

Charity Registration no. 1164594

FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG (JSS) IN UK
TRUSTEES'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Kislay K Thakur (Chair) Raman Kataria (JSS Rep) Sanjay Gupta (Secretary) Sunil Grover (Treasurer) Rakesh Kapur (Fundraising) Sanjay Sinha Ajay Sharma Devesh Misra
Charity number	1164594 (England)
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Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing document

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model Constitution). The constitution was adopted on October 15, 2015.

How the Charity is constituted

A group of 8 Charity Board Trustees, who are supported by around 50 Friends of Jan Swasthya Sahyog in UK (FOJSS in UK). Our charity was entered on the English Register of Charities on 27 November 2015.

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by advertising at the 'FOJSS in UK' charity meetings which are held regularly. The appointees are from the Friends of JSS in UK, most of who are NHS doctors and are passionate about our charity work and possess relevant interest and experience. All the Trustees are Consultant physicians or Surgeons and have undergone Criminal records Bureau check before appointment and at regular intervals in line with then statutory requirements. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits from the charity. They have read and accept the Trustee guidelines issued by the charity commission.

Organisational Structure and decision making

Day to day issues concerning our charity is managed by a small working group of Charity Secretary, Treasurer and the Chair. Any such decisions are further ratified in the FOJSS UK Trustee board meetings. Major policy decisions are made by consensus at the Trustee board meetings which are held regularly. Correspondence between Trustees is by phone and e-mails.

Risk management

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that systems are in place to mitigate those risks. The risks are re-assessed regularly and when circumstances dictate.

Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS) JSS (translated as people's health cooperative) is a unique charitable NGO running a comprehensive rural health programme in parts of impoverished central India. The movement was started more than 18 years ago by a group of like-minded doctors to improve the health care of rural India. The organisation has been recognised nationally and overseas for its sterling work in the field of low-cost health care. Friends of JSS in UK is a group of 3 such friendly but independent associations (Friends of JSS USA and Friends of JSS Germany) who support JSS.

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Objectives and Activities

- To promote, facilitate and support exchange of health care professionals between JSS and FOJSS in UK for providing various health related services including training and research.
- To support JSS in acquiring various health-related technologies, skills and equipment.
- To raise funds for JSS for its various health related activities including provision and development of health-related services, training and research and welfare of its staff.
- To support health programmes and organisations providing healthcare and development programmes to less privileged parts of India.

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Achievements and performance for the year ending 5 April 2023

Fund Raising events

Due to Covid-19 social restrictions no face-to-face fund-raising public event were restricted for the FY 22-23. Throughout the year repeated fund-raising appeals were issued by charity board members and friends of JSS in UK for their continuing support which was well received. All funds generated were either from pre-existing monthly direct debits from the friends of JSS in UK or as one-time donations from new donors. FOJSS in UK is extremely grateful to all the friends for their excellent support throughout the pandemic.

This FY year, FOJSS UK Diwali dinner was organised in November 22. Significant funds were raised for supporting the JSS village health/social programme.

As previously our cost of delivering aid to JSS remains very low at less than 2% of our income. All the functionaries and trustees continue to work on an honorary basis.

Education and Training

Unfortunately, the planned trustee visit to FOJSS Bilaspur was cancelled due to ongoing Covid -19 crisis. This has not affected our support for various health related programmes which continues as planned.

Annual General Meeting 19.02.23

The Annual General meeting for the charity was delayed and held on 19.02.23. Due to the Covid pandemic, once again this was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom platform. The meeting was attended by the friends of JSS and Trustee/Board members. The progress form previous year (FY 2021-22) on 'Phulwari' project (Creche's in 100 villages) was reviewed. The board was satisfied with the work done and progress achieved during this challenging period. An impact report is now appended to our official website.

Proposal for continuing support for 'Phulwari (Crèche) project' for the FY 22-23, was also discussed and formally approved. The details of this project are also appended to our official website.

In view of resolving Covid-19 pandemic, it was agreed to restart face to face fund raising social events for 2022-23. Emphasis was laid on continuing electronic means of fund-raising including emails and social media. The agenda and minutes of this AGM are now appended on our official website (www.fojss.org.uk)

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Achievements and performance for the year ending 5 April 2023 (continued)

Promoting health care volunteering at JSS

FOJSS UK continues to encourage and facilitate volunteering at JSS by UK medical students. No UK medical students visited JSS in the year 2021-22.

Health related voluntary programme/activities

For the year 2022-23 it was agreed to continue our support with the funding of 'Phulwari' project (Crèche program in 100 villages) in the JSS command area. This support was undertaken specifically to mitigate the impact of Covid related continuing unemployment, falling family incomes and its ongoing impact on child nutrition.

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Grant making policies

The charity's grant making policy in accordance with its constitution to support the work of its local partner JSS. Grant making decisions are made by FOJSS in UK Trustee board on the merits of the individual projects submitted by the JSS.

Fundraising performance

The charity's fund-raising activities are mainly seeking funds for various JSS projects from private sources via on line appeals and various fund-raising events organised by the charity.

Investment Performance

Currently charity has no Investments.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the aims of the charity as stated in the Objects, and are satisfied that they meet the requirements for public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that public benefit is an integral part of its activities. The charity supports a wide range of projects within its stated aims. Each project is assessed by the Trustees to ensure they meet the public benefit criteria. The Trustees are confident that all the projects presently being supported are of public benefit in accordance to the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees policy to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable the charity to meet its obligations.

Details of any funds in deficit and how this will be rectified

There are no funds in deficit. The charity has over £15,000 in reserves of unallocated funds to cover any future deficits.

Principal funding sources

Private donations

Expenditure and key objectives

The trustees are satisfied that the expenditure of the last financial year was appropriate to the support for key objectives given above.

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to work to raise funds for all the activities appropriate to its objectives. We will continue to support ongoing healthcare projects of JSS Bilaspur. We will also continue to promote work done by JSS here in the UK to increase its awareness especially among the local medical community.

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Trustee report for the year ended 5 April 2023

On behalf of the board of trustees



Dr K Thakur (Trustee-Chair)
Dated 20.7.23



Dr S. Gupta (Trustee-Secretary)
Dated 20.7.23