

## **Annual Report and Accounts**

September 2018 to August 2019



*Diapalante's Young Leaders help primary school children learn French and so improve their performance in school.*

Registered Charity in England and Wales No. 1112875

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## Diapalante's Objectives

To further charitable purposes which relieve or combat malnutrition, hunger, disease, sickness or distress.

To help prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and any necessary support, enabling individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

## Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name            Diapalante  
**Charity Number**       Registered Charity in England and Wales No 1112875  
**Address:**               Kirby Manor 73 High Street Ashwell Herts SG7 5NP

Charity Trustees as at 31st August 2018:

Pamela Brannigan	Caroline Chandler	Elizabeth Chandler	Ian Chandler
Emily Charlton	Orlando Gibbons	Alan Muhr	Carol Muhr

## Structure, Governance and Management

Diapalante is a charitable trust governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 02/08/2005 as amended by Deed dated 04/01/2006 and by Deed dated 15/08/2012.

Diapalante is run by trustees who give of their time freely and no remuneration is paid. Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for three years after which they may be reappointed. There must always be at least three trustees. At least two ordinary meetings must be held each year to discuss future strategies and projects and fundraising.

# Welcome

Welcome to Diapalante's annual report. The majority of readers are also supporters, and in welcoming you we would like to introduce you to the variety of roles our supporters fulfil. The following pages then highlight the work and achievements of our partners in Africa, highlighting some of the achievements this support enables.

In the UK we work to support and enable our African partners in achieving jointly agreed outcomes. This work is done by volunteers who donate many hours of time and expertise, undertaking all our administration, research, project support and fundraising activities. In addition, the charity Project Trust provide two young volunteers, Nye and Joal this year, who spent their whole gap year working at the Community Education Centre in Senegal.

Our financial stability continues thanks to supporters who organise fundraising events and those who attend them, those who make regular or one off donations, the Farthing Trust for their ongoing commitment, also Just Trust who supported us again this year. The British and Foreign Schools Society gave us a grant to support the introduction of a Young Leaders project at the Community Education Centre.

Businesses and schools have donated sought after new and secondhand equipment for use in Diapalante's Community Education Centre and in schools in Senegal. Some of these donations have been given through Inkind Direct and Reyooz Ltd. Donated items range from stacking chairs to stationery cupboards, locking drawers to a suite of computers. Supporters also loan storage space, some for weeks and some for years.

Every supporter is much valued, not all are included here. Diapalante would be less without you and we thank you all.

## Supporters Contributions.

### Time & Expertise



### Funding



### Equipment



### Storage Space



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1. Mauritania
2. Senegal
3. South Africa

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# Diapalante in Senegal

## The Diapalante Community Education Centre

Imagine, the hot, dusty atmosphere, a sandy street with children playing amongst the sheep and goats, ladies selling everything, boys chanting the Koran, and passing donkey carts, motorbikes and taxis. This is Kaolack, in Senegal, where a large ground floor flat is home to the Diapalante Community Education Centre. People of all ages drop-in to the Centre when they have an hour or so to spare. They come hoping to gain skills which will improve their chances in the constant battle against poverty, the result of low wages, unemployment and underemployment.

This year the younger children learnt French in a new and successful project, using our teenage members to lead small groups of learners (illustrated next page). For everyone else there were the normal English and computing lessons with themes chosen to reflect current issues and stimulate discussion. Also fun (but educational) sessions covering art, sport, science and other challenges. The Centre is run by Mamadou Kane, who is assisted by part time local volunteers, and two teenage British volunteers. Jack, a former British volunteer, returned in August to overhaul the creaking computer system. This has been a busy year, stretching the capacity of the Centre, the young children's French project alone involved 250 people.

Where I am from people consider me a learned man. They come to me to ask for help, so if I know English I can help them. If at the start of my time here I knew one thing, now I know one hundred things.

I don't know what I will do in my future, but I know whatever I do, it all started here. I won't forget Diapalante.

Before I came here I didn't even understand "what's your name?".

Now my English has improved a lot. I can read, write and even listen better. At the start I thought it'd be like school but it's not. Reading alone is not reading a language.

I have learnt English, I.T. and artistic skills. We made a map of Africa and my English vocabulary has improved.

I think we need another volunteer. That way we can always have someone teaching computers, someone in the library for a discussion or quiet reading, and someone doing lessons.



3 young adults in an English class.



*Diapalante supports the Sustainable Development Goals*



*Computers lessons are enjoyed by all ages computer literacy is valued in the workplace.*



*Many were keen to contribute to this Africa mural designed by British volunteer Nye.*



*Joel's English lessons: a valuable opportunity to hear a native English speaker.*

# Diapalante's Young Leaders help primary school children master French.

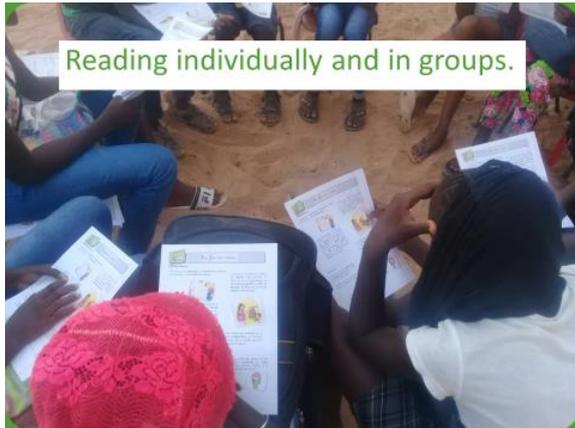


1. Schooling is in French. A handicap to the many children who don't speak French.



Learning French through craft activities

2. Diapalante's Young Leaders provide activities to help these children improve their French.



Reading individually and in groups.

3. The Young Leaders are able to give more individual attention than is possible in school.



Card games and board games

4. Using games the Young Leaders make learning fun.



Speaking and listening activities

5. Over the year learners start to express opinions and listen to others while speaking French.



Reading to the children

6. The Young Leaders also benefit, gaining in confidence and leadership & presentation skills



Singing, exercise, then home.

7. Each session ends with everyone coming together for a joint activity.

## Diapalante's Young Leaders are successful teachers!

*The end of year school results show that the Young Leaders do enable children to perform significantly better at school.*



8. Hopefully our enthusiastic Young Leaders will continue to teach and help us train further Young Leaders in future years.

# South Africa

Diapalante makes an annual grant to Hillcrest Advice Bureau and Bursary Fund using only funds donated for this purpose. HAB & BF supports the underprivileged community within the Valley of 1000 Hills near Hillcrest in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa by providing access to tertiary education, a drop-in advice centre and assistance in attending school.

To demonstrate how their money is used here are extracts from very recent letter from Dr Vezekile Dladla, the 20<sup>th</sup> of 21 children in her family.

“I am writing to thank you for your generous support in paying for my high school education (2004-2007) and for paying my acceptance fee at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in January 2008. ....

I joined the UKZN in January 2008 as a full-time student In April 2018, after obtaining my PhD I started working as a Research Officer at the Sugar Milling Research Institute in Durban. I am proud to be one of the 2018 Mail and Guardian's Top 200 Young South Africans in Science and Technology (<http://ysa.mg.co.za/2018/dr-veve-dladla/>). I am currently employed by Unilever South Africa (Durban) as a CTI Assistant Manager.

I cannot thank you enough for your support, the few minutes I spent with the team at the beginning of each year, reviewing my high school marks meant a lot to me, it made me believe that I was really doing well at school. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community....”

# This Year in Mauritania

This year saw the end of our work with the Talibés in Nouadhibou. We've spent many years working with these children in different regions of Mauritania and are very sad to say goodbye. When Ibrahima Diallo, our representative in Mauritania, moved away from Nouadhibou for work related reasons, we no longer had the resources to manage this project.

We are actively working with Ibrahima to explore opportunities for future projects in Mauritania. Our old friends at the disabled workshop in Rosso asked us to help them fix their roof, and we were very keen, but unfortunately this got blocked by local government red tape! (Some things are the same around the world).

For the last 15 years, Ibrahima has been a tireless champion of local community projects in Mauritania, so we are excited to develop more projects with him going forward. We ensure the work we do is needed and where we can provide most value before we commit resources. Watch this space...

## Who are the talibés?

A talibé is a boy who studies the Quran under the care of a religious teacher or marabout. While studying many talibés live in poverty and simplicity in their daara or religious school under the care of the marabout. In the poorer daaras there are many talibés who are not supported by their families. They beg from door to door for the food and other resources needed for living.



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*Diallo delivering mosquito nets to the talibés*



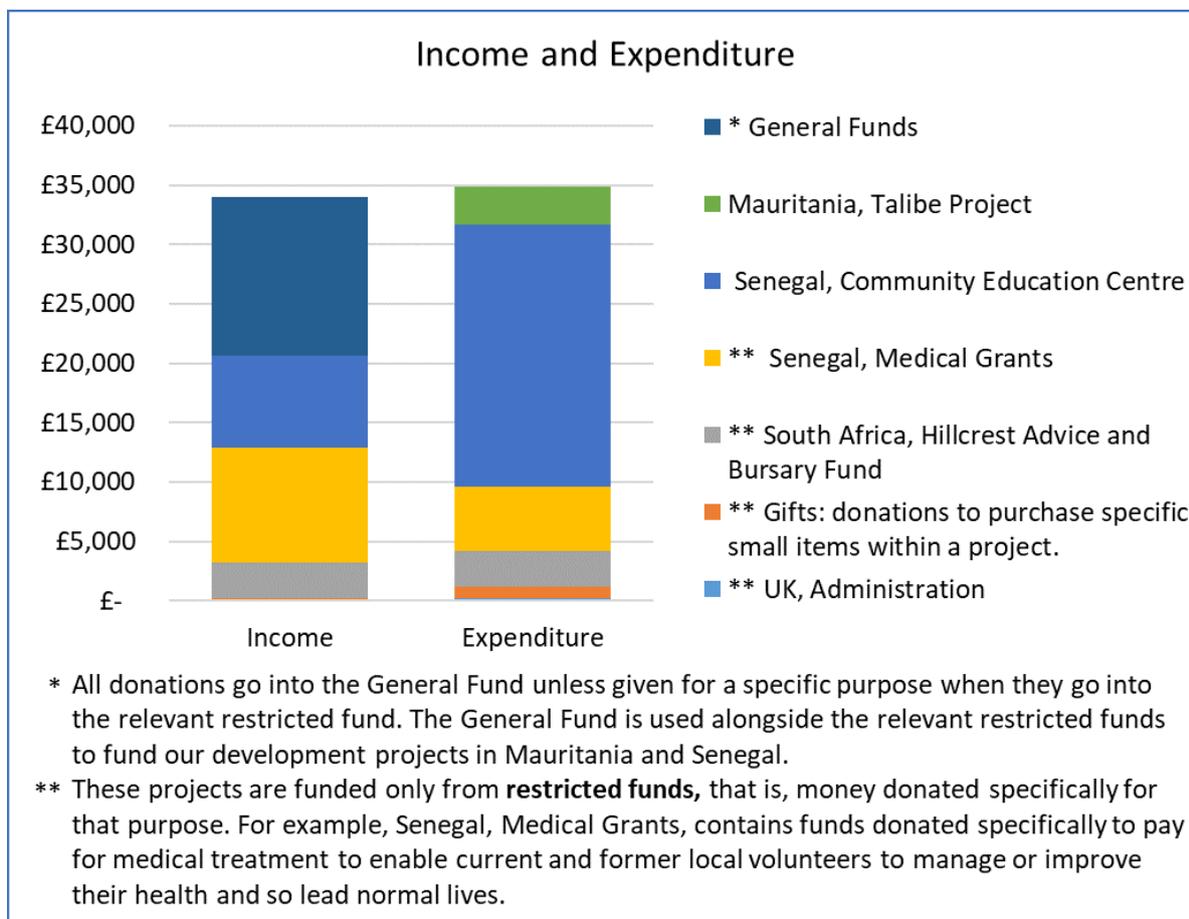
A regular visit to check the medicine cupboard against the usage log.

### **A summary of our work with the talibés**

We started working with the talibés in Rosso back in 2012, when they came to Ibrahima asking him to help them treat various minor injuries. Not only did he clean up their cuts and bruises, he also got together with a local nurse, doctor and pharmacist to provide more structured medical support. By gaining their trust and talking to their families and the marabouts who run their religious schools, he was able to improve their quality of life through programmes to prevent malaria and provide access to sport. Our work with the talibés continued in the desert town of Kankossa and, most recently, we got involved with two large Daaras (religious schools) in the coastal city of Nouadhibou. Although the work we did sometimes felt very small scale, it touched the lives of many families and we are proud to have been able to be a small part of these children's lives.

# Financial review

This has been a busy year both financially and practically. Diapalante’s income and expenditure, illustrated below and in the accounts presented on the following pages, show that our financial support has continued this year and we are grateful to you, our donors, for this. These accounts do not include the many practical contributions which enable our work, some of which are highlighted in the Welcome to this report, or the many volunteer hours worked here and and by local volunteers in Africa. which are vital to the success of our projects. We would also like to thank our African partners for their financial oversight of their projects.



Diapalante aims to hold a reserve of 6 months core expenditure. We have met this policy through the year and carry sufficient funds forward to start the new year with this reserve in place.

In considering and agreeing the activities of the charity, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

*E Chandler*

Full name(s) Elizabeth Mary Chandler

Position Trustee

Date 09.01.20



*Trustee, Caroline Chandler, completes the London Marathon raising £3,000 for Diapalante thanks to generous sponsors.*



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name \_\_\_\_\_ No (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from \_\_\_\_\_ Period start date \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Period end date \_\_\_\_\_

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Funds	13,388	-	-	13,388	9,551
UK Administration	-	-	-	-	-
Community Education Centre, Senegal	-	7,750	-	7,750	7,800
Medical Grants, Senegal	-	9,614	-	9,614	9,455
Mauritania, Talibe Project	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa, Hillcrest Advice and Bursary Fund	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,750
Gifts	-	242	-	242	1,139
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>13,388</b>	<b>20,606</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,994</b>	<b>31,695</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>13,388</b>	<b>20,606</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,994</b>	<b>31,695</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
General Funds	-	-	-	-	-
UK Administration	-	269	-	269	12
Community Education Centre, Senegal	13,035	9,034	-	22,069	13,134
Medical Grants, Senegal	-	5,423	-	5,423	10,835
Mauritania, Talibe Project	3,165	-	-	3,165	3,457
South Africa, Hillcrest Advice and Bursary Fund	-	2,991	-	2,991	95
Gifts	-	926	-	926	3,768
	-	-	-	-	1,139
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>18,642</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,842</b>	<b>32,440</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>18,642</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,842</b>	<b>32,440</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,812</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 849</b>	<b>- 745</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>11,162</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,943</b>	<b>17,689</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,350</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,095</b>	<b>16,944</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		8,350	7,745	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>8,350</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
				-
				-
				-
				-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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**CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name: DIAPALANTE

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2019

Charity no (if any)

1112875

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Joseph Pritchard

Date: 2/12/19

Name:

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