434 in the previous year.

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2005

£500,000	Jersey Asia Appeal – Special Vote - Tsunami
£25,000	Save the Children Fund – flooding in Venezeula
£24,969	Save the Children Fund – winter storms in India
£25,000	Plan UK – locust invasion in Niger
£25,000	Concern – famine in Niger
£25,000	Oxfam – locust invasion in Niger and Malawi
£25,000	Plan UK – floods in Pakistan
£19,359	Tearfund – floods in India
£25,000	Concern – drought in Zambia
£25,000	Oxfam – famine in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi
£25,000	One World Action – famine in Malawi
£17,457	One World Action – Hurricane Stan in El Salvadore
£25,000	Oxfam – Asian earthquake in Pakistan
£25,000	UNICEF – Asian earthquake in Pakistan
£25,000	Plan UK – Asian earthquake in Pakistan
£25,000	Plan UK – famine in Malawi
£25,000	Christian Aid – Hurricane Stan in El Salvadore
£886,785	TOTAL

DISASTER AID

EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGENCIES REPORTS

CONCERN WORLDWIDE

Famine, Niger

Concern Niger began implementing its emergency nutrition programme in July 2005 in response to the very high levels of child malnutrition in the Tahoua region, that had been indicated by Concern's assessment team, and by a nutritional survey carried out by Medecins Sans Frontieres in May 2005. In its proposal to JOAC, Concern outlined that their project goal was to immediately and sustainably reduce morbidity and mortality related to malnutrition by rapidly meeting the critical nutritional needs of vulnerable families. During the programme period (July 2005 to January 2006), Concern achieved the following:

- In conjunction with the Ministry of Health and other agencies, established or assumed responsibility for a total of 30 community based therapeutic care (CTC) nutritional programmes, of which 22 are currently operational.
- Took responsibility for the running of a stabilisation centre for the treatment of children with severe malnutrition with complications.
- Admitted 10,620 moderately malnourished and 9,176 severely malnourished children for treatment in the CTC programmes and the stabilisation centre.
- Provided specialist foods and appropriate medical care to over 4,700 moderately and severely malnourished children (on average) each week.
- Discharged 9,278 recovered children from the CTC programmes and the stabilisation centre.
- Met or exceeded sphere standards for the treatment of malnutrition.
- Distributed a general food ration to the families of all children admitted to the SFP and OTP programmes.
- Working with MSF and the Ministry of Agriculture, supported the distribution of millet and bean seeds to 948 of the most vulnerable households in village communities in the Tahoua region.
- In conjunction with the Ministry of Health, Department of Hydrology and affected communities, supported improvements in health and hygiene in programme areas through the establishment of new, rehabilitated or improved water points and latrines.
- Established a group of community based outreach workers.
- Undertook surveys and other research intended to improve understanding of the child health and nutrition situation in the Tahoua region.

To ensure sustainability Concern has created a network of 62 community outreach workers, drawn from the communities where they work. These outreach workers have worked with community leaders, women's groups, and health workers such as traditional midwives to ensure that malnourished and vulnerable children are effectively targeted and registered in the programme. At the same time Concern will work with the government to train health workers in the recognition and treatment of malnutrition and to support the government to take over some of the aspects of the nutritional work that Concern is currently doing.

Jersey's contribution to this programme was £25,000.

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EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGENCIES REPORTS

PLAN UK

Floods, Pakistan

Above average summer temperatures during May and June 2005 across northern Pakistan and Afghanistan led to the largest snowmelt seen in the region for over 100 years. This resulted in heavy flooding which was compounded by heavy monsoon rains across Pakistan destroying crops and livestock, as well as destroying or damaging thousands of houses, which then led to the forced displacement of communities to safer areas. The purpose of the project therefore was to provide emergency relief assistance of food and health needs to the affected communities, as well as protecting their livelihoods by providing fodder for livestock.

The Flood Response Project achieved all of the proposed activities and as a result 11,258 flood affected families were provided with immediate relief. All of the activities were conducted as planned and the following outcomes were achieved with the support from JOAC:

- Food packs were provided to 96 families containing 10kg rice, 5kg lentils, 2kg salt, 40kg wheat flour, 5 litres of cooking oil and 10 boxes of matches;
- Hygiene kits were distributed to 9,455 families provided 2 x 80g bars of soap, 1 plastic soap dish, 3 x oral re-hydration salt packets, 1 x 2m sanitary cloth, 1x 2kg washing soap and 1 x nail cutter;
- 137 latrines were constructed;
- Livestock fodder provided to 156 families;
- 12 health and hygiene sessions were conducted with an estimated 2,400 benefiting from these sessions.

The active participation of the affected communities was established through the creation of Relief Committees. These played a central role in identifying the most vulnerable households and informed beneficiaries about the distribution points, date and time of distributions.

In addition the project benefitted significantly from the active participation of local women who previously had little freedom to work or make decisions for the larger community. Instrumental in several stages including planning, implementation and distribution, their contribution not only helped to make the project a success but also increased the confidence and respect for women and helped strengthen bonds within the affected communities.

Jersey's contribution to this programme was £25,000.

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The building of two schools in Kenya was the brief given to Sue Deans and her team of nine volunteers who departed the Island on 29th July 2005. One school was located at Kibway, the other at Nyawara, both were some 16kms from Kisumu. Upon arrival the team found the school located at Kibway had already been constructed with the local labour plastering the inside and rendering the outside. At Nyawara, the site had not even been prepared although the bricks of marram and cement

were being made in a press and were curing in the sun. Following a ground breaking ceremony the footings were dug. Back at Kibway it was suggested the team erect barbed wire fencing around the new school and plant trees before starting on the painting of the new building. The team noticed that the nursery class was held in a mud hut which was falling down, with no provision for a new facility having been made within the new building. After a short meeting it was decided they should use their own fundraising towards this project and with the blessing of the local engineer plans were drawn, materials ordered and work commenced.

Sue reported; *“The slab took sixteen tons of concrete which was tamped into place, taking nearly ten hours. It was a good day for the team, everyone worked hard and continued to do so as construction reached ring beam height by the time we left. Finances were left for its completion and the Le Hocq Nursery is now well up and running”.*

With team funds, two local block layers were employed to help with the work. A real friendship bond was made and the team brought packed lunches in for them from the compound every day. The local co-ordinator, Mrs Pabari galvanised the parents and supporters of the schools into helping, moving blocks, carrying water (a round trip of half a mile to the river) reminding the community that the team sent by Jersey Overseas Aid was there to give a hand up not a hand out.

The team all enjoyed the experience and achieved a great deal. The local people were pleased with the work done between them and enjoyed the experience of meeting people from an Island that had provided so much support and assistance for their community.

Leader – Sue Deans

Team Members – Clare Morvan, Melanie Bass, Emma-Louise Burns, Katya Lightbody, Kevin Romeril, Matthew Taylor, Anthony Tumelty, Carl Walker and Mark Wilson.

<i>Approximate Cost</i>	£
<i>Materials</i>	62,000
<i>Group/Travel Expenses</i>	3,844
<i>Less Volunteer contributions</i>	4,500
<i>TOTAL</i>	£ 70,344

COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT
UGANDA

During a holiday visit the previous year, Mr Rowland Heaven, a member for the Sub-Committee for Community Work Projects attended a service at St John's Church, Waterloo after which he found himself joining in with an international celebration attended by a variety of ethnic communities. It was at that celebration that Mr. Heaven met Ester Kawoya who spoke of her dreams to return to her home in Uganda and her hopes to assist her community at Luweero. A project concept was born and soon an application to construct a library, classrooms and a semi-detached staff house in the grounds of the existing Girls Primary Church School was submitted to the Committee for their consideration. Further to the success of that application a team of thirteen departed the Island on 18th August 2005 under the leadership of Sam Eastwood.

The team worked together extremely hard with the local builders and were able to get to 'roof truss'

level on the library block and to the ring beam on the classrooms before leaving. Sam reported back *“The highlights of the project apart from the actual buildings going up were the children and the welcome from the local community. On the day the team arrived they were greeted so enthusiastically by the teachers, pupils and PTA members. Special songs had been written and traditional dancing performed with great rhythm and skill as well as a demonstration given by the girl’s cricket team, who were doing quite well in competition with other local schools. The team were invited to receptions given by the Bishop and teachers, and also addressed in church by the local district Commissioner and a local Councillor. The local media were very keen to interview the group wanting to know how the project came about as well as the work of JOAC.”*

There were no great pitfalls on the project other than the occasional hold up with scaffolding but this was not too much of a problem as there was always plenty of other work to be getting on with. Because the team consisted of two builders the balance of skilled and unskilled labour was very good with everyone working well and pulling their weight on site.

The project was a great success and the library will be used not only for books and study but also as a resource centre for the whole community.

Leader – Sam Eastwood

Team Members – Simon Meldrum, Gerrard Thebault, Michael Fox, Mary Blampied, Taye Bathgate, Carl Le Poidevan, Graham Roberts, Sheena Laffoley, Luciano Brambilla, Caroline Boudin, Ann Lucas and Emma Rayson.

<i>Approximate Cost</i>	£
<i>Materials</i>	30,000
<i>Group/Travel Expenses</i>	4,594
<i>Less Volunteer contributions</i>	5,800
<i>TOTAL</i>	£40,394

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COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT **UGANDA**

The library under construction, with team and ‘helpers’ below

**GRANTS AWARDED TO
JERSEY CHARITIES WORKING OVERSEAS**

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2005

£3,500	Jersey Eternal World Ministries – Carpentry training centre tools, India
£3,000	Jersey Assistance in Cambodia – Schools programme, Cambodia
£3,500	Hikkaduwa Community Charitable Trust – Community building refurbishment, Sri Lanka
£2,250	Fundacion Luz Y Vida - Training for Palliative Care, Ecuador
£2,500	Jersey Aid For Europe – Transport costs of humanitarian aid to Europe

£2,125	Help from the Rock – Rebuilding of school dormitory, Zambia
£3,500	Channel Island Response Trust – Tents and personal protective equipment for disaster response
£3,500	Kenya Widows and Orphans Trust – Provision of wells, Kenya

“We have just returned from Kenya and our trip was a great success. We achieved everything we planned and more. We finished five wells and as you can see the community are very pleased. Crowds gathered to see the water flow and there was a lot of celebration from the whole village. The Chief of the area asked me to convey his heartfelt thanks to you, because your contribution, has transformed lives” Jim Caulfield, Trustee

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GRANTS AWARDED TO JERSEY CHARITIES WORKING OVERSEAS

GRANTS VOTED DURING 2005...continued

£3,500	Island friends Together - Schools project, Sri Lanka
£3,500	Jetsure – Fishing boats and water pumps, Sri Lanka
£3,500	Nairobi Slums School Project – Schools project, Kenya
£3,500	Kindu Group – School rehabilitation and Professional Centre refurbishment, DR Congo
£3,500	Kenya Widows and Orphans Trust – Schools project, Kenya
£3,500	Help an African Schoolchild –Boat engines for essential supplies

outreach, Zambia

£2,370 **Help from the Rock** – Construction of borehole, Kenya

£3,500 **Island Friends Together** – Schools project, Sri Lanka

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MATERIAL GRANTS AWARDED TO JERSEY CHARITIES WORKING OVERSEAS

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£13,000 **Friends of Ecce Homo Trust** – Construction of a small farm dwelling on Aiton Farm, Romania

(In November 2005, Rosemary Coote, Trustee returned the funding of £13,000 to the Jersey Overseas Aid Committee following confirmation that it was envisage construction would start in the spring of 2006 due to unforeseen delays. The Committee agreed that the funding contributed to the project would be reallocated in 2006 upon confirmation of the project's immediate implementation)

£21,094 **Gambia Schools Trust** – Completion of Sohm Village Skills Centre, The Gambia

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2005

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Acord	Land management and protection Track rehabilitation	Rwanda	29,810	
		Chad		20,933
Action Aid	Drinking water for pastoralists	Somaliland	64,200	
AMREF	Mother and child health	Tanzania	35,239	
British Red Cross	Cholera prevention	DRC	38,420	
	Epidemic prevention	DRC	31,467	
Bush Hospital Foundation	Hospital drug transportation	Zambia	14,000	
	Hospital drug transportation	Malawi	6,500	
	Hospital drug transportation	Tanzania	6,500	
CAFOD	Low cost housing	Nicaragua	44,693	
	Rural water development	Ethiopia	40,950	

Cambodia Trust	Training of prothetist/orthotists	Cambodia	25,638
Care	Strengthening crop process Income generation for widows Rehabilitation of community schools	Sierra Leone Afghanistan Angola	52,498 64,870 52,505
Childhope	Child education and protection Peace and reconciliation	India Sierra Leone	16,212 13,123
Christian Aid	Agricultural programme Agricultural programme Community development centre Clean water programme	DRC Rwanda Bolivia Malawi	40,000 15,000 23,616 36,500
Concern	Latrine construction Primary education infrastructure	Haiti Mozambique	32,050 61,164
CORD	Medical equipment upgrade Vocational training	India Vietnam	26,750 8,000
CRY	Replacement lighting for blind school Centre for social care Resource centre Playground facility	Ukraine Ukraine Albania Albania	13,794 16,994 15,000 12,805
Durrell Wildlife Trust	Rural/natural resource development Provision of school rehabilitation	Madagascar Madagascar	24,600 25,100
Farm Africa	Training farmers for quality produce	Tanzania	31,301
Global Care	Independent living	Romania	22,500

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2005...continued

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Hands Around The World	Primary school Orphan centre Support centre Orphan training centre Paediatric ICU	Uganda Ghana Kenya Zambia Zambia	15,000 13,500 7,000 10,000 5,000
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Smiling Children at Misthu Cee Orphan Centre, Ghana
Hands Around the World

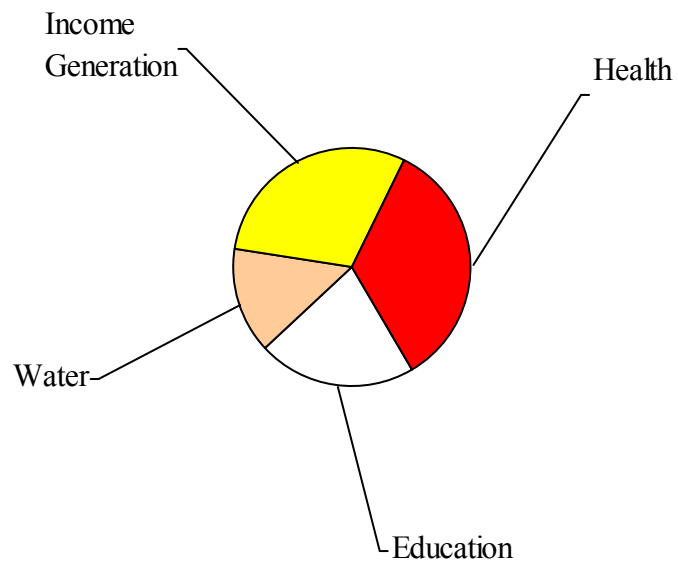
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	Income generation	Sierra Leone	23,128
	Improving lives of older carers	Uganda	34,600
	Improving livelihoods of older people	Tanzania	23,100
	Prevention of blindness	Sudan	27,500
Hope and Homes	New life for special needs children	Romania	50,000
Impact	<u>Second Year of 2004 3 Year Project:</u>		
	Disability prevention partnership	East Africa	47,355
	Provision of affordable hearing aids	East Africa/ Nepal/Sri Lanka	47,878
	Neurosurgical camps for treating children	Zanzibar	7,930
	Expansion of immunization campaign	India	16,701

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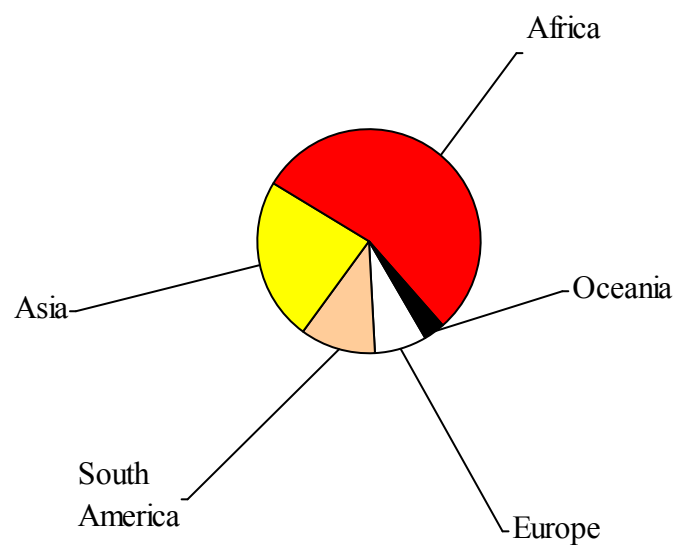
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2005 ONE YEAR PROJECTS BY TYPE



2005 ONE YEAR PROJECTS BY CONTINENT



GRANTS VOTED DURING 2005...continued

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Intermediate Technology Development Group	Skills/equipment for pottery production		Bangladesh	63,217
	Irrigation and organic agriculture	Peru	39,866	
	Sustainable livelihoods of Tribal communities	India	33,402	
International Childcare Trust	Shelter, protection, education & youth development	India	10,310	
	Hanwella vocational training centre	Sri Lanka	2,000	
International Medical Self reliance Corps	Water and sanitation	Eritrea	34,500	
		Eritrea	48,046	
	Creating opportunities	Burundi	21,823	
International Planned Parenthood Federation	Preventing trafficking of young women	Nepal	34,952	
International Rescue Committee	Community water supply	Eritrea	40,832	
Just World Partners	Literacy education	West Papua	15,000	
	Sustainable agriculture/training	Tonga	15,705	
	Income generation	Vanuatu	12,457	
	Water supplies to rural communities	Philippines	13,873	
Landmine Action	Mine/UXO clearance	Sudan	64,370	
	Victim first responder training	Sudan	64,330	
Leonard Cheshire	Vocational training for young disabled people	Ethiopia	25,650	
	Vocational training for disabled people	Sierra Leone	9,405	
Lepra	Adapted footwear for disability	Brazil	20,700	
	Construction of two patient units	Mozambique	34,000	
	Solidarity in ulcer care	Brazil	7,500	
Marie Stopes	<u>Third Year of 2002 3 Year Project:</u>			
	Improving the wellbeing of women	Tanzania	31,114	
	Prevention of cervical cancer	Bolivia	50,595	
Medicines Sans Frontieres	<u>Third Year of 2002 3 Year Project:</u>			
	TB treatment pilot project	Uzbekistan	50,000	
	Malaria reduction	CAR	65,000	
	Access to healthcare	Angola	64,899	
	Healthcare for people living with HIV/AIDS	Ecuador	60,534	
	Access to healthcare	Georgia	64,936	
Merlin	<u>Third Year of 2002 3 Year Project:</u>			
	Developing TB control	Georgia	68,614	
	Safe water provision	DRC	61,249	
	Construction of outpatient radiological unit	Liberia	59,511	
	Laboratory facilities to support TB	Ivory Coast	63,866	
Mines Advisory Group	<u>Second Year of 2004 3 Year Project:</u>			
	Village assistance clearance	Laos	35,561	
	<u>First Year of 2005 3 Year Project:</u>			
	Batticaloa mine action team	Sri Lanka	69,419	

Mission	Dafur long term relief	Chad/Sudan	63,310
Aviation Aircraft compliance		Various	27,230
Fellowship	Emergency air ambulance service	Bangladesh	50,550
One World	HIV/AIDS education and care	Zambia	19,276
Action	Fish production programme	Philippines	12,304
	Homebased care for those with HIV/AIDS	Malawi	11,897
	Construction of latrines	Nicaragua	9,518
Orbis	Paediatric ophthalmology outreach training	India	34,015
	Rural healthcare	Vietnam	44,201
Orphaids	Palliative care doctor, Nicola Bailhache	Ecuador	18,963
Oxfam	<u>Second Year of 2004 3 Year Project:</u>		
	Basic education for internally displaced children	Sudan	65,000
	<u>First Year of 2005 3 Year Project:</u>		
	Women Carpet Weavers	Armenia	61,750
	Integrated poverty reduction	Armenia	58,575
	Public health	Eritrea	64,985
	Micro credit	Nicaragua	46,150
Plan UK	School construction	Albania	48,820
	Health centre improvements	Ghana	30,230
	Clean drinking water	Benin	26,666
	Access to education	Niger	33,646
	Sanitary facilities for homes and schools	Ecuador	26,777

*A family stands outside their newly installed toilet and washing facilities, Ecuador
Plan UK*

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GRANTS VOTED DURING 2004...continued

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Reason	Child mental health training	Nepal	33,480
	Child abuse	Costa Rica	35,168
Save the Children	<u>Third Year of 2002 3 Year Project:</u> Basic education	Sudan	23,000
	<u>Second Year of 2004 3 Year Project:</u> Improved quality of life for rural communities	China	49,560
	Improving pre-school education	Mongolia	65,000
	Early learning in primary schools	Laos	33,081
Sense	Employment opportunities for deafblind adults	Peru	32,732
	Preschool intervention for deafblind children	Romania	34,850
Sight Savers	Comprehensive eye services	Bangladesh	30,327
	District eye care	India	23,575
SOS Sahel	Empowering women with education/training	Sudan	8,979
	Supporting rural water supplies	Sudan	20,097
Sound Seekers	Training audiology technicians	Uganda	8,000
Sue Ryder 25,350	Care Clinical equipment for hospice	Albania	
	Medical supplies for mobile health project	Malawi	10,500
Target Tuberculosis	Training youth peer educators	Zambia	13,130
Tearfund	<u>Second Year of 2004 3 Year Project:</u> Samu water and sanitation	Sierra Leone	44,422
	<u>First Year of 2005 3 Year Project:</u> Kigezi Diocese water and sanitation	Uganda	50,000
	Water and hygiene promotion	Liberia	62,570
	Water provision and food security	Peru	40,097
	Enhancing food security	Mexico	33,664
	Rural development	Turkmenistan	15,900
The Leprosy Mission	Medical care and community health work	India	16,606
	Hospital renovations & development	India	11,307
	Tuberculosis outreach	Bangladesh	20,358
	Primary school classrooms	Niger	17,870
Tools for Self Reliance	Blacksmith artisan work	Tanzania	15,136
	Jersey tools for development	Africa	195
	Developing artisans	Ghana	11,976
Toybox 25,067	Children at high risk outreach team		Guatemala
Uganda Society for Disabled Children	Children's rehabilitation centre	Uganda	32,859
	Children's rehabilitation hostel	Uganda	15,684
UNICEF	<u>First Year of 2005 3 Year Project:</u> Sanitation for child development centres	Dominica	48,000
	Sanitation and hygiene promotion	Sudan	54,706

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THE DURRELL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

Rural/natural resource development and school rehabilitation, Madagascar

The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust has been working in Baly Bay since the late 1980s to support the conservation of the endangered ploughshare tortoise only found in this area of Madagascar, where 80% of the population live in small isolated villages. There is a lack of access to basic healthcare and clean water, school infrastructure is very limited and around 80% of the population is illiterate. Rural livelihoods are based on subsistence agriculture and small scale fishing using traditional techniques. The people rely greatly on surrounding natural resources, for example wood for cooking and construction, medicinal plants and tubers.

The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust applied to Jersey Overseas Aid to provide training and support to community associations to manage their resources sustainably and implement their own development projects. The funding request was for £24,600. Resource management was to be undertaken in collaboration with the National Park Authority and included firebreaks, planting of trees, defining and harvesting implementation levels of wood and raffia. Community development projects were to include the rehabilitation of five schools, the provision of five wells, the training and associated expenses on literacy and basic healthcare and hygiene for five community centres, solar powered cold storage facilities to improve conservation of fish and improve revenues to fishermen and the provision of vegetable and fruit gardens and training for five community centres.

The villages and hamlets around Baly Bay National Park were grouped into eleven village associations. A total of twenty villages benefitted from JOAC support with the criteria including firebreaks forest areas, bush fires in village land, reforestation and wood cutting permits, with environmental associations and village associations deciding on their priorities for school rehabilitation and improved access to clean water. Cold storage facilities were provided as well as literacy and hygiene training in five villages. Schools were rehabilitated in ten villages with fifteen new wells built and one repaired, more than anticipated in the initial proposal.

JOAC funds have provided substantial support to improve health and productivity by increasing access to clean water and also by improving education by direct teaching to increase adult literacy and infrastructure in two rural areas of Madagascar, one of the poorest countries in the world. This funding has therefore made a direct contribution to alleviating poverty in these areas.

Water point at Ambodivara, Alaotra

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EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM AGENCIES REPORTS

TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Developing Artisans in Northern Ghana

The project was to provide 500 artisans and craft workers with refurbished tools and equipment valued at £75,000 if purchased new. Tools for Self Reliance worked with a well established Ghanaian NGO, Centre for Development of People (CEDEP). CEDEP assisting workgroups in poor communities to start or expand micro enterprises in carpentry, tailoring, blacksmithing, building, machinery repair and other trades as well as providing business, technical advice and training. In addition they would also facilitate micro-credit schemes.

A container of 109 kits containing 5,170 tools was sent in February 2005. The trades supported with kits were: Woodworking (46), Sewing (32), Auto-mechanic (6), Metalwork (1), Construction and Masonry (14), Blacksmithing (2), Plumbing (1), Bicycle repair (2) and 5 special kits. The shipment arrived at the end of March and the kits were distributed accordingly by CEDEP staff.

In July 2005 Tools for Self Reliance staff visited Ghana. During the visits it was clear that artisan groups were benefitting from the input of tools and that this was contributing to an increased production and income. All the groups were based in rural locations, many without electricity. Most said that since receiving their tool kits they had increased their work, diversified their products or services, taken on new employees or trainees and increased their income. When asked what they had been able to do with the extra income, most replied; cater for daily needs, pay school fees, maintain, improve or purchase homes.

*A sewing machine being handed over to the community, Ghana
Tools for Self Reliance*

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