



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

LA VIDA Vital Investment for Development Aid in Latin America

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2009

Charity no
(if any)

1115796

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Date:

01/09/10

Name:

Mrs. Tracey Falero

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA

Address:

c/o LA VIDA PO BOX 60186

London SW19 9AP

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month Jan	Year 2009		Day 31	Month Dec	Year 2009

Reference and administration details

Charity name LA VIDA Vital Investment for Development Aid in Latin America

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1115796

Charity's principal address

LA VIDA
 PO BOX 60186
 LONDON
Postcode SW19 9AP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	KATY DOBSON	CHAIR		
2	ANELI GONZALEZ	TREASURER		
3	HELEN ILSLEY	SECRETARY		
4	LISA SMART	TRUSTEE		
5	ROSIE BICHARD	TRUSTEE		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mrs. Tracey Falero	11 Tiepigs Lane, Bromley Kent BR2 7HJ

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Donations and fundraising have allowed us to improve and directly benefit the lives of 8,000 children across Latin America.

In 2009, we raised £29,764 through our annual sponsored 10K run, a "Latin Frenzy" night with a Tango show, a raffle, a live auction and donations.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The minimum Reserve Level is £24,800 as this covers 2 years of operations of our on-going commitments in Peru and Guatemala and now Bolivia at current GBP exchange rate to USD of 1.45. This is a cautious reserve level in the event we are not able to raise any additional funds, the projects we have committed to will be able to continue to operate. We are currently exceeding that.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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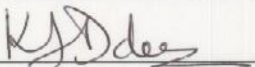
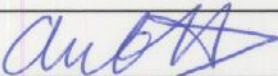
- The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Other optional information

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)	KATY DOBSON	ANELI GONZALEZ
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	June 21 st 2010	



Charity Name
LA VIDA- Vital Investment for Development Aid in Latin Ar

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from January 1st 2009 To December 31st 2009

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	5,437	-	-	5,437	13,344
FUND RAISING EVENTS	24,196	-	-	24,196	30,000
INTEREST ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	131	-	-	131	1,244
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,764.18	-	-	29,764	44,588
A3 Payments					
COST OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS	3,130	-	-	3,130	2,421
INTERNET COSTS	409	-	-	409	305
GRANTS TO LATAM PROJECTS	26,175	-	-	26,175	24,332
FX CHARGES	80	-	-	80	100
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	29,794	-	-	29,794	27,158
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,794	-	-	29,794	27,158
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 30	-	-	30	17,430
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48032	-	-	48,032	-
Cash funds this year end	48,002	-	-	48,002	17,430

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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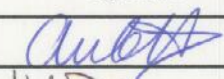
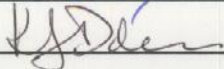
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Aneli Gonzalez	June 21st 2010
	Katy Dobson	June 21st 2010



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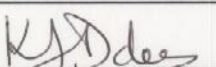

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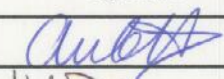
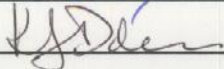
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	Katy Dobson	June 21st 2010