

**HELP & SHELTER INC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of Help and Shelter Inc.

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Help and Shelter Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of income and expenditure, other funds and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at December 31, 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-Sized Entities (IFRSs for SMEs).

**Emphasis of Matter**

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 1.1, which explains that the company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on ongoing contributions from the Government of Guyana, other funding agencies and donations.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Going Concern**

The Company's financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of our audit of the financial statements, we have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the company's financial statements is appropriate.

## **Going concern, continued**

Except as described in Note 1.1, management has not identified any further material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on our audit of the financial statements, we also have not identified further material uncertainty. Neither management nor the auditor can guarantee the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

## **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they can reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, continued

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.


We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We are also required to provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1991.

  
Chartered Accountants  
Georgetown, Guyana

July 23, 2024.

**Help and Shelter Inc.**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**As at December 31, 2023**

**With comparative figures for 2022**

**(Expressed in Guyana dollars)**

	Notes	<u>2023</u> \$	<u>2022</u> \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash resources	3	26,416,580	20,435,659
Other assets	4	-	350,622
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<b>Working Capital</b>		26,416,580	20,786,281
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	2	74,164,826	72,641,560
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		<u>100,581,406</u>	<u>93,427,841</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
<b>General fund</b>			
Balance - January 1		92,719,980	84,283,594
Transfer from other fund		-	796,023
Surplus		6,778,482	7,640,363
Balance - December 31		<u>99,498,462</u>	<u>92,719,980</u>
<b>Other Funds</b>			
UNICEF		1,177,692	84,564
Canada		50,356	50,356
UNFPA EF		2,102	4,702
UNFPA Spotlight		(341,731)	568,239
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		888,419	707,861
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables		194,525	-
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		<u>100,581,406</u>	<u>93,427,841</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

  
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Director

**Help and Shelter Inc.**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure**

**For the year ended December 31, 2023**

**With comparative figures for 2022**

**(Expressed in Guyana dollars)**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b>Income:</b>		
Grant income	26,078,337	6,733,956
Government subvention	56,000,000	56,000,039
Donations	8,404,502	4,054,090
Deed of covenant	600,000	700,000
Bank interest income	494,638	121,060
Project income	-	560,000
Volunteer's trust fund	-	357,126
	<u>91,577,477</u>	<u>68,526,271</u>
<b>Deduct</b>		
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Employment costs	44,286,855	30,567,384
Stationery and office supplies	13,030,489	11,910,484
Meals and refreshments	4,831,532	3,718,331
Travel and transport	7,221,846	5,868,553
Consultancy	4,180,000	-
Monitoring	2,239,000	-
Training materials	2,175,931	706,610
Telephone	950,397	1,366,673
Security	125,516	202,270
Insurance	544,760	410,171
Bank charges	212,653	75,566
Fundraising expenses	557,747	2,938,268
Repairs and maintenance	4,442,269	3,121,598
	<u>84,798,995</u>	<u>60,885,908</u>
Surplus	<u>6,778,482</u>	<u>7,640,363</u>

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**Help and Shelter Inc.**  
**Statement of Other Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2023**  
**(Expressed in Guyana dollars)**

	Balance at 1/1/2023	Funds received during the year	Expenses paid during the year	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Government Subvention	796,023	56,000,000	(56,796,023)	-	-
Canada Project	50,356	-	-		50,356
Unicef	84,564	13,194,109	(12,100,981)		1,177,692
UNFPA EF	4,702	-	(2,600)	-	2,102
UNFPA Spotlight	568,239	12,884,228	(16,914,198)	3,120,000	(341,731)
	<u>1,503,884</u>	<u>82,078,337</u>	<u>(85,813,802)</u>	<u>3,120,000</u>	<u>888,419</u>

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2023**  
**With comparative figures for 2022**  
**(Expressed in Guyana dollars)**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net surplus		
Adjustments for:	6,778,482	7,640,363
<b>Working capital changes</b>		
Change in other assets	<u>350,622</u>	<u>(350,622)</u>
Net cashflow from operating activities	<u>7,129,104</u>	<u>7,289,741</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of equipment	<u>(1,523,266)</u>	<u>(402,450)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,523,266)</u>	<u>(402,450)</u>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
Loan repayment	194,526	(5,000,000)
Transfer from other fund to general fund	-	796,023
Increase (Decrease) in other funds	<u>180,558</u>	<u>(1,450,546)</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>375,084</u>	<u>(5,654,523)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalent</b>	<b>5,980,922</b>	<b>1,232,767</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalent - January 1</b>	<u>20,435,658</u>	<u>19,202,891</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalent - December 31</b>	<u><u>26,416,580</u></u>	<u><u>20,435,658</u></u>
<b>Comprised of:</b>		
Cash in hand	1,181	46,724
Cash at bank	<u>26,415,399</u>	<u>20,388,934</u>
	<u><u>26,416,580</u></u>	<u><u>20,435,658</u></u>



**Help and Shelter Inc.**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2023**

**(Expressed in Guyana dollars)**

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**1.1 Incorporation**

Help and Shelter Inc.(formerly Help and Shelter Limited) was incorporated on November 24, 1994 under the Companies Act 89:01 as a company without share capital. The Company obtained a Certificate of Continuance on

The principal activities of the company is the provision of social services. Funding for the company is derived primarily from annual government subvention and ongoing contributions from various funding agencies.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under which the company is assumed to be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. The company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to secure funding to finance its current and future operations.

**1.2 Significant accounting policies**

**(a) Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The preparation of financial

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed by on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates  
These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on July 23, 2024.

**(b) Property, plant and equipment**

No depreciation is charged on property, plant and equipment since the company is a non-profit organisation.

**(c) Income**

Income is recognised on the cash basis.

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**(Expressed in Guyana dollars)**

**2. Property, plant and equipment**

	Land	Buildings	Office furniture & equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cost</b>				
January 1, 2023	3,500,000	54,250,000	14,891,560	72,641,560
Additions	-	-	1,523,266	1,523,266
December 31, 2023	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>54,250,000</u>	<u>16,414,826</u>	<u>74,164,826</u>
<b>Net Book values</b>				
December 31, 2023	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>54,250,000</u>	<u>16,414,826</u>	<u>74,164,826</u>

**3. Cash resources**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
Petty cash- Shelter Subvention	1,181	20,854
Petty Cash Office	-	25,870
H&S Current A/C # 651-741-1	105,793	550,350
Unicef A/C 651-526-6	1,176,414	84,564
H&S Current A/C # 651-7957	64,023	
H&S Current A/C # 653-128-9	1,660,191	2,358,968
H&S BCM # 484-185-4	2,052,510	7,620,297
NBS Save and Prosper A/C	21,698,199	9,206,591
Republic Bank AC#24944	<u>(341,731)</u>	<u>568,164</u>
	<u>26,416,580</u>	<u>20,435,658</u>

Help and Shelter Inc.

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(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b>4. Other receivables</b>		
Staff Loan	-	350,622
	<u>-</u>	<u>350,622</u>

**5. Financial Instruments**

The company's financial instruments comprise of cash and bank balances, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued charges

**(i) Credit Risk**

Credit risk on the other receivables is limited as other receivables are shown net of provision of bad debts. Management believes that there is no additional risk beyond amounts provided for collection losses.

**(ii) Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents and availability of funds through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.

**(ii) Fair values**

The fair values of cash and bank balances, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued charges are not materially different from their carrying amounts.