



One Child

(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 28 February 2006

Charity registration number: 1112352

Company registration number: 5047294

Report of the Trustees

The trustees of One Child are pleased to present their report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2006.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name:	One Child
Charity registration number:	1112352
Company registration number:	5047294
Principal office:	Flat 1, 66 Queen's Gardens, London W2 3AH

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as trustees.

The trustees serving during the year and since the year-end were as follows:

Subhrendu Chatterji
Chirag Jain
Shahin Mansuri

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

One Child is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 31 August 2003, as amended by Special Resolution on 15 October 2005. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The company's liabilities are guaranteed by its members (currently 3 members, who are also trustees) for an amount not exceeding £1 each.

Appointment of Trustees

The current trustees are founders of the charity. In the event new trustees are required, their appointment will be made by the existing trustees on the basis of their qualifications, interests and their ability to contribute to the objectives of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to:

- advance education among children and young people in developing countries throughout the world;
- advance education, training and development of adults in developing countries in improved teaching methods for children, disaster preparedness, small business and vocational subjects;
- help relieve poverty, sickness and distress in developing countries;
- promote good health in developing countries by the provision of information and advice on matters such as personal hygiene, nutrition, child health and development, and the provision of access to clean water.

One Child currently runs two Child Education Centres (CECs) in Ajogarpara village in West Bengal, India. The village has 920 families, a population of 4801 and is frequently ravaged by floods. 80% of the population live below the poverty line. One Child has partnered with a local NGO, Asha (Association for Social and Health Advancement), which manages the charity's day-to-day work.

These CECs, which teach around 58 children from particularly disadvantaged families, provide tailored practical education to children and act as a bridge to formal schooling. To date, a substantial proportion of CEC children have graduated to the local school and, equally importantly, stayed there. Many of these children are the first ones in their families, ever, to be able to read and write!

When the charity started the CECs, it soon became apparent that focusing solely on education was not enough to make sure children attended school regularly. Their families (earning less than 50p a day!) needed security. Whilst maintaining focus on the children's education, the charity currently also helps the families, especially mothers, with nutritional and childcare education, advice on alternative income generation, flood prevention (the village gets flooded frequently), crop management, etc. One child is also helping the local primary school build an annex, so that the classes that are currently held at the playing field and get washed out in the rain or have to close because it is too hot, can still take place.

Achievements and performance

One Child, in partnership with its implementing agency Asha, continued its strong track record of achievements during the year, in developing children's education in Ajagarpara and also in strengthening the community around them.

The principal achievements were:

Operation of Ananda Pathshalas: Two CECs or *Ananda Pathshalas* continued in Madhya Para and Paschim Para areas of Ajagarpara village involving 56 students (with 29 boys and 27 girls) of 6-14 years age including those who are preparing for school for the first time and who are in school (mainstreamed) but need extra support & care to continue at school.

Audi- author Sessions with children Audi – author (story telling sessions from folk, regional, national and international literature) sessions were organised at these centres towards ensuring holistic development of children. Apart from knowledge dissemination these sessions help the children to think critically as well as be creative.

An annual sports event for the children of Ananda Pathshalas was also organised. Primary School teachers, ICDS Supervisor and workers, Moulavis, key opinion formers in the village and parents were present there. The sports was an event with difference as some of the races were designed to be both educative and joyful like Nutrition Race, Mathematics Race, Word making race, Gender Relay Race, Drawing race.

An annual assessment of children was organised for the children attending the *Ananda Pathshalas* depending on the classes in which they study. From each class the students acquiring first, second and third positions were awarded prizes for encouragement during a **Cultural Programme involving children**

Scholarships were given to 6 children (4 girls & 2 boys) needy but keen students in consultation with parents, primary school teachers and other community members. These children are being supported through provision of school bag, exercise book & pencils, reading material on environment & district map (older children) drawing book & crayons, tiffin box etc.

Ensuring health care for children & women Every month outreach immunisation camps were organised at the village by local government health worker with support from Aanganwadi worker and Asha's field staff. Almost 80 per cent. of the eligible children were vaccinated against the 6 preventable diseases and 80 per cent. of the pregnant mothers were also immunised. Asha's field representatives have also motivated parents to ensure all children under 5 receive oral polio vaccination during Pulse polio rounds.

A two-day refresher training session on Mother & Child Health was also conducted during November. Altogether 27 adult women were present with children. The level of awareness among the villagers has increased considerably regarding antenatal care, safe delivery, immunization and proper nutrition of young children. Children were also imparted health & hygiene education during the assessment session. Nutrition demonstration on balanced diet for children was also undertaken with mothers. Healthy cooking practices and food hygiene were also demonstrated during the process.

An awareness Generation Programme on Women & Child Rights was also organised, with 35 women participating.

Mobilisation of women's Self-Help groups: *Nabajiban Mahila Samity, Ajagarpara* with 15 members and *Santi Mahila Samity, Ajagarpara* with 15 members are currently active in the village. Discussion sessions with the Women group members and Adolescent Girl Groups are being conducted regularly regarding issues of proper antenatal care, safe delivery, infant feeding practices, nutrition of pregnant women, care during adolescence, and the education of children.

Financial review

During the year, the charity earned receipts of £4,050 and disbursed £3,670. At £3,930, donations from individuals was the main source of income. The charity organised a fundraising event on 6 February 05 – 'Great Comedy for a Great Cause', which raised a substantial amount, the benefit of which will be seen in the 2006-07 financial year's results. Of the £3,670 costs, £3,163 was disbursed to Asha for funding the charity's work in Ajagarpara. Other costs related to those associated with the Charity's registration, setting up its website, legal and regulatory expenses and bank charges. The trustees do not draw any income from the charity and donate their services for free.

Reserves policy

Given the size of the charity and the nature of its activities, reserves maintained are minimal at this stage. The charity does not enter into financial commitments that it is unable to meet. The objective is to build up reserves over time to enable the charity to expand its work and enter into longer term commitments.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make sound judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will not 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 charity 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.

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the trustees
Subhrendu Chatterji (Trustee)
22 December 2006

One Child Statement of Financial Activities for
year ended 28 February 2006

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2006 £
Incoming resources		
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>		
<i>Voluntary income:</i>		
Donations from individuals	1b	3,930
Activities for generating funds:		
Ticket sales for Comedy Show	1b	120
Total incoming resources		<u>4,050</u>
Resources expended		
<i>Governance costs:</i>	1c	
Formation of charity		235
Setting up and operating website		112
Legal and regulatory charges and fees		130
Bank charges		30
		<u>507</u>
<i>Charitable activities:</i>		
Running project in Ajagarpara, India	1c	3,163
Total resources expended		<u>3,670</u>
Net incoming resources		380
Total funds brought forward		-
Total funds carried forward		<u>380</u>

One Child balance sheet as at 28 February 2006

	2006
	£
Current assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	380
Net assets	380
The funds of the charity	
General unrestricted income fund	380
Total charity funds	380

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts

For the year ended 28 February 2006, the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985. No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2). The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for: i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records that comply with section 221; and ii) Preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 28 February 2006 and its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to the accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Subhrendu Chatterji
Trustee on behalf of the trustees
Approved by the trustees on 22 December 2006

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised when received.

Income from fund raising activities is recognised when the funds are received by the charity.

c. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the operation of the charity's project in Ajagarpara and include the running of two Child Education Centres, special events for children, community support workshops and self help groups. The costs include a 10 per cent. overhead charge by Asha.

d. Funds structure

The charity operates a single unrestricted general income fund.

2. Legal status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.