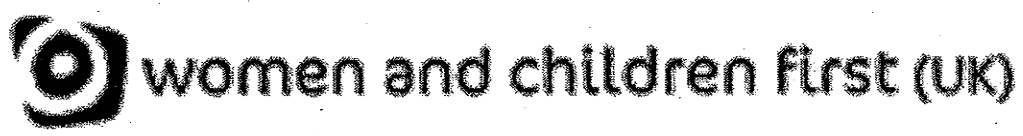


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Trustees Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2006

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CHARITY ENTREPRENEUR ENERGY UNION

Charity Number: 1085096
Company Number: 03914873

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Legal and administrative details

Women and Children First (UK) is registered as a company limited by guarantee (number 03914873) incorporated on 7 January 2000 and as a charity (number 1085096) registered on 21 February 2001. The governing instrument is the Memorandum and Articles of Association. All the members of the charitable company are Trustees and undertake to contribute to its assets in the event of it being wound up while s/he is still a member, such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

Board of Trustees (Directors)

Peter Clokey, Treasurer
Anthony Costello
Ron Finlay
Jenny Goodwin
Claudia McConnell, Chair (from 1 August 2007)
Imogen Sharp (resigned as Chair and Trustee on 1 August 2007)
Kerry Swanton
Anthony Williams

Company Secretary

Anthony Costello

Patron

David Latchman

Chief Executive

Ros Davies

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Report of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Women and Children First for the year ended 31 December 2006. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charitable Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Objectives, Aims and Approach

Charitable Objectives

The company is a charity whose principal objects are:

- To improve the health, nutrition and welfare of women and children in poor communities.

Aims

Women and Children First aims to improve the health and welfare of women and children in poor communities particularly in developing countries. Our particular focus is on pregnancy and the first 28 days of life.

Approach

We work in partnership with governments, health service providers and local communities to find out what works best to reduce maternal and infant deaths. We aim to assist in finding, and put into practice, local solutions that genuinely meet the needs of women and children.

Women and Children First puts into practice evidence-based cost-effective solutions which genuinely meet the health needs of women and children. Working in close collaboration with staff in the University College London Centre for International Health and Development (CIHD) in London, we are at the hub of innovation.

We improve the health of mothers and their newborns by:

- Supporting communities
- Strengthening health services
- Working in partnerships
- Advocating for change.

Goals

Our key goals are:

- Promoting safe motherhood and newborn care
- Developing effective and sustainable solutions to maternal and newborn health problems
- Enabling communities to use and seek appropriate care
- Strengthening accessible and appropriate health services
- Advocating best practice locally, nationally and internationally.

Achievement and Performance

Women and Children First's strategy

The five year strategic plan, launched in 2006, focuses on scaling up programme activities, consolidating existing work and developing the capacity and resources of Women and Children First to manage and implement this work.

Achievements during 2006

Specific objectives for 2006 were:

- To implement the first phase of the strategic plan
- To continue to work with partners on established programmes in Bangladesh and Malawi
- To seek further funding for a new programme of work in Nepal
- To respond to requests for assistance in improving newborn health in poor communities and secure funding to implement new work
- To participate in regional and global advocacy activities
- To continue to work in close collaboration with CIHD at the Institute for Child Health, London.

Implementing the strategic plan

In the first phase of delivering the strategic plan, Women and Children First's staffing was increased and strengthened. A full time Programme Officer, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, was appointed in March 2006, and a part time Finance Officer was recruited.

Plans to scale up activities in Bangladesh were developed and a funding proposal submitted in partnership with CIHD to the Big Lottery International Strategic Grant Programme. This proposal included expanding existing CIHD activities in India, which Women and Children First will collaborate on.

Following the resignation of the International Programme Director in early 2007, a decision was taken to upgrade the position to further strengthen the organisation and its potential for growth, and a Chief Executive was recruited and took up her post in July 2007.

Work with partners

During the year Women and Children First continued to work with existing partners in Bangladesh and Malawi and commenced work with new partners in a consortium programme in Malawi.

Bangladesh

Collaboration with the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) continued in three districts covering a total population of 500,000 mobilising communities through women's groups with a focus on maternal and newborn health. The second phase of the programme, funded with a new grant from the Big Lottery, started in October 2006 and will run to the end of 2008 with a focus on scaling up activities to reach larger numbers of women and their families.

Malawi

A three-year Big Lottery grant is funding a programme in the Ntcheu district in partnership with the Ministry of Health, with significant technical inputs from the CIHD. The programme covers half of the district (200,000 population) focusing on improving maternal and newborn

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health to align with the government Road Map¹ on Maternal Health. A key goal is to work with communities to improve links between pregnant women and healthcare providers. Programme staff work closely with district health staff and communities to achieve this goal. The current grant ends in February 2008.

A new programme started in April 2006 with a three-year grant from the Health Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), the Liverpool School for Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health (LATH) to improve the quality of maternal and newborn health care in 3 districts: Lilongwe, Kasungu and Salima. Women and Children First is leading on community mobilisation activities including working with women's groups to increase knowledge on maternal and newborn health.

Nepal

Further funding was not secured for work in Nepal, but good working relations have been maintained with our partner, Mother and Infant Research Activities (MIRA). Resource mobilisation is ongoing and a funding proposal was submitted to the Department for International Development's Civil Society Challenge Fund in July 2007.

Participation in regional and global advocacy activities

Women and Children First is a member of the global Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health launched in September 2005, to focus global efforts to scale up resources, strategies and political commitments to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 4 and 5². The vision of the Partnership is to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality and morbidity through universal coverage of essential care. Women and Children First took part in the Partners Forum meeting in Tanzania in April 2007 and established strong working relationships with the Partnership Secretariat.

Relationships with other organisations

Women and Children First continued to work with the Centre for International Health and Development, providing evidence based research and technical support, which is being applied in the international programmes.

In addition to being a member of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Women and Children First is a member of the White Ribbon Alliance and the UK Network for Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights.

Future Plans

In 2007 and 2008 Women and Children First intends to continue implementing its existing strategic plan. This will include:

- Building on achievements to date to scale up work in Bangladesh and Malawi and establish a programme of work in India
- Strengthening communications and advocacy work in the UK

¹ Road Map for Accelerating the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality and Morbidity in Malawi

² MDG 4 – reduce by two thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under five mortality rate

MDG 5 – reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio

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- Increasing and diversifying its income sources particularly through voluntary fundraising to fund core costs.

Principal Funding Sources

Women and Children First receives funding from a number of sources and is grateful to the following donors for their support and collaboration in 2006:

- The Big Lottery
- The Health Foundation
- The Centre for International Health and Development (CIHD), London, for their technical advice and for hosting Women and Children First at the Institute of Child Health.

Financial Review

Total income for 2006 was £178,608 (2005 £114,264) of which the majority was from donor grants. There has been nearly a doubling of funding for programmes in the last year. Donations have fallen in comparison with 2005 reflecting the focus on raising income from institutional donors and grant making bodies.

Total expenditure was £157,934 (2005 £115,112).

All expenditure during the year was in support of the organisation's specific objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, one third of the Trustees retire by rotation each year, but may seek re-election at the AGM. There is no maximum to the number of Trustees. There are currently seven Trustees and a new Chair is being recruited.

The Board of Trustees meets 6 times during the year and is responsible for policy decisions which are then implemented by the staff.

Responsibilities of the Trustees (Directors)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company/charity and of the profit and loss of the company/charity at the end of the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make sound judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

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- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 3.

Trustees have skills and knowledge in international development, maternal and newborn health, paediatrics, primary healthcare programme management, nutrition, public health, reproductive health, finance, communications and public relations, research and evaluation.

Imogen Sharp, who had been Chair of Women and Children First since its inception, resigned as Chair and Trustee on 1 August 2007. The Board thanks Imogen for her strong leadership in establishing and developing Women and Children First and for the energy and enthusiasm she brought to the role.

Methods for recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are recruited through open advertising and through professional networks and appointed by existing Trustees who are the members of Women and Children First.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are given an introduction to the organisation by the Chair and Chief Executive and a Trustee Induction Pack.

All Trustees are encouraged to attend relevant, affordable external Trustee training courses.

Management

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the charity to the Chief Executive.

After six years of managing Women and Children First, Dorothy Flatman resigned her post as International Programme Director in June 2007. The Trustees extend their thanks to her for her work in managing and developing the organisation during that time.

In July 2007 the Trustees welcomed Ros Davies as Women and Children First's first Chief Executive.

Organisational Policies

Risk management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Risks to external funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for the continuation of funding in the medium term through programme grants. Internal risks are minimised by the

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implementation of good management systems and procedures from the Women and Children First office ensuring consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

Investment policy

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds. Reserve funds are placed on deposit with a leading financial institution.

Reserves Policy

Women and Children First aims to maintain sufficient reserves to continue its charitable activities and to meet its obligations to its working partners, donors and staff.

Auditors

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Following notice that Connor Spencer had withdrawn from audit registration and would therefore no longer be in a position to continue as Women and Children First's auditors, HW Fisher were appointed to audit the company's accounts. The Trustees would like to thank Connor Spencer for their past services.

Approved by the Trustees on 17 October 2007 and signed on their behalf by:



Claudia McConnell, Chair

Independents Auditors' Report

To the Members of Women and Children First (UK)

We have audited the accounts of Women and Children First (UK) for the year ended 31 March 2007 set out on pages 12 to 17. These accounts have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 14.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As described on pages 7-8, the Trustees, who also act as Trustees for the charitable activities of Capital Community Foundation, are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information shown in The Trustees' Report is consistent with the accounts, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding Trustees members' remuneration and transactions with the charitable company is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Trustees' Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited accounts. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

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Opinion

In our opinion:

- the accounts give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended;
- the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the accounts.

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Dated:

18 October
2007

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2006 Total £	2005 Total £
<i>Activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects</i>					
Grants received	2	163,961		163,961	83,496
Donations		-	11,861	11,861	28,080
Investment income		-	2,786	2,786	2,688
Total incoming resources		<u>163,961</u>	<u>14,647</u>	<u>178,608</u>	<u>114,264</u>
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Fundraising and publicity		-	1,875	1,875	-
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>					
Project costs - overseas and UK		130,718	23,716	154,434	113,877
Governance costs		-	1,625	1,625	1,235
Total charitable expenditure		<u>130,718</u>	<u>25,341</u>	<u>156,059</u>	<u>115,112</u>
Total resources expended	3	<u>130,718</u>	<u>27,216</u>	<u>157,934</u>	<u>115,112</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing)	4	33,243	(12,569)	20,674	(848)
Funds at 1 January		<u>64,896</u>	<u>13,323</u>	<u>78,219</u>	<u>79,067</u>
Funds at 31 December		<u>98,139</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>98,893</u>	<u>78,219</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 9 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet

31 December 2006

	Note	£	2006 £	2005 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	7		1	<u>1</u>
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>104,595</u>		<u>79,276</u>
Creditors: amounts due within one year				
Other creditors and accruals		3,407		1,058
Taxes and social security		<u>2,296</u>		-
		<u>5,703</u>		<u>1,058</u>
Net current assets			<u>98,892</u>	<u>78,218</u>
Net assets			<u>98,893</u>	<u>78,219</u>
Funds				
Restricted funds	8		98,139	64,896
Unrestricted funds - general	9		754	13,323
			<u>98,893</u>	<u>78,219</u>
Total funds			<u>98,893</u>	<u>78,219</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 17 October 2007 and signed on their behalf by:



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Chair

Women and Children First (UK)

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2006

1. Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in February 2005).
- b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.
- c) Grants are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable, unless they relate to a specific future period, in which case they are deferred.
- d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- e) Governance costs include the management of the charitable company's assets, organisational management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- f) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset on a straight line basis to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at three years. Items of equipment are capitalised when the purchase price exceeds £500.
- g) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Costs which meet these criteria are charged to the funds.
- h) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity.
- i) The costs of generating funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in raising funds for the charitable work.
- j) The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable under the scheme by the charity to the funds. The charity has no liability under the scheme other than for the payment of those contributions.

2. Grants received

	2006	2005
	£	£
Big Lottery Fund - Malawi	104,263	62,098
The Health Foundation - Malawi	42,036	-
Big Lottery Fund - Bangladesh	17,662	10,699
Community Fund	-	10,699
	<u>163,961</u>	<u>83,496</u>

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3. Total resources expended

	Note	Projects costs	Fundraising & publicity	Administration and support	Governance	2006 Total costs	2005 Total costs
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising		-	1,875	-	-	1,875	-
Grants paid to overseas organisations	see i. below	63,150	-	-	-	63,150	55,000
Staff costs	5	60,348	-	17,897	-	78,245	50,346
Communications		569	-	1,127	-	1,696	904
Travel		3,911	-	678	440	5,029	4,976
Staff training, recruitment and sundries		-	-	1,397	60	1,457	2,379
Professional and legal		2,740	-	2,617	1,125	6,482	1,507
		130,718	1,875	23,716	1,625	157,934	115,112

i. Grants to overseas organisations are monitored by the charity on a quarterly basis and reports made to the initial funders.

ii. Free office accommodation has been provided by The Centre for International Health and Development.

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4. Net incoming resources for the year (2005 outgoing)

This is stated after charging:

	2,006	2,005
	£	£
Depreciation	-	-
Auditors' remuneration: audit	1,125	1,058
Auditors' remuneration: other services	-	-
Trustees' remuneration	-	-
Trustees' expenses	548	162
being the reimbursement of travel costs to 2 trustees (3 - 2005)		

5. Staff costs

	2,006	2,005
	£	£
Salaries and wages	63,409	40,091
Social security costs	6,940	4,510
Pension contributions	7,896	5,745
	<u>78,245</u>	<u>50,346</u>

No employee earned emoluments of more than £60,000 (similarly - 2005).

Pension contributions outstanding at the end of the year amounted to £1,919 (nil 2005).

The average weekly number of employees (full-time equivalent) during the year was 1.7 (1 - 2005).

6. Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

7. Tangible fixed assets

Cost

At 1 January and 31 December 2,158

Depreciation

At 1 January and 31 December 2,157

Net book value

At 1 January and 31 December 1

There were no movements in fixed assets in the year.

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1	1
Net current assets	<u>98,139</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>98,892</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2006	<u>98,139</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>98,893</u>

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9. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2006 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 December 2006 £
Restricted funds:				
Community Fund - Bangladesh & Nepal	29,172	-	(29,172)	-
Big Lottery Fund - Malawi	35,724	104,263	(84,594)	55,393
Big Lottery Fund - Bangladesh	-	17,662	(6,534)	11,128
The Health Foundation - Malawi	-	42,036	(10,418)	31,618
Total restricted funds	64,896	163,961	(130,718)	98,139
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	13,323	14,647	(27,216)	754
Total funds	78,219	178,608	(157,934)	98,893

The purpose of all restricted funds is to improve the health and welfare of women and children in poor communities in the countries specified

