

Annual Review 2009



The Leprosy Mission

England, Wales, the Channel
Islands and the Isle of Man



Transforming and empowering the lives of people affected by leprosy

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Front cover: Rashana, from India, has been affected by leprosy both physically and socially for many years. The Leprosy Mission has provided goats for her to create an income for herself so she can feel more independent and self-sufficient and to supplement her family's income. Her daughter and granddaughter stand behind.

This page: Ram has received treatment at The Leprosy Mission's Faizabad hospital in India. Photo: Peter Caton

From the National Director



I am delighted to introduce this Annual Review 2009 to you which highlights our work of partnership supporting projects of health, justice, education, employment and living conditions with individuals and communities affected

by leprosy. The Annual Report 2009 including statutory audited accounts is also available¹.

The Leprosy Mission England and Wales is an international Christian development organisation which is autonomous and works as part of The Leprosy Mission's worldwide family. Our overall vision is a world without leprosy, and our priority for the future is to stay focused until the work is finished, helping people in England and Wales to understand the disease and encouraging them to support the Mission.

We are motivated by God's love and concern for people affected by leprosy as reflected in our mission statement, with a holistic view, addressing the physical, social, economic and spiritual needs of individuals and their communities. All our services are provided regardless of religion

or ethnicity. Jesus' ministry inspires us that every person everywhere has a right to a hope and a future. It is unacceptable that many people affected by leprosy are denied this because of social exclusion or poverty. The Leprosy Mission works with partners in around 30 countries to bridge this gap of inequality.

Our priority for 2009 was to continue focusing on leprosy whilst strengthening our work with people with physical disabilities and those experiencing social exclusion. We also continued to work towards the Millennium Development Goals and related issues of dignity and justice as demonstrated in the following pages.

My personal thanks go to all our supporters – individual, church, trusts and institutional – as well as our volunteers, President, Vice-Presidents, Board members and staff. I look forward to the challenges ahead, and I believe that we will make further progress in 2010 towards a future free from leprosy.

Rupert Haydock
National Director

About leprosy

Leprosy is caused by a mycobacterium which attacks the nerves; it starts with numb patches on the skin. If left untreated these patches spread, making the person prone to serious injury from even the simplest daily activities. Injuries and nerve damage can lead to severe ulceration, shortening of fingers and toes, paralysis and blindness.

The cure, multidrug therapy, was discovered in 1982. This kills the leprosy bacteria, but disability and social discrimination may mean the person will need support for many years to come.

As bacteria are killed, either by the immune system or by drugs, the body may react against these dead bacteria, a bit like an allergic reaction. This is very painful and can cause damage to nerves in the eyes, hands and feet. Reaction can be treated with steroids, but can reoccur for many years after the person has been cured.

For more information about the disease, please request a copy of our leaflet *What is leprosy?*

¹ Available for reference on The Leprosy Mission England and Wales's website <http://www.leprosymission.org.uk/about/default.aspx> or within the Charity Commission's website <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/>

Where we work



Birke, Ethiopia ●
 Birke was treated for leprosy when she was five. As an adult she was frustrated by the powerlessness of those affected by leprosy. She became a founder and the first chairman of the Ethiopian National Association of People Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL), which is funded by The Leprosy Mission. ENAPAL lobbies for the rights of people affected by leprosy and organises income generation initiatives. In this picture she is marching in the most recent World Leprosy Day rally.



Nicola, DR Congo ●
 Nicola is affected by leprosy and is part of an association in his community, established by The Leprosy Mission, which creates income through pig breeding. The group is made up of people affected by leprosy and people not affected, which encourages integration.

Self-care, Chad ●
 This couple are affected by leprosy and are receiving self-care training in their home from The Leprosy Mission in Chad. This will help them do everyday activities, like cooking over a fire, or handling hot pans, without injuring their desensitised hands and feet.



Eleojo, Nigeria ●
 Eleojo is 13. Her parents, who have leprosy-related disabilities, needed help with nutrition and education for their five children. Eleojo has received educational support, including school fees, uniforms and books. Now she has hope for a better future and would like to become a nurse someday.



Rosema, Mozambique ●
 Rosema is part of a self-help group established in her community by ALEMO, a partner of The Leprosy Mission. In these groups, members affected by leprosy and disability save money into a joint bank account and work together on income generation projects using a revolving loan scheme. Rosema's group bought a goat with seed money from The Leprosy Mission. She also works on land owned by the group.



Photo: Peter Lemieux

Kantwa, India ●
 Kantwa was dedicated as a devadasi (temple prostitute) at 15. At the age of 60 she discovered she had leprosy. At The Leprosy Mission's hospital, in contrast to her previous experiences, she found she was treated with respect. She is now part of the 'Choice, Dignity and Integration for Devadasi and the Socially Excluded' project. Members receive training on rights and are supported to access the Government pension for ex-devadasi.



Tambi, Sri Lanka ●
 Tambi had a thriving vehicle repair business, but his tools were stolen during the instability of the civil war. He was unable to take a bank loan and repay the interest rate of 120%. A loan from The Leprosy Mission enabled him to re-establish his business and continue providing for his family and he says his life has completely changed.



Maung Maung, Myanmar (Burma) ●
 Maung Maung is 15 and was diagnosed with leprosy in 2009. He had been rejected by some people in his community and found it difficult to be in hospital away from his family. So hospital staff found a bed for his mother, and she stayed with him during his treatment. Now he's on the road to recovery, and will get a business loan to help him secure a stable income.

Gouri, India ●
 Gouri thought she would never be able to do something like tailoring: she had lost sensation in her fingers and they had shortened because of leprosy. However, occupational therapists at The Leprosy Mission's vocational training centre taught her how to manage her disability in her work. She completed a course and now has her own income which has earned her respect in her home community. 'It's not like before, discrimination has reduced,' she says.



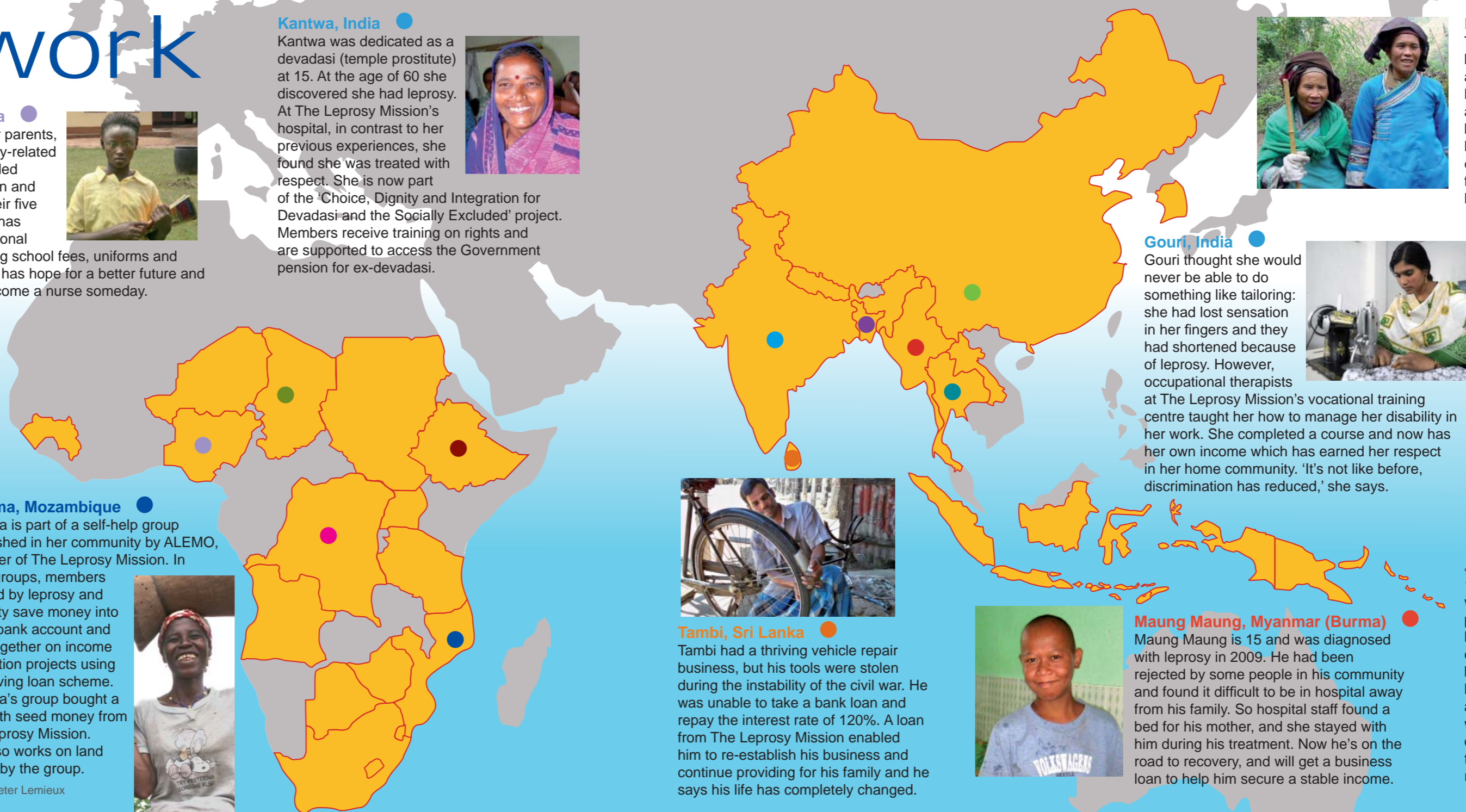
Honghe, Yunan Province, China ●
 The goal of this project in Honghe, supported by The Leprosy Mission, is to provide education and primary health care for people affected by leprosy and poverty. This includes the diagnosis and treatment of leprosy. Over a third of the beneficiaries are women. In many cases their husbands have left them; they are without employment or support and have children to care for. The project also provides small business and housing loans.



Nikorn, Thailand ●
 'People were afraid of my leprosy,' Nikorn says quietly. His hands became weak, he had no feeling in his feet and nodules appeared above his eyebrows. At the McKean Rehabilitation Centre, a partner of The Leprosy Mission, physiotherapy has improved the strength in his hands and he has been taught how to look after his desensitised arms and legs so they don't become injured. Nikorn, 24, says he is optimistic about his future.



Jewel, Bangladesh ●
 15 year-old Jewel's leprosy was diagnosed too late to prevent loss of feeling in his hands and feet. He was cured and taught self-care, but had little support from his family and couldn't cope alone. The resulting ulcers were so bad that the only option was amputations on both legs. Jewel is now back in hospital being fitted with prosthetic limbs, but is thankful he has received treatment and remains hopeful.



Providing leprosy and general health care

Timely and appropriate treatment for people with leprosy is essential to prevent injury and disability. In 2009, The Leprosy Mission England and Wales supported 22 hospitals – 12 in South Asia, three in East Asia and seven in Africa – investing over £1,280,000.

The Leprosy Mission's hospitals promote social integration by also offering general medical care for the whole community, with an emphasis on the very poor. For example, Kothara Community Hospital in India performed 1,500 surgeries for conditions like cataracts in 2009. The majority of these were for people living below the poverty line who otherwise would not have received treatment.

A delay in accessing leprosy treatment often leads to disability; around 16% of people diagnosed by The Leprosy Mission already have a visible disability. Last year hospitals supported by The Leprosy Mission provided rehabilitation, including physiotherapy and the provision of mobility aids, protective footwear and prostheses. Self-care techniques were taught to people affected by leprosy, preventing injury to hands, feet and eyes. Many new self-care groups were started, including 10 new groups in Angola. Members practised self-care, shared skills and discussed solutions to their problems. The Mission also used its expertise to work with patients with disabilities not related to leprosy.

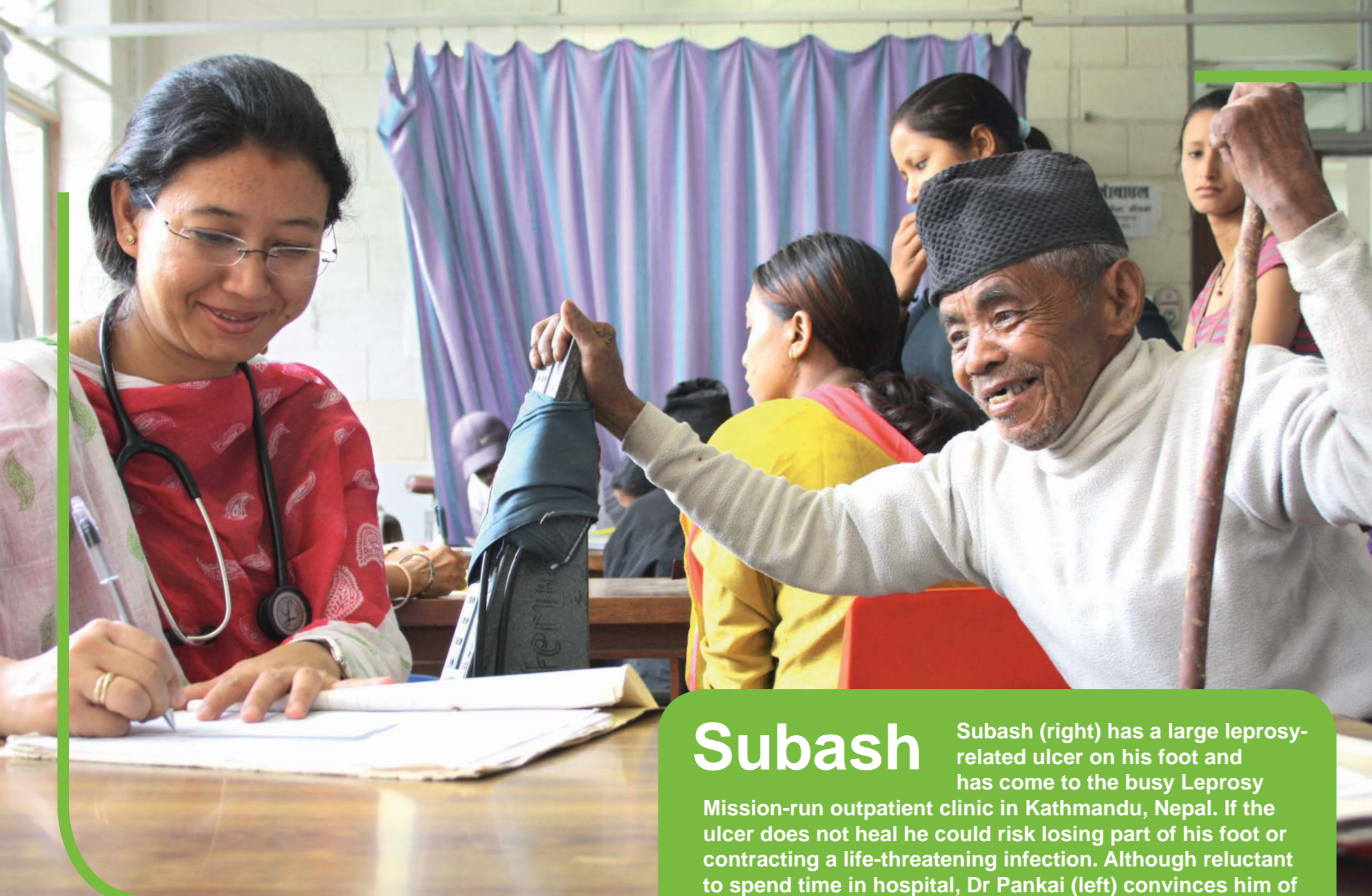
Health education is the key to sustainable change and in 2009 The Leprosy Mission held regular health awareness campaigns. For example, in Nigeria, drama, dance and videos were used to teach communities about leprosy symptoms and treatment. This work is vital, especially in remote areas with little or no access to health information. Key messages were also given about other diseases including HIV, TB and malaria.

In 2009 The Leprosy Mission England and Wales funded the research unit at Anandaban hospital, Nepal, which has a long record of cutting-edge leprosy research. Its work included developing new tests to diagnose leprosy and to predict the occurrence of leprosy reaction, which can cause patients further nerve damage even after they have technically been 'cured'.

The service I'm getting here I wouldn't get anywhere else.

Reconstructive surgery patient at Anandaban hospital, Nepal

Subash Subash (right) has a large leprosy-related ulcer on his foot and has come to the busy Leprosy Mission-run outpatient clinic in Kathmandu, Nepal. If the ulcer does not heal he could risk losing part of his foot or contracting a life-threatening infection. Although reluctant to spend time in hospital, Dr Pankai (left) convinces him of the need to rest his foot and have it treated properly.





Justice for people affected by leprosy and disability

People affected by leprosy and disability often face discrimination, are socially excluded and denied access to basic services. The Leprosy Mission promotes dignity and justice for all, advocating for human rights at community, national and international level.

In 2009 The Leprosy Mission England and Wales supported the 'Choice, Dignity and Integration for the Socially Excluded' project in India (part funded by the EC). This empowered devadasi (women who are, or have been, trapped in temple prostitution) and people affected by leprosy and disability or HIV to escape exploitation and improve their quality of life. Similarly, in tribal areas of Karnataka, India, the DFID-funded 'Empowering Tribal Communities' project enabled communities to lobby for and access electricity, new roads, schools, better health services, employment and pensions.

Organisations of people affected by leprosy were supported to speak out and challenge injustice. Some of these included ALEMO (Association for People Affected by Leprosy in Mozambique), ENAPAL (Ethiopian National Association for People Affected by Leprosy) and IDEA Nigeria (International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement).

The association is our voice, our muscle, our weapon. Thanks to our efficient partners and staff we are able to celebrate the strengths of the association. ENAPAL member

In Myanmar (Burma), the 7-Up Project has been supporting disability rights. In addition to special events and rallies, involving thousands of people across 10 cities, booklets and newspaper articles were produced to raise the profile of people with disabilities. A national action plan for disability and policy initiatives were developed in partnership with the Ministry for Social Welfare.

The Leprosy Mission England and Wales attended the UN consultation in Geneva on developing Principles and Guidelines for Governments on the 'Elimination of Discrimination Against People Affected by Leprosy and their Family Members'. This led to lobbying for the redrafting of the document to ensure the best possible outcome for people affected by leprosy.

ALEMO Social exclusion destroys confidence, but ALEMO, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy in Mozambique, empowers its members to lobby for equal rights. In January 2009 it held a demonstration on World Leprosy Day. There was a march, dancing and music, and organisation members spoke out about their experiences, challenging social exclusion. Mozambique's Minister of Health also spoke on the need to maintain the fight against leprosy.



Yang Fumei

Bless China International is a partner of The Leprosy Mission. It helps

children from leprosy-affected backgrounds access education and provides accommodation in term time.

Yang Fumei is 11 and was born in a leprosy rehabilitation village. Her grandparents are affected by the disease and because of stigma she could not go to school. Now she is in grade 4.

Li Wenhua, the dorm supervisor, says, 'I have never seen Yang Fumei angry. She always carries a smile on her face. She writes very well, and her homework is always very neat'.

Education

for children from leprosy backgrounds

In developing countries more than 100 million children have no access to education, making it impossible to break out of the cycle of poverty. Many children from leprosy backgrounds are keen to learn, but poverty and discrimination prevent them from going to school.

Education and training is a priority in many of The Leprosy Mission's projects. In China, discrimination against people affected by leprosy is severe and families are forced to live in remote areas, in isolation and extreme poverty. The Leprosy Mission works with Bless China International to find and educate children from such families. In 2009, The Leprosy Mission provided 35 children with schooling and their first experience of education and recreation.

The Leprosy Mission also partners with The Rainbow Children's Home, run by Brighter Future India. Last year the Mission funded education for 70 children who were affected by leprosy or rescued from the local railway.

One of the most pragmatic economic stimuli ... is to invest in the education of our youth – especially our girls.

Desmond Tutu in *The Washington Times* August 2009

I have not spent time at school in my life. So now, I feel my daughter should take the advantage of education.

Mother of 'Catch Them Young' beneficiary, India

In other areas of India, the Mission runs a 'Catch Them Young' programme, providing scholarships for children affected by leprosy so they can pay for fees, uniforms and books. In 2009, 245 children benefitted from this scheme.

In many African countries, education is not a priority as parents rely on subsistence farming to survive and there is no income to pay for school equipment. Children are often not encouraged to stay in school, and sometimes are found begging or working with parents. Last year in Mozambique, The Leprosy Mission worked with ALEMO (see previous page) to counsel parents on the importance of education, with a particular emphasis on girls. This resulted in 200 children accessing funds from The Leprosy Mission so they could attend local schools.



Halima Halima is a member of a self-help group in Nigeria. Self-help group members work together on income generation projects, starting with seed money from The Leprosy Mission. Halima's group decided a soap-making project would be profitable. Members of the group also run extra individual business schemes, using capital loaned from the group. The money is then repaid and passed on to other members. Having extra sources of income gives people more independence and respect within their communities. (Above: making soap)

Enabling suitable and sustainable employment

The Leprosy Mission is committed to sustainable poverty reduction. Many of our funded projects use training and small business development to support income generation. These projects help people to help themselves and actively participate in their own development.

Last year in Kwara State, Nigeria, individuals affected by leprosy formed self-help groups as a platform to access training, local resources and to establish small enterprises. Beneficiaries received loans (microfinance) for farming. They were also trained in loan management, and the Ministry of Agriculture provided advice on issues such as crop rotation.

A similar project was also run in Sri Lanka for people living in Batticaloa, an area still devastated by the 2004 tsunami. Due to the civil war there are many widows in this region who live in poverty with no employment opportunities. Last year microfinance was provided for 56 people, including widows, to set up small businesses including tailoring, selling groceries and breeding chickens.

In 2009, goat breeding for meat and milk was very successful in Vizianagaram, India. The project established a goat-breeding programme, providing goats for 150 families through self-help groups. Each beneficiary then

'repaid' the group with kids born in the first year. The kids will be distributed to new group members in 2010, multiplying the project's impact.

Many young people affected by leprosy and disability have no way of accessing training for employment. The Leprosy Mission England and Wales funded three residential vocational training centres in India last year, providing training for 400 young people in marketable skills including IT, mechanics and tailoring. Learning life skills and technical skills meant students gained self-confidence and self-discipline, which made them attractive to employers. At the end of 2009 over 90% had found employment.

I attribute my success to The Leprosy Mission, without whom I would have been a non-entity.

Ex-vocational training student running her own business



Jagdeo 'The height of the old house was not like this,' says Jagdeo (back right), 'it was at road level, so water used to fill the house. It had a very rough roof, so water used to come in. My wife is also very happy, previously we had a very poor house, now we have a proper house'. In addition, the new house also has a water pump outside and a toilet.

Improving living conditions for people and communities affected by leprosy

People affected by leprosy are among the poorest of the poor, often living in dilapidated shelters with poor water supplies that frequently lead to illness and disease. The Leprosy Mission works to provide safe housing, water and sanitation, and where possible mobilises local governments to contribute to costs, and communities to provide labour.

Last year, with support from Jersey Overseas Aid, The Leprosy Mission England and Wales supported the building of 41 houses in two leprosy communities in Tamil Nadu, India. The families previously lived in mud huts with no windows, doors or sanitation. The project was co-funded by the Indian Government and the local church; the houses were designed to fit in with the community. New homes have improved quality of life and lifted the status of families previously held in low esteem.

Toilets and water facilities were provided for 100 tribal families affected by leprosy or disability in Karnataka, India. Each family accessed co-funding from the Government Sanitation Scheme, and also provided labour, emphasising the community's personal ownership of the project. The new facilities not only improved health, by helping to

prevent diseases such as cholera, but also reduced the burden of collecting water.

Some elderly people, affected by leprosy or disabilities, are unable to care for themselves, or have never been able to return home from hospital because of social exclusion. The Leprosy Mission England and Wales funded two homes for the elderly in 2009, one of which is in Faizabad, India. The home at Faizabad provided care, support and recreation for 31 people. Physiotherapy and advice on preventing injury were also available for residents affected by leprosy and loss of feeling.

I felt accepted here, I could experience the love of people ... this place has given me life. Resident of a Leprosy Mission home for the elderly in India

Supporters and volunteers

The achievements of the past year could not have happened without the help and commitment of our supporters and volunteers. **We are grateful for each person who has joined with us to help transform and empower communities affected by leprosy.**

Volunteering – near and far

From June to October 2009, physiotherapist Heather Alford volunteered at The Leprosy Mission's Anandaban hospital in Nepal. Many patients were receiving surgery and physiotherapy for their hands or feet. Heather says, 'Maya [below] is just one of many who desperately need help from hospitals, like Anandaban; to see the difference, not only in her fingers but also in her face, was a privilege I will always cherish.' Since October Heather has volunteered in the UK, promoting The Leprosy Mission in talks for churches and community groups.



Walks of Hope

In 2009 thousands of pounds were raised by supporters around England and Wales through sponsored Walks of Hope. These were arranged by area co-ordinators from The Leprosy Mission or by supporters themselves. The above picture is from a challenging 11-mile circular walk in Derwenthaugh Valley, Gateshead, during September.



Cycling full circle

On her 50th birthday, Astrid Molyneux announced to family and friends that she intended to cycle around the world. She began in May 2008, with a completion date of May 2010, in support of The Leprosy Mission and the Deaf Studies Trust.

As she passed through India and Nepal, Astrid visited the work of The Leprosy Mission in hospitals and communities affected by leprosy in Delhi and in Kathmandu. Astrid says, 'The work is amazing and heartening, providing help to many thousands. Without hope people have nothing. The great thing about The Leprosy Mission is that it gives people hope ... which is transformed into action'.

Vice-President and partners

Why I support The Leprosy Mission

Wendy Craig has been a Vice-President of The Leprosy Mission England and Wales since 1993 and has supported the charity in various ways over the years, including presenting a broadcast appeal on Radio 4.

At the end of 2009 she visited The Leprosy Mission's offices in Peterborough, along with the President and other Vice-Presidents, to be updated on its current projects, finances and strategy.

Wendy says, 'I feel proud to be associated with such an excellent and dedicated organisation, which provides first rate services for some of the world's most marginalised people.'

'Leprosy is a terrible disease that robs people of their identities. There is a powerful lie, based on fear and lack of education, that someone affected by leprosy is not so much a person as they are a health threat. We must have the courage to challenge this lie, and offer treatment and rehabilitation in place of the rejection that many have come to see as their norm. This is why I support and will continue to support the work.'



'The **St Lazarus Charitable Trust** has worked with The Leprosy Mission for a number of years. We value our relationship with The Leprosy Mission's capable, knowledgeable and dedicated team very highly.'



'The **James Tudor Foundation** is proud to continue its partnership with The Leprosy Mission and has engaged in wide-ranging projects in Africa and Asia. The expertise of staff in community development, health care and human rights is commendable.'

'The **European Commission** appreciates the information and knowledge about the devadasi system and their issues that The Leprosy Mission has managed to bring to our attention through this project, contributing to our constant efforts to reach target groups, which otherwise are not on the radar of the donor community.'



Finances 2009

Income



- Individuals (£1,939,386 32%)
- Community fundraising (£1,087,068 18%)
- Governments and institutions (£374,077 6%)
- Trusts and corporates (£418,908 7%)
- Gift Aid tax refund (£386,163 6%)
- Other donations (£76,180 1%)
- Legacies (£1,699,704 28%)
- Investment income (£19,482 >1%)
- Other income (£5,000 >0.1%)

Expenditure



- Charitable activities (£5,285,784 82%)
- Cost of generating income (£1,103,883 17%)
- Governance costs (£67,809 1%)

This summary financial information is not the statutory accounts but has been derived from the audited financial statements, which were approved by the Trustees on 27 March 2010, and other financial information. The full statements have been audited and given an unqualified report. Copies of the full statements have been submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies.

This summary may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. The full accounts, including the audit report, may be obtained from The Leprosy Mission England and Wales.

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of the Leprosy Mission England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

We have examined the summarised financial statements of The Leprosy Mission England, Wales, the

Channel Islands and the Isle of Man ('the Mission').

This statement is made solely to the Trustees of the Mission, as a body in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we have agreed to state to them in this statement, and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees of the Mission for our work, for this statement, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors: The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting for Charities.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements

with the full financial statements and Trustees' report. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

Basis of opinion: We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6, the Auditor's Statement on the Summary Financial Statements, issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the UK.

Opinion: In our opinion, the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Report of The Leprosy Mission England, Wales, the Channel Island and the Isle of Man for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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Statement of financial activities

	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	5,679,595	6,268,151
Government grants	301,891	293,731
Investment income	19,482	48,913
Other incoming resources		
Gains on revaluation/disposal of fixed assets for charity's own use	-	21,145
Other income	5,000	5,000
Total incoming resources	6,005,968	6,636,940
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds:		
Costs of generating voluntary income	1,099,709	1,135,076
Investment management costs	4,174	885
Charitable activities	5,285,784	5,696,919
Governance costs	67,809	67,692
Total resources expended	6,457,476	6,900,572
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses	(451,508)	(263,632)
Other recognised gains and losses		
Gains/losses on investment assets	316	(35,118)
Net movements in funds	(451,192)	(298,750)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2009	2,360,382	2,659,132
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2009	1,909,190	2,360,382

Balance sheet at 31 December

	2009 £	2008 £
Fixed assets:		
Tangible assets	852,705	1,083,796
Investment assets	-	315,000
	<u>852,705</u>	<u>1,398,796</u>
Current assets:		
Tangible assets - properties for sale	541,408	-
Debtors	447,490	517,652
Investments held	2,597	2,281
Cash at bank and in hand	625,678	884,535
Total current assets	1,617,173	1,404,468
Liabilities:		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(560,688)	(442,882)
Net current assets	1,056,485	961,586
Total assets less current liabilities	1,909,190	2,360,382
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted income funds	-	-
Unrestricted income funds		
Designated Reserve (<i>inc. reserve in respect of the value of the tangible assets</i>)	1,394,113	1,398,796
General funds	515,077	961,586
	<u>1,909,190</u>	<u>2,360,382</u>



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