

**Minutes of ElectricAid Committee Meeting held on 25th May, 2021**  
**Conference Call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Attendees via Skype and phone:**

Éadaoin Smith Hilary Boyse Pauline Holland John Kelly James Foley Finola O'Donnell  
 Gillian O'Regan Zoe Murphy Tony Merriman Deaglan O'Donaill Eduardo Galeazzo  
 Joe Lawlor Aisling Delaney Bernie O'Connor Jordana Santos Fergal Fitzgerald  
 Oonagh Dalton Peter Kelly

Apologies: Gerry Mooney Paul Cox Judith Doherty Niamh Delaney

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action by</b>																
<b>Address by ElectricAid Chairperson</b>	Éadaoin Smith welcomed all to the last ElectricAid meeting before the AGM. She also thanked Judith Doherty for chairing the previous meeting in her absence and thanked all of the committee for their work in the last year.																	
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	No conflicts of interest were reported.																	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b>	Éadaoin Smith outlined the results of recent meetings with four strategic partners: GOAL, Concern, Christian Blind Missions and See Beyond Borders. All four were very beneficial and valuable conversations with different values for ElectricAid for each. ElectricAid are more valuable to the two smaller charities (CBM and See Beyond Borders) because of the value and impact of smaller donations. There will be further meetings in the near term with other charities, including an indigenous organisation to ensure a wide range of organisation type are included in discussions. The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Gillian O'Regan and seconded by John Kelly.																	
<b>ElectricAid Office Update</b>	<p>Fergal Fitzgerald gave the Key Performance Indicators for the year to date as follows:</p> <p>There have been 47 fundings across 26 countries with grants totalling €527,256. Those countries are Central African Republic (€16,000), Honduras (€16,000), Rwanda (€16,000), Tanzania (€16,213), Uganda (€18,741), Zimbabwe (20,153), Sierra Leone (€22,400), South Sudan (€23,204), Malawi (€23,518,39), India (€23,372), Mozambique (€43,159), Ethiopia (€63,219) and Kenya (€71,913). These grants are spread across seven of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>The funding in the year to date for Special Partners has been as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Name</b></th> <th><b>Amount (€)</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TOUCH</td> <td>10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trócaire</td> <td>11,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Purpose</td> <td>13,460</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plan International</td> <td>15,354</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ActionAid Ireland</td> <td>23,349</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aidlink</td> <td>24,463</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CBM Ireland</td> <td>26,372</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount (€)</b>	TOUCH	10,000	Trócaire	11,300	United Purpose	13,460	Plan International	15,354	ActionAid Ireland	23,349	Aidlink	24,463	CBM Ireland	26,372	
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<b>Finance Group Report</b>	<p>Hilary Boyse reported on the April management and the draft Annual Accounts received from the Auditors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The forecast income for 2021 is €1,041,626 which is down from the €1,083,539 for 2020. The difference is primarily due to a reduction in the number of staff members and no special appeal is included in the forecast for 2021. Currently expenditure is forecast at €1,067,533 which would result in an excess of expenditure over income of €25,907. This will be updated in June.</li> </ol> <p>The adoption of the management accounts was proposed by Deaglan O'Donaill and seconded by James Foley.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The draft audited financial accounts have been received from Moore Auditors. Income for 2020 was €1,079,064 and the expenditure was €1,050,233 giving a surplus of income over expenditure of €27,831. The adoption of the annual accounts was proposed by Zoe Murphy and seconded by Bernie O'Connor.</li> </ol>															
<b>Evaluation Committee Report</b>	<p>The ElectricAid Evaluation Committee met on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May via MS Teams</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Pauline Holland (Chair) Gillian O'Regan Jordana Santos Tony Merriman Oonagh Dalton Fergal FitzGerald</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Paul Cox</p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared Evalco assessed 23 applications seeking a combined total of €274,583 in funding. Treasurer guidance of €175,000 was advised. The Committee recommends 16 applications for funding totalling €172,823 Funding reached 11 different countries and geographic spread remains focused on African countries with 13 projects funded and 3 projects in Asia. 9 projects were funded in full, 7 in part. 6 projects were rejected and 1 deferred.</p>															

Row Labels	Sum of Amount Recommended	Count of Country
Bangladesh	€13,000	1
Cameroon	€6,000	1
Eritrea	€12,227	1
India	€10,000	1
KENYA	€38,111	4
Lebanon	€10,000	1
Malawi	€13,518	1
Nigeria	€15,354	1
Sierra Leone	€22,400	2
South Sudan	€16,000	1
Tanzania	€16,213	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>€172,823</b>	<b>16</b>

  

21-A-036	6,000
21-A-045	6,500
21-A-010	7,000
21-A-055	8,000
21-A-040	9,713
21-A-037	10,000
21-A-044	10,000
21-A-052	10,000
21-A-053	10,000
21-A-050	12,227
21-A-048	12,400
21-A-008	13,000
21-A-042	13,111
21-A-049	13,518
21-A-038	15,354
21-A-047	16,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,823</b>

Proposed: Eduardo Galeazzo    Seconded: Deaglan O'Donaill

<b>Governance Group Report</b>	Of the six reportable sections in the Governance Compliance Report, ElectricAid are compliant in two and close to compliance in the other four. Work continues and will be reported back to the committee following further work.
<b>Membership Group Report</b>	Zoe Murphy reported on behalf of the Membership Group that in relation to communications videos have been created in relation to "The Value Added" and "Evaluation Process". There will be webinars as follows: Customer Solutions: May 2021 Eirgrid: June/July 2021 EMP: August 2021 Networks: October 2021.
<b>AOB</b>	Tony Merriman suggested that there should be an ElectricAid presentation to the Board of ESB as there will be a new Chairman and Chief Executive. This was agreed by all.

	<p>Éadaoin Smith reiterated that the upcoming Annual General Meeting is on then15th June and will be online only. Registration will be required to attend and to go forward for election.</p> <p>The Chief Executive of ESB, Pat O'Doherty, has been invited to attend and has indicated his willingness to do so.</p> <p>There have been applications from a number of charities working in India seeking funds for Covid-related issues.</p> <p>ElectricAid had a Special Appeal for Covid in 2020 and it was agreed that there would not be a similar appeal in 2021. ElectricAid has received a number of requests for funding for projects responding to C19 in India. Applicants will be advised to apply for humanitarian funding in the current round which is open until 16<sup>th</sup> of June.</p> <p>Bernie O'Connor brought up the idea of 'passing it forward' on vaccines whereby members could donate €5 or €10 to pay for the cost of a vaccine abroad. Members of the committee are to get a feel for the idea with their own colleagues and an action for the Membership Group to explore idea further. The use of Revolut in this regard needs to be discussed by the finance group.</p>	
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