

DEAR FRIENDS,

The year 2020 has been so challenging. I think for the first time I realised just how interconnected all human beings are and how dependent and enmeshed we are with our environment. There was nowhere to run to with the whole world in the grip of a pandemic, so we all had to stay put and work on our own resilience. The glaring inequity exposed by the pandemic made me grateful for my good fortune and more determined to be a braver and bolder citizen and a more creative and effective funder.

The Savitri Wanney Charitable Trust was founded in 2001 with the purpose of improving the lives of the most marginalised. Every human life has value, and the work we have done on eyecare and palliative care in India will continue. But as the climate crisis intensifies, more lives are being impacted. It's clear we've reached an 'all hands-on deck' moment and perhaps our final chance to stop the relentless destruction of our natural systems.

Since 2018, we have thrown ourselves into the environmental sector; increasing grants to protect, preserve and restore our planet. The Savitri Trust has become part of a wider movement seeking to address the dizzying evidence that human activity is causing global heating and mass extinction. Through partnerships with NGOs focusing on environmental law, advocacy, education and regeneration we add our voice to the urgent call for action.

Each day we learn more about the vital role that soil, seed, and biodiversity play in human health and wellbeing. We face up to the fact that those in the global south who have not contributed to the problem of climate change will bear the brunt of the burden. We recognise the resilience of small-scale farmers who must adapt to changing weather patterns whilst being under assault from multinational chemical and seed companies. We understand the resilience our own bodies need to withstand the cocktail of harmful chemicals in the air we breathe and the food we eat.

Not only are we utterly dependent on nature for our survival, I think more of us this past year have realised just how much joy it brings. What are we without the natural world, and do we want to find out?

Truly, it is the moment of a lifetime, to take stock after this pandemic and ask ourselves what really matters. I am proud of what the Savitri Trust has achieved with our partners in the last 20 years and feel even more invested and more energised to meet the challenges of the next 20 years.

WITH THANKS FOR YOUR MOST VALUED SUPPORT,

DEVIKA WANNEY MOKHTARZADEH

TRUSTEE



Savitri

THE SAVITRI WANEY CHARITABLE TRUST

Savitri was founded to help people living in poverty. We are a family trust driven by causes close to our hearts, with programme areas focused on improving the health of people and planet.

EYE CARE

We fund rural healthcare teams to deliver free cataract surgeries and community outreach to help end cataract blindness in India. Our support provides thousands of individuals with affordable and accessible eye care.

PALLIATIVE CARE

We support and train nurses to deliver vital pain relief, holistic care and emotional support to people living with terminal illness in their homes, however remote these are.

FARMER LIVELIHOODS

To support farming communities, we direct funds to cooperatives and projects that help improve techniques to build resilience of their land and their livelihoods.

A few years ago, our family had a wake-up moment when we realised that ultimately human health and well-being cannot exist without a healthy environment and that the moment to act is now.



CLIMATE JUSTICE

We recognise the vital role of law and climate justice in contributing to long-term change. We're working collaboratively as part of an inspiring movement to improve the health of people and planet for us all to thrive.



2021

Taking people with us on this journey is just as important and rewarding as donating grants, we hope you will join us for the next 20 years...

REGENERATIVE FARMING

We are funding projects that repair the damage to our soil and rivers and that build healthy food and farming systems through regenerative agriculture.



ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

To nurture our own health, we must protect our natural ecosystems and give them space to heal and restore. We are listening and learning from the experts; indigenous and traditional wisdom alongside scientists, academics and the communities at the heart of these projects.



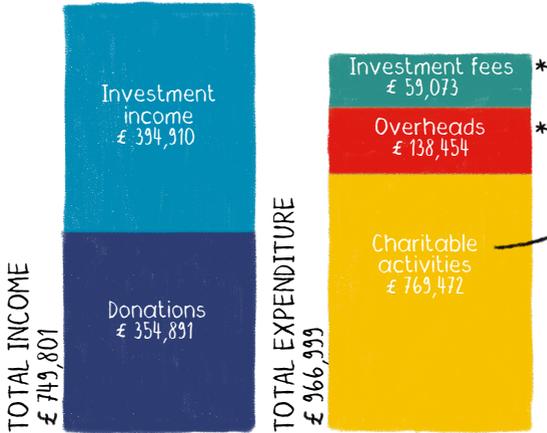
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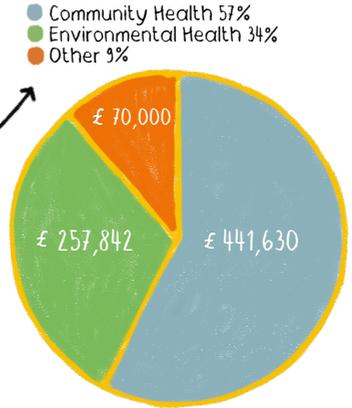
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FINANCIALS 2019-20

INCOME & EXPENDITURE



PROGRAMME AREAS



* %100 of these costs are supported by the family corpus fund.

GRANTEES

Category	Activity	Grantee	Amount (£)
COMMUNITY HEALTH	Eyecare	Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital, India	£ 329,067
		Tulsi Chanrai Foundation, Nigeria	
COMMUNITY HEALTH	Palliative care	Emmanuel Hospital Association, India	£ 112,563
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Ecosystem Restoration	Canopy Planet, Global	£ 66,000
		Sussex Wildlife Trust, UK	
		Soil Association, UK	
	Regenerative Farming	Gaia Foundation, UK	£ 31,842
Global Greengrants Fund, India			
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Climate Justice	Client Earth, Europe	£ 160,000
OTHER	Emergency Response to the Amazon Fires	Rainforest Alliance, Brazil	£ 50,000
		Amazon Watch, Brazil	
		Boa Foundation, Brazil	
	One-off	Sinfonia por el Peru	£ 20,000
Flourishing Diversity, Global			
TOTAL GRANTED			£ 769,472

Throughout 2020-21 alongside our commitment to Community Health programmes in India, we increased our funding toward Environmental Health projects and partnered with several new grantees: Farming the Future, The Agroecology Fund, Pesticide Action Network, Synchronicity Earth, Amazon Alliance and Beaver Trust.

These figures are an extract from our accounts. The full audited financial statements can be found via the Charity Commission Registered CIO : 1179087 or savitri.org.uk | emily@savitri.org.uk | @savitritrust



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