



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

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

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2008  
Charity no (if any) 1115796

Set out on pages

Whether to include the following in the report (if any)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

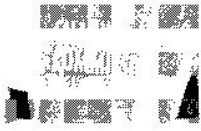
Date: 28/5/09

Name: TRACY FALCO

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

ACA

Address: 11 TIEPIGS LANE, BROMLEY, KENT BR2 7TT



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2005

To

31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2005

## 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         |                                   |   |
| 6  |                |                 |                                   |   |
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|------|-----------------------------------|
|      |                                   |
|      |                                   |
|      |                                   |

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

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

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Type of governing document     | TRUST DEED                     |
| How the charity is constituted | TRUST                          |
| Trustee selection methods      | APPOINTED BY EXISTING TRUSTEES |

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- Relationship with any related parties.
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**LA VIDA – Trustees Selection Process – Statement**

- Interest in the region of Latin America and improving it's conditions
- Meet skills and experience that add value to the board such as good relationships with potential sponsors of the charity and marketing skills
- Good character
- Nomination by one of the other trustees
- Unanimous approval by current Trustees

**Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To further any charitable purpose for the benefit of disadvantaged people residing permanently in Latin America. In Particular, by preserving and protecting health, relieving sickness, relieving poverty and advancing education.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

Provides funding for specific health and education projects identified in any country in Latin America.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

**Policy on Grant making:**

The Trustees of LA VIDA Endeavour to directly grant funding to specific projects that relieve sickness and/or improve education in any Latin American country. Preference will be given to independent projects, but the trustees could also look to partner with local organisations that will see through the success and completion of compelling projects in health and education in Latin America.

## 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 6,240 children across Latin America.

In 2008 we continued to support our inaugural project in Brazil to train orthopaedic surgeons across all regions of Brazil to treat clubfoot with the Ponseti Technique which has a 94% success rate. 7,000 Brazilian children are born with clubfoot each year in Brazil and they should now all have access to trained surgeons. The project which was the founding reason for our charity has now been completed and it was a great success. We now have plenty of other projects to focus on.

In 2008, we raised £43,350 through our annual sponsored 10K run, a "Brazilian Frenzy" night with Fashion show, a raffle, a live auction and donations. We had some very generous individuals that had their donations matched by their employers as well. During 2008, £24,500 was distributed across different projects across Latin America.

- 1) Completion of the Brazil Ponseti Technique project
- 2) A hospital in Guatemala to prevent malnutrition in new born babies which is an ongoing commitment;
- 3) We provided equipment (PCs, Books, Educational materials) for the Villa Maria School in Lima Peru
- 4) Scholarships to 26 kids from an under-privileged area in Lima Peru to attend a school the Villa Maria School
- 5) Support for the Siao Orphanage in Brasilia is still under study after recent changes in management of the institution.

For 2009, we have instituted a Sponsor a Child program for an additional 20 disadvantaged children in Lima Peru to attend the Villa Maria School. We are supporting further equipment enhancement of the Villa Maria School. We have a new project in Bolivia supporting 9 disadvantaged but hard working students to complete their University Education in La Paz. We also plan to support a campaign for the prevention of Spina Bifida in Guatemala. We have scheduled another 10K sponsored run as well as a Latin American themed party fund-raiser.

## 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.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- 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.


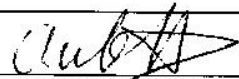
## Other optional information

For 2009, we have created a new 'Executive Board' as the charity has grown and we need more volunteer resources to help us. The following people have joined La Vida: Carla Bloom (Creative Director), Marta Rodriguez (Project Co-ordinator) Della Deme (Head of Fundraising), Kessey Esteves (Head of Events), Karina Damasio (Marketing and Executive Event Co-ordinator).

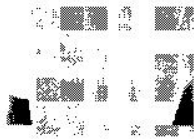
## Declaration

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



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| Charity Name<br>LA VIDA Vital Investment for Development Aid in Latin Am | No (if any)<br>1115796 |
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## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                                       |    |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>1st January 2008 | To | Period end date<br>31st December 2008 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| DONATIONS                                      | 13,344                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 13,344                          | 21,942                        |
| FUND RAISING EVENTS                            | 30,000                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 30,000                          | 40,728                        |
| INTEREST ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNT                    | 1,244                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,244                           | 1,052                         |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>44,588</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>44,588</b>                   | <b>63,722</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          | <b>44,588</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>44,588</b>                   | <b>63,722.00</b>              |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| COST OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS                     | 2,421                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,421                           | 5,899                         |
| INTERNET COSTS                                 | 305                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 305                             | 283                           |
| GRANTS TO LATAM PROJECTS                       | 24,332                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 24,332                          | 26,858                        |
| FX CHARGES                                     | 100                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 100                             | 80                            |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>27,158</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>27,158</b>                   | <b>33,120</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | <b>27,158</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>27,158</b>                   | <b>33,120</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              | <b>17,430</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>17,430</b>                   | <b>30,602</b>                 |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|  | 30,602                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 30,602                          | -                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                | <b>48,032</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>48,032</b>                   | <b>30,602</b>                 |

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

| Categories           | Details                         | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | CASH CAF BANK BALANCE           | 46,032                             | -                                | -                               |
|                      | CASH HELD IN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX | 2,000                              | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                                 |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>         | <b>48,032</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b>                        |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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| Categories                      | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name     | Date of approval |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|
|           | ANELI GONZALEZ | 6/04/09          |
|           | KATY DOBSON    | 06/04/09         |