



Scotland's International  
Development Alliance

# Annual Review 2022

## Message from the Chair

May I wish all of our members a peaceful and happy New Year.

2022 saw a welcome return to in-person events, with the Alliance seeking to deliver high quality hybrid formats across a variety of events. The Alliance also instigated the new member hub, and by the end of the year migrated to a new data support system. We hope all our members will benefit from these changes.

Opportunities to network reminded us all of the importance of human contact for the generation of ideas, but a hybrid format also allows us to be more inclusive and reach out to those who cannot travel or live far away. We will continue to strive to improve the experience for members and other participants just as we will continue to challenge the persistence of colonial hangovers and injustice in the sector.

Actions to highlight the injustices of climate change have remained centre stage throughout 2022. Whilst Scotland's potential for global influence may diminish as we move away from COP 26, the importance of the commitments to financing Loss and Damage and striving for climate justice will not. Working with our members, we will continue to press for policy change and practical action.

This year, the Alliance has welcomed the opportunity to work with the Scottish Government on channelling humanitarian response in emergencies, just as we have been proud to help facilitate some key discussions probing how best to implement a feminist approach to global affairs. This work will continue into 2023.

Cathy Ratcliff,  
Chair of the Board





## Championing Change

Our policy and influencing work called for a new approach to global sustainable development in Scotland, and for new legislation to encourage better understanding and measurement of our global impact. Our report **“Scotland & global sustainable development: time to chart a new path?”** produced in consultation with our members, makes the case for a new Scottish Government Global Solidarity Strategy, and outlines a more equitable and effective approach to development.

We published a report detailing recommendations for new, world-leading legislation on **Wellbeing & Sustainable Development**, that would put joined-up policymaking, linking global and domestic priorities, alongside human and environmental wellbeing, at the forefront of decision-making.

“The Alliance is a truly unique organisation. Their effort, scope, expertise and impact is beyond measure. I'm truly grateful for the work they do, their support and interest in furthering Scotland's impact in international development and human rights and look forward to new events and opportunities this year.”

Harriet Fildes  
University of Dundee

## Equitable Partnerships

Throughout 2022, the Alliance has continued our internal learning process around the vital issues of decolonisation, active anti-racism, power, and partnerships, and strive to analyse and present all our offerings, events and publications through a decolonised, just lens that acknowledges historic legacies and current bias.

For our members, we have designed spaces to support and enable this work within organisations and individuals; in May, we gathered activists, leaders and organisers together for a virtual event with a record **189** registered attendees exploring decolonisation and shifting the power. This was followed up by smaller sessions throughout the latter half of the year, led by expert facilitators, considering equitable partnerships, how to decolonise “aid” and the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion.

## Pioneering approach to events

As the world slowly transitioned out of the COVID-19 pandemic, a key priority for the Alliance was the pioneering commitment to an engaging, inclusive hybrid events calendar with sustainability at the forefront. In 2022, we have hosted **16** events, with hybrid participation enabling wider participation for our community overseas as speakers, facilitators and attendees. These events ranged from cross-party groups, workshops, trainings, networking events and peer support groups as part of our interactive learning programme.

At our Annual Conference in September, we were joined by **241** attendees, with **182** in-person and **59** attending virtually. Every panel discussion prioritised and amplified crucial input from our colleagues and leaders in the Global South, who were able to contribute remotely from their locations across the world.



“As a Disability Inclusion organisation, CBM UK appreciates the support that the Alliance gives us and our partners to engage and network with those involved in international development to broaden awareness of the need to include people with disabilities in every initiative being undertaken globally.”

Matthew Hanning  
CBM UK

## Global Citizenship

Global citizenship was not only the theme of our conference, but woven through all of our activity in 2022. We took on a new staff member, Hannah, who aims to engage the Scottish public on what it means to be a Global Citizen - as an individual, as a community and as a nation. We have convened a working group, centring diaspora and ethnic minority voices, to bring a crucial and critical perspective to explorations of what Global Citizenship means in Scotland.

As part of Global Citizenship Week, launched at our annual conference in September, the Alliance joined many other organisations and individuals to make a pledge, committing to reflect on our use of language; to adopt and encourage a decolonised approach to our communications and to encourage others to do the same, throughout 2023 and beyond.

“In a challenging year for all of us engaged in global sustainable development and humanitarian support to the most vulnerable across the world, the Alliance has continued to provide a high quality service to members of the international development community in Scotland. The Scottish Government's engagement with Alliance members over the past year has been invaluable for our work. I look forward to a continuing and challenging dialogue in future.”



Neil Gray SNP  
Minister for International Development

The return to in-person events in 2022 brought evident joy and the stimulation that members have found speaking to each other directly has been inspiring. The Alliance will aim for continuous improvement in our hybrid offering as we move forward. We're delighted to be pioneering a new online discussion forum, the Alliance Member Hub, enabling members to communicate and collaborate in a new and inclusive way.

2022 also saw new challenges as the repercussions of the conflict in Ukraine exacerbate global inequalities, accelerating the devastating effects of global debt and run-away inflation for the world's poorest. Pressures on government budgets combined with the cost of living crisis are likely to result in a difficult year ahead for the sector.

We will continue to work together to find solutions, I hope you will continue the journey with us in 2023.

**Frances Guy**  
Chief Executive



## Our Finances

### April 2021 - March 2022

	Total 2021-22 (£)	Total 2020-21 (£)
Total Income	315,129	365,562
Total Expenditure	341,046	355,111
Net Income/Expenditure	25,917	10,451
Funds Brought Forward	177,798	167,347
Funds Carried Forward	151,881	177,798

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 a more globally aware Scotland working to reduce global inequalities through joined up action on poverty, injustice, climate 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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