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Newsletter Winter 2021/22

Season Greetings and best wishes for a better, safer and a prosperous 2022

Like most of us, 2021 has been a challenging year for GMA with its uncertainties of the on-going pandemic.

Despite the challenges, we expanded GMA's reach and made two brilliant additions to our board of Trustees, Dr Samantha May and Dr Domenico Carolei. Both of them bring a lot of expertise in minority rights and third sector experience which has already proved a valuable asset for GMA. We look forward to working with them in the future.

In March this year, we responded a call from our partners in Pakistan to support school children who come from deprived communities that are facing financial hardships due to covid-19. With support from GMA donors, we have supported children and paid for their full tuition fees for 2021. We have also set up GMA Ida and Franz Welmann Education fund to support education programmes in Kenya and Pakistan. We have launched our winter appeal to raise more funds to support this initiative and we are incredibly thankful for the continued support for this project from people in the UK and further afield.



School Assembly in Pakistan

Closer to home in Glasgow, GMA launched its first digital inclusion project to reach out to asylum seekers and refugees who face barriers in accessing services and are digitally excluded. We partnered with Vodafone UK who provided us with an initial 100 sim cards with unlimited texts, unlimited calls and 20GB data. We liaised with local networks such as Refugee Council, Safe in Scotland, Destitution Network, ESOL network and distributed 100 sims. The demand for Sim-cards outstripped our supply. We have requested new sim cards and plan to do another drop-in session in January 2022.



SIM Card distribution in Glasgow, UK.

GMA has also been successful in securing digital devices with the Connecting Scotland. We will share more news in the next year as we roll out our programme to the most digitally excluded communities in Scotland.

All of this is not possible without your help and support to which we are eternally grateful. We hope that next year will be a lot safe, happier and healthier. Please take care of yourself and your loved ones during this difficult winter.

Thank you once again for your support and making a difference in small ways through our community- based projects.

With warm best wishes for 2022

GMA Board of Trustees and Volunteers



Christmas Scene