



Welcome to the Moving Mountains Trustees Report

6th April 2019 – 5th April 2020

The Trustees of Moving Mountains Trust present their annual report for the year ended 5th April 2020, together with the accounts for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Charities Regulations 2008 for reporting. We also confirm that all the activities undertaken by the charity were to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

As ever, the integrity of our work remains uppermost and it is always with great pride that the charity remains true to its objectives. We continually try to attract new donors and volunteers as the backbone of our support.

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1. From the Chairman - Gavin Bate

For the main part of the year we had been continuing with our work and there were some ups and downs. One of the saddest moments was when Mercy Ogunda died in childbirth, I had stood on top of Kilimanjaro with her back in 2018 and she was the epitome of everything I had always imagined for beneficiaries of the charity. She had faced off a hard upbringing and personal difficulties with the support we gave and she had become a bright, articulate, determined and confident young woman. She was happily married with two children and was about to start the final stage of her education to become a qualified social worker. Coming down from Kilimanjaro we had discussed in detail her future, it was a big shock and blow to hear of her death.

Sarah Kinuthia retired during this year also, for well over a decade she has been a stalwart in the charity in Kenya, providing counselling and assistance to so many children. She has done so much and her career as a teacher and then headteacher was capped off with a final career as a much loved counsellor. Thank you Sarah.

Sarah's retirement in Kenya coincides with the end of an era for an entire cohort of beneficiaries who we started supporting over ten years ago and who have now completed their tertiary level education. The last few years has been hard financially, as we try to pay the most expensive fees at university and college. But now pretty much everyone has finished and we can look to starting again with a new cohort of children.

Initially the idea had been to begin with pre-schoolers and we looked at getting a grant for an excellent book sharing initiative which would help parents educate their children at home with our support, and hopefully lead to better grades and emotional resilience throughout life. We failed to get the grant and we are therefore looking at other options. Clearly when it comes to long term development of young people, the younger you start the better. There is overwhelming evidence that investing in 2 and 3 year olds is of far greater benefit in the long term and Moving Mountains is in a great position to offer support to both the children and the parents in order to promote emotional intelligence.

In Nepal we continued to provide the teachers with an income and their influence on hundreds of children over three schools cannot help but be a great boost to the village communities up in the solu Khumbu. That and the medical clinic continue to provide invaluable support and again the long term ethos means that we can see the evidence over decades now.

This year we started our first project in Morocco, thanks to the support of Roundsquare Schools International Scheme and we built two girls classrooms in a small village in the Atlas Mountains. We also repaired some paths in the higher villages so the local people can have access with their donkeys to deliver supplies.

In Tanzania we continued to build on the school at Mbahe on the slopes of Kilimanjaro which has been a big success thanks again to many of our regular supporters. Those groups and schools and individuals have really enabled us to continue our work with amazing teams of people in Kenya, Tanzania and Nepal. It has been once again a real privilege to meet so many wonderful people around this charity.



Gavin Bate, Chairman Moving Mountains, April 2020

2. Moving Mountains Trust

Official charity name	Moving Mountains Trust
Charity Number:	NIC 100742 . We are registered as a charity by the Northern Ireland Charity Commission
Charity classifications:	the prevention or relief of poverty the advancement of education the advancement of health or the saving of lives the advancement of citizenship or community development the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. personal development
Area of operation:	Kenya and Nepal, Morocco and Tanzania
Address and registered office:	PO Box 14, Portstewart, Northern Ireland BT55 7WS 9 Central Avenue, Portstewart, Northern Ireland BT55 7BP
Board of Trustees	
Chairman	– Gavin Bate
Secretary	– Chris Little
Treasurer	– Andrew MacDonald
Trustee	– Susan Birkett
Trustee	– Dot King
	<p>New trustees are voted in following a proposal by any of the current Trustees which can be made at any time. We aim for a unanimous agreement before potential trustees are approached. No other individual or organisation can appoint trustees.</p>
Governing Document:	Trust Deed The Trust was formed on 13 March 2002 as a charity and is governed by its Trust Deed signed on 1st January 2002 and further amended on 11 May 2003 and 1 November 2005. The registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland happened on 12 February 2015.
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3. Purpose of the charity

The aim of the Trust is to provide funding to NGOs in East Africa and Nepal which are called Moving Mountains Kenya and Moving Mountains Nepal and also smaller projects in Tanzania and Morocco, which carry out the remit of our charitable objectives and create lasting change in targeted areas, based on need and on the interests of the Trustees and the local stakeholders. The Trust partners with those organisations that share our objectives, values and methodologies and that fully represent the views and needs of local stakeholders.

We also engage in volunteering activities designed to promote global citizenship and teach progressive development education through practical interaction and experience under the strapline 'personal development through international development'.

For many years we have been providing training and mentoring for volunteers and school groups, and those experiences have contributed considerably to career choices, self esteem and happiness, helping to develop grounded young people with a greater perspective of the world which we live in.

We concentrate on attracting donors and volunteer groups, and the delivery of our services in the UK to young people looking for opportunities to enhance their career opportunities

Vision

We believe that people who are educated and healthy and recognised as equal global citizens have greater opportunities. Our vision is that empowered equitable relationships will ultimately drive the evolution of development and help us move mountains for people to succeed and improve their quality of life.

Charity Objectives

(i) the provision of financial assistance, food, clothing and shelter to children and their families who are homeless or living in desperate conditions to help advance their education, relieve their poverty and promote their ambitions, hopes and dreams.

(ii) the provision of financial assistance, advice and expertise for self-help projects, schemes and rehabilitation camps for street children in order to promote practical and vocational skills, the production of food and income, good citizenship and standing in the local community, plus an increased sense of personal self-esteem and enjoyment of life.

(iii) the financial assistance and otherwise for setting up useful rural and urban community programmes which are environmentally responsible and which promote empowerment and sustainable development; this includes facilities and projects in the interests of education, social welfare, the improvement of existing conditions and the promotion of awareness to a wider audience.

(iv) the relief of sickness and the safeguarding of health by grants of money for:

(a) the provision of drugs and medical appliances, and the support of medical and other personnel engaged in and for such purposes.

(b) the provision and support of facilities in the interests of social welfare for the relief of sickness and distress.

(c) the promotion of public education in all matters relating to HIV and AIDS.

(d) the prevention of children's diseases through conditions brought about by severe poverty and lack of education.

(v) the development and joint maintenance of community groups in areas benefiting from all of the above whereby specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound objectives are evaluated, supervised, implemented and monitored so that the benefits can serve the community for years to come; this includes the provision of volunteers and personnel, shared management and implementation of projects, training, maintenance, advice and arbitration over problems or disputes plus assistance with accounts and records.

(vi) to advance the education of the public in global citizenship and youth development through expeditions in all areas of operation.

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Grant Making Analysis

Decisions on grants to Kenya, Nepal and Tanzania are made by the Trustees. Trustees approve grants or fund projects which demonstrate public benefit within the remit of the Trust objectives and within the criteria of guidance taken from the Charity Commission. In addition the Trust actively looks for projects or programmes that show leverage through involvement and additional funding from local authorities and other organisations.

Overall the Trustees were pleased that the Trust was able to maintain grant-making in its core operations, cover overheads, maintain its underlying financial base and increase its donor base through improved communications.

Reserve Policy

The reserve policy is to provide sufficient capital to continue its grant-making programme and support future expenditure plans, and also to build up its unrestricted reserve to manage against unforeseen circumstances such as economic uncertainty. The Trustees this year adjusted the figure of unrestricted reserves to be maintained at a minimum of £20,000, which represents under 10% of annual spend, and this policy is reviewed annually.

Going Concern

The Trusts financial position and performance has been outlined in the financial review. The Trustees have assessed projected future income, expenditure and cash flows and have analysed the strength of the Trust's reserves, its liquid assets and its ability to withstand a material fall in incoming resources. Consideration has been given to stability and diversity of various income streams in making this assessment.

The Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Risk Management

The Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified in the main areas - financial, governance, operational, compliance and external – have been mitigated through proper and comprehensive planning and operational decision-making, management systems, insurance cover, specialist advice and holding appropriate levels of funds for residual reserves. The risk management assessment is monitored regularly by the staff and by the Trustees. The Trustees have also considered any potential conflicts of interest and the implications of the Bribery Act 2010.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and setting grant making policies. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. There will be no restrictions on future grant making through poverty, location or lack of entitlement.

Disclosure of Information

The Trustees who held office at the date of approval of this Trustees' report confirm that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information and to establish that the relevant authorities are aware of that information.

Conflict of Interest

The trustees confirm that there is no conflict of interest with the tour operator Adventure Alternative that supplies all the travel arrangements for groups or volunteers going to work on Moving Mountains projects, irrespective of the fact that three of the Trustees are employed by the travel company.

The charity has a clear agreement with the company to provide the trip logistics because the company is a registered tour operator with the correct bonding and insurance in place to comply with the UK Package Travel

Regulations and the EU Travel Directive. The company provides services at a reduced cost for the charity.

Additionally, Adventure Alternative supplies overheads and resources and staffing free of charge for the charity, in particular employee time from Christopher Little, Andrew MacDonald and Gavin Bate. This amounts to a figure in the region of £50,000 per annum as a donation in kind. The trustees do not make any personal financial gain from the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice), make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

4. Financial Statements

Financial Review and Results

During the year the Trust **raised £139,439.00**, a decrease of 19% from the previous year (£172,252). Total **expenditure for the year was £141,828**, a decrease of 31% from the previous year (£204,416).

The core costs of the Trust were covered by donations in kind from Adventure Alternative once again, enabling us to devote **97.5% of our funds to charitable purposes**, with just 2.5% to administrative overheads like insurance policy, banking and fundraising platform charges and to promotional fundraising activities.

Out of the total funding of **£138,152 given to charitable causes** during the year the breakdown of expenditures across the different countries and remits was as follows: **49% to Kenya, 26% to Nepal, 8% to Morocco and 17% to personal development trips**. Cash funds at the end of year were £45,730, a decrease of 5% from the previous year.

Our main funding continues to come from volunteers and visiting groups promoted through Adventure Alternative, plus a number of dedicated monthly standing orders and annual support from long standing supporting organisations .

The Trustees have continued to focus on creating sustainable income streams and three primary objectives for income generation:

- to ensure core costs remain covered by corporate in-kind donations through Adventure Alternative;
- to demonstrate long-term relationships with supporters based on effective stewardship and evidence of the impact of its programmes;
- to develop the volunteering programme while at the same time promoting a high degree of integrity and social responsibility towards the expectations of volunteers and local host communities.

Furthermore, the Trustees continue to ensure expenditure and grants are monitored regularly and are in line with approved budgetary controls, with use of cloud services for live sharing of information and VoIP technology to provide free communication.

We are unusual in that three of the trustees maintain a daily contact with the regional offices and work voluntarily to help with the running of the charity. Their input has been consistent now for well over a decade and it is their knowledge and analysis which has enabled the charity to work efficiently and flexibly.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by,



Gavin Bate – Chairman

Receipts and Payments



Moving Mountains Trust
Registered Charity No. XR 62512 (Northern Ireland Charity Commission NIC100742)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from April 6, 2019 To April 5, 2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2019/20 £	Total funds 2018/19 £
Receipts					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income					
- unrestricted donations		63,364	-	63,364	50,080
- unrestricted Gift Aid		9,711	-	9,711	10,759
- restricted donations - East Africa		-	30,641	30,641	49,530
- restricted donations - Nepal		-	5,970	5,970	12,448
- restricted donations - Morocco		-	6,900	6,900	4,600
- restricted donations - UK		-	22,853	22,853	44,835
Other incoming resources:					
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		73,075	66,364	139,439	172,252
Payments					
Costs of generating funds:					
Promotional activities (includes website, etc)		530	-	530	2,736
Fundraising Regulator		50	-	50	-
Staff costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:					
Donations to Moving Mountains East Africa		48,941	20,699	67,639	111,574
Donations to Moving Mountains Nepal		30,320	5,840	36,160	41,648
Donations to Moving Mountains Morocco		-	11,500	11,500	-
Personal Development & training		-	22,853	22,853	44,835
Governance:					
Staff costs - Accountant		200	-	200	200
Other resources expended:					
Staff costs		-	-	-	-
Bank charges		247	-	247	276
Just Giving charges		216	-	216	216
Insurance		1,932	-	1,932	1,932
Miscellaneous expenditure		500	-	500	1,000
Total payments		80,936	60,892	141,828	204,417
Total receipts less total payments		(7,861)	5,472	(2,388)	(32,165)
Cash funds last year end		40,952	7,166	48,118	
Cash funds this year end		33,091	12,638	45,730	48,118

Balance Sheet

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
		£	£	2018/19 £
Cash funds	Cash at bank	33,091	12,638	45,730
	Total cash funds	33,091	12,638	45,730

Signed on behalf of the trustees	Print Name	Signature	Date of approval
	Gavin Bate		22-04-20
	Andrew MacDonald		22-04-20

Restricted Donations to East Africa

Note 1 Restricted funds - East Africa:

Category	Restricted fund	Donor	Brought forward from 2018/19 £	60% of Receipts * 2019/20 £	Payments 2019/20 £	Carried forward to 2020/21 £
Social Welfare	Jacklon Okeno Family Support	Moving Mountains Supporters	2,541	-	2,541	-
Social Welfare	Toto Love Feeding Programme	Chris & Jan Wilde	-	640	640	-
Social Welfare	Toto Love Development	Zara McKeague Team	-	2,149	-	2,149
Social Welfare	Embu - Street Kids Container Business	Gilbert Njeru	-	2,834	-	2,834
Social Welfare	Mercy Benson - Family Support	Justgiving Campaign	-	488	488	-
Social Welfare	COVID-19 - Staff Support Appeal	Granaghan Outreach	-	500	500	-
			2,541	6,611	4,169	4,983
Health	Medical Camp - Embu	Concord College	-	4,800	4,800	-
			2,541	4,800	4,800	-
Education	School Classrooms - Ng'arani Primary School	RoundSquare	-	7,500	-	7,500
Education	School Classrooms - Wagal Primary School	Granaghan Outreach	-	11,400	11,400	-
Education	Norah Embu - College Fee's	Chris & Jan Wilde	-	330	330	-
			-	19,230	11,730	7,500
			2,541	30,641	20,899	12,483

Note:

* In normal circumstances restricted donations for East African projects are only accepted by Moving Mountains on the donor's agreement that 40% of their donation will be used not for specific project work but to pay for ongoing in-country staff and support costs. The above restricted income therefore represents 60% of such donations.

** These donations have been accepted on the basis that 100% of the donation will be restricted and be spent fully on project costs or personal development.

Restricted Funds to Nepal

Note 2 Restricted funds - Nepal:

Category	Restricted fund	Donor	Brought forward from 2018/19 £	60% of Receipts * 2019/20 £	Payments 2019/20 £	Carried forward to 2020/21 £
Health	Bumbun Clinic / Medical	Elizabeth Stephens	-	1,053	1,053	-
Health	Nepal Med Camp	Nepal Med Camp clients	-	3,001	2,871	130
			-	4,054	3,924	130
Education	College Development	University of Guelph	-	1,916	1,916	-
			-	1,916	1,916	-
			-	5,970	5,840	130

Note:

* In normal circumstances restricted donations for Nepalese projects are only accepted by Moving Mountains on the donor's agreement that 40% of their donation will be used not for specific project work but to pay for ongoing in-country staff and support costs. The above restricted income therefore represents 60% of such donations.

Restricted Funds to Morocco

Note 3 Restricted funds - Morocco:

Category	Restricted fund	Donor	Brought forward from 2018/19 £	100% of Receipts ** 2019/20 £	Payments 2019/20 £	Carried forward to 2020/21 £
Education	Classrooms in Imilil / Tachiddert path	RoundSquare	4,600	6,900	11,500	-
			4,600	6,900	11,500	-

Note:

** These donations have been accepted on the basis that 100% of the donation will be restricted and be spent fully on project costs or personal development, as per RoundSquares terms for donations to charity

Restricted Funds in the UK

Note 4 Restricted funds - UK:

Category	Restricted fund	Donor	Brought forward from 2018/19	100% of Receipts 2019/20	Payments 2019/20	Carried forward to 2020/21
			£	£	£	£
Personal Development	Camp and Mt Kenya climb	Cork Africamp 2019	-	16,445	16,445	-
Personal Development	Welsh Africamp - ASK Education	Glastonbury	-	4,000	4,000	-
Personal Development	Medical Training / Transport	Welsh Africampers	-	1,045	1,045	-
Personal Development	Kilimanjaro Fundraising Climb	Robbie Johnson	-	60	60	-
Personal Development	Kilimanjaro Beneficiary Climb	Becoming x	-	1,303	1,303	-
			-	22,853	22,853	-

Adventure Alternative - donation in kind:

Donations in kind included office space, telephone, stationery, postage and travel expenses as well as 25% of the time of three full-time members of staff in the Adventure Alternative UK office, amounting to an estimated total of £50,000 per annum.

Categories for Expenditure

Main Category	Second Category	Description
Education & Vocation	Primary School Fees	Payment for primary school fees for children aged 7 - 14 years
	Secondary School fees	Payment for secondary school fees for children aged 14 - 18 years including additional costs
	College fees	Support for college courses, university fees or vocational training
	School classrooms	Capital funding for any new classrooms or rehabilitation of structures, in collaboration with authorities and local committees
	School facilities	Funding for libraries, toilets, water tanks and facilities specific to the educational institution which may or may not also be income
	Teaching resources	Purchase of instruments, books, arts, sports kits and any other equipment necessary for non-examinable subjects
	Teacher salaries	Supplement of salaries for teachers who are involved in communities where we work
	Personal Development	Youth rehabilitation camps
Black Cats football coaching		Funding for matches, coaches and training equipment for our youth football teams around Kenya
Mount Kenya expeditions		Funding for any expeditions to Mount Kenya for our beneficiaries as part of their overall development and rehabilitation
Career development		Funding for work experience, career visits, courses and interns that we provide for personal and career development
Volunteer training		Training in the UK for preparation of groups and volunteers going
Social Welfare	Ulamba Childrens Home & ECI	Costs for the running of the childrens home in western Kenya, with 23 children and 7 staff
	Child care at Mama Fatuma	Donation towards the costs for certain children at the Mama Fatuma Home in Nairobi
	Embu Rescue Centre	Funding for the rescue centre in Embu that provides food and support to street children
	Home support services	Helping for home costs covering food and rent of the families of children we support in school
	Child Support Services	Any additional payments for children eg bags, fares, pocket money
	Community Infrastructure	Building of water tanks, wells and pipelines which are part of the improvement of community infrastructure and increased quality of
Health	Building clinics	Building and renovating of clinics or medical institutions
	Healthcare facilities	Providing facilities at medical institutions
	Home healthcare	Funding for medical support in the home, medicines etc of families we support through the children and home support services
Economic	Social Enterprise	that have a social benefit and stimulus for the community or environment.

5. Review of Charitable Activities

Moving Mountains in East Africa (Kenya & Tanzania)

In Kenya we continued our support of the Rescue Centre for Street Children in Embu and the feeding programme that is run from it, as well as the Black Cats sports and learning programme in Embu. We also continued with our support of Primary, Secondary and College student support, and the development and renovation of selected schools in Western Kenya and we ran our first Medical Camp in Eastern Kenya.



Employment;

In Kenya Moving Mountains continued with its commitment to employ local staff in specific roles within the charity, including our Project coordinator (Kioni), and Volunteer coordinator (Gilbert). In Embu we employ Rescue Centre Cook / Carer (Lilian), Sports Coach (Sammy – Black Cats) & ECD teacher in Solio (Hannah Munyori). We also continue to employ the same group of former street children (Moving Mountains Community Action Team) on all our development projects across East Africa.

In Tanzania we employed an ECD teacher Ms Ela Crus Mtui (see below) at Ng'aroni Primary in Tanzania from April 2018 so her first month's salary appears in these accounts.

Our long term Senior Youth Counsellor for Moving Mountains Kenya, Mrs Serah Kinuthia, retired at the end of 2019. Serah was involved with our work back in the early days when she was the Head Teacher at Muthurwa Primary School, the main Primary serving the Shauri Moyo and Muthurwa slums of Nairobi. It's also the school that many of our current staff and volunteers attended during their time on the streets. Always a forward thinker, Serah recognised the potential in these kids and allowed them to sleep in the classrooms at Muthurwa Primary. She also overseen the complete renovation of Muthurwa

Primary by volunteers on Adventure Alternative 'Africamp' trips (before Moving Mountains was officially registered) and has dedicated her life to giving children in difficult circumstances better opportunities in their lives. Although we wish Serah well in her retirement and hope she gets to spend much more time with her own family, we know that she'll always be on hand to give support and advice to the Moving Mountains family as and when it's needed.



Development Projects;

During June to August 2019, a couple of specific development projects in Kenya were funded and developed by volunteers, students and community groups from the UK and Ireland.

Volunteers from Cork schools, including St Angela's College and students and teachers from Concord College in England renovated the Rescue Centre for Street Children in Embu. This included the construction of new toilets for the kids and an overhaul of the showering / washing facilities and a camp for some of the street children.





Volunteers from Granaghan Outreach in Ireland put in some incredible effort over August and September to build 2 x classrooms at Wagai Primary School in Western Kenya.



Embu Street Children Rescue Centre;

The Embu Rescue Centre for Street Children continued to provide hot meals for over one hundred vulnerable children from the slum communities and local street children on a daily basis and the Black Cats sports and music clubs continued to thrive. Local social enterprises set up in previous years continued to provide a regular income for some of the older street children, many of whom have left their life on the streets and have moved into homes in housing near the Rescue Centre.



Medical Camp in Embu;

Students and staff from Concord College in Shropshire fundraised for our first full Medical Camp in Embu in late June / early July 2019, and just as the Nepal Medical Camp has done for many years, participants gained first-hand experience on many of the health issues affecting people in East Africa and in particular, the problems faced by many of the street children that attend our Rescue Centre. This included routine tasks like removing jiggers from the kid's bodies (mainly the feet), de-worming health awareness classes, work experience in two of the larger hospitals and a Hepatitis B vaccination programme

Students were also involved with the renovation of the Embu Rescue Centre for Street Children.



Fundraising Climbs in East Africa;

A number of current and former beneficiaries of Moving Mountains in Kenya achieved one of their many dreams with some summiting Mount Kenya on a Cass Business School / Moving Mountains fundraising expedition and others climbing to the summit of Kilimanjaro on a Becoming X / Moving Mountains fundraising expedition.



Moving Mountains in Nepal

In Nepal we continued our funding of four primary and six secondary school teachers' salaries in Bumburi. We also employed a travel and tourism teacher in Khari Khola until the end of 2019 and funded the community health nurse and her assistant at Bumburi Clinic. The MM coordinator is also employed to manage and advise us about our activities, projects and the education grants that we provide in Nepal.



Medical Camp;

The annual rural Medical Camp continued to attract hundreds of villagers from all over the region with a team of local Doctors and Dentists working closely with a team of medical students from Bristol University, treating a variety of illnesses and injuries during the 2-week camp in August 2019.



Bumburi Health Centre;

The Bumburi Health Centre continued successfully since it opened in April 2016. We employ the nurse and a health care assistant that continue to monitor, advise and treat the local population in the villages dotted around this part of the lower Solukhumbu region of Everest. It's also one of the bases for our successful Medical Camps.



Education:

Aside from the continued support of the teachers' salaries in Bumburi and Bupsa, Moving Mountains we continued our funding and grants for school supplies, materials and text books to ensure the children who attend the schools have access to the tools needed for a quality education.

Moving Mountains in Morocco

In Morocco we completed our first projects on an international development expedition funded by Round Square in which students from associated Round Square schools from all around the world came together in July 2019 to build a permanent path on a steep slope which provides entry to Morocco's highest village, Tachedirt (2,314m) and to build an education facility in the village of Ait Souka in Imlil. Both projects were successfully completed by an enthusiastic team of Round Square volunteers and teachers.





In Memoriam: Mercy Agunda

It was with great sadness to hear that our good friend and former beneficiary Mercy Agunda passed away on the morning of the 12th June 2019 after an emergency C-section at Siaya District Hospital in Western Kenya.

She leaves behind two beautiful daughters, Ernestine Lyrouze and her new-born baby, Erney Peniel. Our thoughts remain with her family and in particular her husband Benson Okinyo and their two children.

Mercy was a remarkable young woman that lived her short life to the full, excelling in everything that she put her mind to, from her studies (recently graduating in social work) to sport and a passion for the outdoors. She summited Kilimanjaro in September 2018 with an Adventure Alternative team and worked on many of our youth expeditions in East Africa over the years.

Mercy touched the hearts of so many people in Kenya and visitors that had the fortune of meeting her on our expeditions.



6. Thank You

All of the trustees, staff and beneficiaries of Moving Mountains would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our donors and supporters around the world. Your support and commitment have again ensured that we were able to continue to achieve our objectives as a charity, benefiting disadvantaged children, young people, families and communities and working towards long-term development outcomes and strategies.