



# Charitable Trust

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**Fourth  
Trustees'  
Annual Report**

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**Message from the Director of Operations:**

*“ Another superb year for the GVI-CT including a re-brand and website update. Thanks to the kind donations and hard work from numerous ex-volunteers, corporations and partners, we have managed to fund worthwhile projects in a number of countries. For more information please read on and enjoy.*

*Please continue to take an active interest in our activities and watch out for the new website to be released soon.*

*Thanks for all you help.”*

Andy Woods-Ballard

**Trustees**

Richard Walton  
Tabitha Symonds  
Jennifer Walton

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# Trustees' Annual Report

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	Appointed during preparation of Trust Deed

Once proposed (usually by ex-volunteers from Global Vision International), recipients of funds are reviewed by the Trustees and agreed in writing by the Trustees. These are usually, but not limited to long-standing project partners of Global Vision International.

## Objectives and activities

The “**Objects**” as set out in the Trust Deed are in any part of the world:

1. to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
2. to advance education and research for the benefit of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
3. to relieve sickness and preserve and promote the good health of persons;
4. to relieve poverty, financial hardship and distress.

Over the last year, the GVI Charitable Trust has raised money for a number of causes as outlined below, building on the five main recipients from last year. In each case the GVI Charitable Trust is duly diligent with how funds are used.

The GVI Charitable Trust strongly believes that it is only through local participation and leadership that projects can be successful. This is why each award that the GVI Charitable Trust makes is carefully vetted to ensure that the goals of that award are both sustainable and realistic. Awards are given for conservation and research, humanitarian aid and education, but we do not accept unsolicited requests for money. Awards are not given simply in the form of handouts, with local communities, organisations and other stakeholders being consulted to develop long term planning and sustainability for the goals of each one.

### **Achievements and performance**

Another highly successful year for the GVI Charitable Trust has seen the strengthening of ties with Global Giving both in the US and now in the UK, to bring in further donors and raise awareness of the work of GVI's partners on the ground.

To donate to any of the GVI Charitable Trust's activities, please visit [www.gvi.org.uk](http://www.gvi.org.uk)

Monies have been donated to many of our partners programs to further their work, but as can be seen in the financial summary most of it has gone to the Phoenix Projects and the community GVI work with in Mkwiro, Kenya.

## The Phoenix Projects: Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ecuador and Perú

In Latin America we are working together with Dom Williams of GVI to combat the imbalances in education, both primary and secondary, as well as daily food which are both basic human rights. Through GVI Phoenix volunteers and the GVI Charitable Trust, a number of projects have been set up in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ecuador and Peru.

In 2009, GVI Phoenix volunteers and the GVI Charitable Trust provided the following:

- First time education or educational reinforcement to over 1,650 children.
- Scholarships for primary education in Guatemala exceed 550 children.
- Over 150 children and adults will receive secondary education.
- Over 130 local people employed directly or indirectly.
- 10,000 trees will be planted
- 100 energy saving wood-burning stoves will be constructed.
- Over 45,000 hours of teaching
- 1000's of pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, colouring pencils, work-books and erasers will be provided.
- Over 400,000 pieces of fruit provided
- Over 350,000 whole or subsidized meals provided
- Almost 500 "elderly" members of the community will be fed under the Plan Ancianos.
- 100 families will benefit from the Plan Semilla (Seeds), Plan Fertilizante, Plan Moo (cows) and the Plan Pollo (live chickens).



**It is hoped that we will be able to increase these figures in 2010.**

## Education

In **Guatemala**, the teaching programs of GVI continue to be augmented through the provision of primary and secondary scholarships for children through the GVI Charitable Trust. Almost 300 children in the San Andrés Itzapa project and over 250 children in the Santa María project now attend National School for half-days. We plan to have all the children in both programs attending national school, both primary and secondary, over the coming years.

At the start of 2009, we built a further classroom in San Andrés Itzapa as the number of children passed over 300. In 2009, thanks to volunteer donations, we built three new classrooms in Santa María Jesús to accommodate the growing number of children.



Despite the recent problems in **Honduras**, GVI Phoenix has continued as normal. In 2008, GVI started their first secondary school in the community of San Rafael, funding the teachers to allow first-time secondary education to the community.

In **Nicaragua**, GVI has built a two classroom school where around 40 kids are currently attending, and is giving Adult Literacy and English classes twice a week. They are currently making an additional open classroom due to the increasing number of kids attending.



In **Ecuador**, Plan Moo is underway, whereby we purchase cows for families, which pays for future secondary education for the children through sales of milk. Huayrapungo now have 6 of the 8 cows needed to set the community on its way. We want to expand Plan Moo into our other communities over the next couple of years!

As for education, the rate of transition from primary school to high school in Ecuador is alarmingly low. Our aim is to ensure that the children are physically, mentally and emotionally prepared for secondary school education and then financially support them through it.

In **Perú**, secondary scholarships are still handed out. As well as our education in literacy and numeracy, we have also started further schemes including a food program for the elderly generation and a medical insurance program for the children. We are expanding our work further afield and hopefully into new communities around Arequipa, bringing our reach in 2009 to four or five communities.

## The Seed/Organic Fertilizer and Chicken Scheme

This year has seen the second annual Plan Fertilizante (Fertilizer Plan) in Santa María de Jesús, an alternative to micro-credit, where no actual money is involved, rather physical products.

In times gone by, the families used chemicals to enhance the soil, which is neither sustainable and the prices have doubled over the past year, leaving the soil in a worse state, and no income.



Our Plan Fertilizante distributed 600 pounds (275 kilos) to each of our 135 families involved in the GVI Phoenix School, or to put it in bigger terms, 81,000 pounds (36,818 kilos) or 36 tonnes of organic fertilizer. This is not a handout, as the families have to comply with a couple of rules to enforce parental responsibility. The first and foremost is that their child or children must be in the school with us every day. The second is that, in exchange for the fertilizer, they must give some products for the Plan Ancianos which we run, which include cooking oil, pasta, beans, rice and sugar on receipt.

Furthermore, after each successful crop, they must repeat this, thereby helping towards the Plan Ancianos, and also "repaying" the fertilizer.

## Stoves



These Stove Construction projects are now successful running in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and this summer saw GVI Ecuador and Peru's new stove building project begin in earnest.

From an economical standpoint with the stoves, the families will only have to collect or buy up to a third of the firewood they used to, and spend less on medicines for chronic lung illnesses. Environmentally, the deforestation of trees is essentially reduced by two-thirds per family. Medically, with no smoke inhalation due to the chimney, the health of the families is greatly improved.

## Plan Ancianos

Having been piloted in Guatemala this program aims to increase awareness of age issues in Latin America and help to feed those who cannot look after themselves. At present this section of the community is neglected, undernourished and suffering increasingly from chronic health problems that are badly understood at present amongst the aging population in Latin America. This issue is becoming more prominent with predictions that by 2025 1 in 7 Latin American people (98 million) will be over 60.

In Guatemala this problem is especially dire, as many of the elderly women have no one to look after them having lost sons, husbands, brothers etc. in the civil war. This scheme has now been started in Perú as well.



## GVI Phoenix Reforestation in Guatemala



For the past couple of years, GVI Phoenix has undertaken a reforestation program in Guatemala, thanks to a part of the volunteer financial input and the GVI Charitable Trust. This year we are planting 10,000 trees.

The women's group in Itzapa must tend to the seedlings, watering and caring for the tree lings during the year (from September) until they are ready to plant. GVI Phoenix then buys the trees back off them, so there is an income for the group, and each family of the children who attend the school can take as many trees as they can plant wherever they can, often on a small piece of land in the hills.

## Olives Childcare and Orphanage Projects, Kenya



**Olive's Rehabilitation Centre** was set up in 2001 to educate, clothe, feed and provide counselling and religious education services to some of Mombasa's most vulnerable children. The centre currently hosts around 130 of the neediest children with many others patiently waiting for the opportunity to join them.

From July 2009, GVI Olives hopes to support this project as well as several others by placing volunteers with them to assist.

In the summer of this year, the kids started the term in their brand new school. The move to Olive Rehabilitation Centre's current location is highly significant. Foremost, the larger class sizes will grant over one hundred more local children access to free education and healthy food –children who are currently going without an education due to lack of funds.

**Tumaini Children's Home** is located in Bamburi next to Bombolulu and is a HIV orphanage which offers family support and education for children between 3 months to 12 years. GVI made contact with the founder of the orphanage and arranged with the manager, Elizabeth, to send volunteers to help with the behind the scenes running of the centre, which is purely run on donations.

**Precious Vision Children's School**, located in the Bomobulu slum of Mombasa, is a community run school providing education & meals when donations allow for disadvantaged children. Precious Vision was started in 2007 by Jane (right), who was moved to start a free school in the slum suburb of Shauriyako after becoming concerned with the amount of local children not receiving any primary education due to lack of funds. She also assists local community members in the prosecution process relating to sexual abuse cases of the student



## Mkwiro and Wasini Island Community Fund



The village of Mkwiro on the island of Wasini in south-east Kenya is the home of an orphanage for poor and parentless boys from across south-eastern Kenya. This fund was initially set up to transform the orphanage from a barren, bed-less, orphanage into a bright, vibrant and stimulating place for the orphans to live. Beds and mosquito nets have greatly increased the health and vigour of the children and along with concrete floors, water storage and murals on the walls have greatly increased their quality of life.

This has been so successful that the building of a second orphanage is currently being funded for the girls of the region.

On top of this vital work, the GVI Charitable Trust is funding the running and staffing of a pharmacy on the island that has been stocked by DANIDA funding. Finally, the fund is helping reform the water collection and storage on the island. This vital resource is in short supply on the island and working with an international engineering firm, we are bringing this to the attention of the World Health Organisation.

## Tsavo West ex-poacher rehabilitation

In 2006, Kidong, Kasaani and Mahandakini, three villages along the Tsavo West National Park border, elected to give up poaching in favour of sustainable alternative livelihoods. This is where GVI in conjunction with the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) stepped in and offered to provide assistance in developing sustainable alternative means of income generation in these villages.

With assistance from both GVI and WSPA the community of Kidong has constructed the Kidong Cultural and Education Centre. The Education Centre provides free education to communities about humane means of deterring elephants from farming land. The Cultural Centre is currently being developed as a tourism centre where tourists can come and learn about Kidong's story – 'From Poachers to Protectors'.

GVI and WSPA have also helped by developing a Food Security Program and assisting with the improvement of the Cotton Processing Industry in Mahandakini.



## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

The GVI-CT does not presently hold reserves; however this will be reviewed by the Trustees each year.

The main funding so far has come from contributions by ex-volunteers and friends of the GVI Charitable Trust along with some grant funding and funding from a few large corporations. The majority of funds continue to come in the form of "restricted funds" whereby the donor has specified the program they wish their money to go towards.

Details of the funding can be found in the annual accounts filed with the Charities Commission.

The management and running costs of the GVI Charitable Trust were once again kindly covered by GVI this year and consequently 100% of monies received directly from donors can go to the intended recipients. Gift aid received from donations goes into an emergency fund that is available for any of our project partners to apply to in the event of need. Fundraising strategies will be changing over the next year, as the GVI Charitable Trust aims to develop financial independence. Further details of the GVI CT's financial activities will be available for download from the new website.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees  
Signature(s)



Full name(s)  
Tabitha Symonds

Trustee