



Scotland's International
Development Alliance

Scotland for a Fairer World:

Annual Review 2020-2021

**Supporting, informing and connecting the International
development community.**



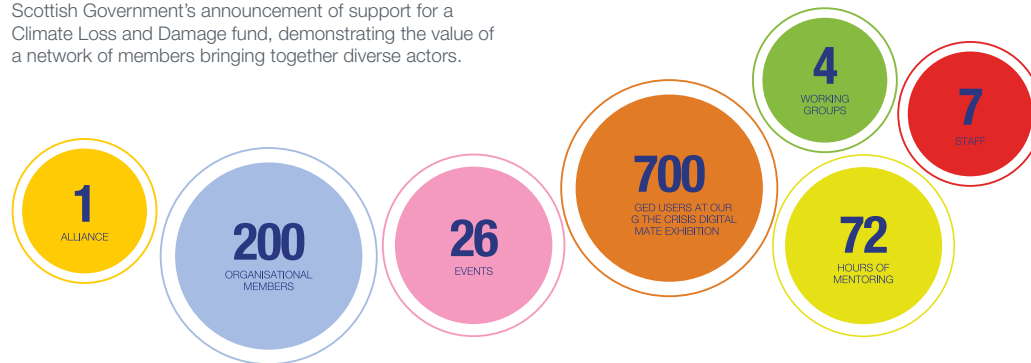
Message from the Chair

Through adversity, new strength is found. The first full calendar year post COVID-19 has elapsed. Rather than use COVID and its associated challenges as an excuse, the Alliance finds itself going into 2022 from a position of strength with fresh faces and fresh ambitions.

We say thank you to a number of trustees including the outgoing Chair, Simon Anderson, for their years of service. Under their stewardship several new staff have been recruited, including CEO Frances Guy, and they have hit the ground running. I hope all our members will agree with me that changes brought about by the new team are already evident in a revitalised digital presence, a fascinating annual conference and exciting work streams on the horizon.

Opportunities presented themselves during 2021 for the Alliance to make itself heard on behalf of members. We were vocal leading into the 2021 Scottish Election, during COP26 and contributed to important conversations taking place in Scottish society. There is still opportunity for the strength and efficacy of our voice to improve through 2022.

COP26 was an opportunity for many of our members to showcase the important work they are doing on the frontlines of climate action and response. Our inaugural Cross Party Group meeting of the new Scottish parliamentary session helped build momentum for the Scottish Government's announcement of support for a Climate Loss and Damage fund, demonstrating the value of a network of members bringing together diverse actors.



“The Alliance is an essential entity for a progressive and forward looking Scotland.”

- Steve Sloan,
Individual Member

A Voice for Change in the Sector

We continued to act as a voice on issues important to our sector, collaborating with over **150** different organisations, and hosting over **624** people as attendees at our events, workshops and trainings. We advocate for a progressive, engaged and vibrant international development community in Scotland, and aim to influence key decision makers on important issues. Prior to the Scottish Election in May 2021, we published our **2021-2026 Policy Priorities for Scotland**, influencing various political parties' election manifestos, including on the need for new legislation on wellbeing and sustainable development.

In 2021, we drafted a discussion paper titled '**Reflecting on language in international development in Scotland**' that aims to put forward some ideas on why it is vital to reflect on our language in the context of anti-racism and decolonisation. We hope to develop this into a Toolkit, with the input of members and experts in decolonisation and language policy.

The Alliance and its members have become adept at managing online meetings, virtual conferences and digital evaluation tools. In doing so, we may have lost the spontaneity of face-to-face meetings, but all events hosted by the Alliance have benefitted from wider, more diverse participation. The challenge for the next year will be to move towards a hybrid model that allows and encourages those not physically present to actively participate in debate and discussion.

Looking ahead offers little comfort, with the impacts of climate change continuing to manifest, and conflict once again threatening to break out in Europe. The Alliance must and will continue to engage the Scottish public on the importance of global development. And the Alliance will continue to support the success of our members in their endeavours, at a time when they have never been more needed.

Jon Novakovic
Interim Chair



Focus on Climate

With growing public awareness of the climate crisis, as well as the arrival of COP26 in Glasgow, we were particularly keen to emphasise that climate change is nearly always felt most acutely by those that have done least to cause it, often people in low-income countries, with the lowest carbon footprint. We launched **Facing the Crisis** as a digital exhibition that illustrates the human impact of the climate crisis, and in November, took this exhibition to the Cryosphere at COP26 within our role as official observer.

Learning Together

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our effectiveness & learning services have been held entirely online this year, using virtual space to host trainings, webinars, and **4** working groups. Whilst we know that members missed in-person interaction, the pivot to virtual services has resulted in a more globally accessible and inclusive way of operating that we intend to maintain as we develop hybrid events. In total, our events this year reached people from at least **25 different countries**.

Our commitment to supporting members to operate efficiently and sustainably continued with the revision of the **Effectiveness Toolkit**. An update to draw on the experience of key stakeholders, resulted in a more refined, efficient and inclusive Toolkit, designed to help organisations assess priority areas for action and plan for continuous improvement, with useful tips, resources and guidance.



Our Global Reach

Through our events this year, we have prioritised participation and leadership from people living in lower-income countries, and have encouraged our members to amplify the voices of those living in their partner countries. At the 2021 virtual Annual Conference, over **50%** of speakers were from the Global South, bringing their expert knowledge and experience to conversations around the climate crisis, well-being and equity. With attendees joining from over **20** different countries, the discussions were broad ranging, engaging and powerful.

“The support of the Alliance has been invaluable for our organisation in terms of making connections, being up to speed with what's happening in the sector and accessing high quality training and support for good governance”

- Diana Ellis,
IDEAS

“We greatly value the support we receive from the Alliance. It provides invaluable opportunities for us to learn, share and be part of a bigger movement.”

- Emma Burtles,
Just Wheels

“ 2021 saw many changes for the Alliance, and we enter 2022 with a fresh sense of purpose, energy and dedication to promote global sustainable development in all its senses. The Alliance brings together organisations and individuals whose work makes a huge difference worldwide, on issues ranging from education to conservation, public health, entrepreneurship and more. As the global impact of the climate crisis continues to escalate, joined up thinking is more important than ever. In the year ahead, we will endeavour to commit more learning and resources to facing the climate emergency, to understanding and promoting global well-being as well as to continue our work to reflect upon language used within the global sustainable development sector and help put Scotland at the heart of a fairer more equitable world. ”

Frances Guy
Chief Executive of the Alliance



Our Finances April 2020 - March 2021

This year we saw a **40% increase** in training and events income, with a higher turnout than ever before attending our virtual events.

	Total 2020-21 (£)	Total 2019-20 (£)
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	365,562	373,765
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	355,111	354,426

Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	10,451	19,399
Funds brought forward	167,347	148,008
Funds carried forward	177,798	167,347

Full statutory accounts are available on request.

We would like to thank the Scottish Government, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and our members for their continued financial support.



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OUR VISION & MISSION

Our vision is of a Scotland increasingly committed to creating a fairer world, free from poverty, injustice and environmental threats.

Our mission is:

- To help our members to build their capacity, improve their impact and strengthen their support base.
- To represent our members and the people and communities they work with, to local, national and international decision-makers.
- To engage people and organisations in Scotland with international development issues and encourage their informed support.

About Scotland's International Development Alliance

The Alliance is the membership body in Scotland for everyone committed to creating a fairer world, free from poverty, injustice and environmental threats. Our membership brings together a diverse range of over 200 international NGOs, faith-based organisations, companies, universities, charitable trusts and individuals that operate in over 100 countries.

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Cover Image - 20 year old Meenakshi Diwan tends to maintenance works in the solar village Tinginapu, in the Eastern Ghats of Orissa in East India.
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