

ANNUAL REVIEW 2023/24

A YEAR TO REMEMBER



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF WORKING ANIMALS

Around the world, SPANA's global teams work to deliver transformative change for working animal welfare. Our vets and technicians provide lifesaving veterinary treatment to sick and injured working animals. They train owners and communities in animal care and share their expertise by training animal health professionals. Our education officers teach children and animal owners about animal welfare. And in times of crisis, our teams provide emergency relief and support.

During 2023, demand for our charity's work was greater than ever. Working animals and their owners faced many severe challenges, including the cost-of-living crisis, political conflict and natural disasters.

Thanks to our supporters, donors and partners, SPANA was able to be there for working animals in 19 countries during 2023. Here are just some of our key achievements for working animals in 2023, all of which were made possible by the kindness and generosity of our supporters.



TREAT
336,018

WORKING ANIMALS TREATED



TRAIN
75,239

ANIMAL OWNERS TRAINED



TEACH
68,662

CHILDREN TAUGHT ABOUT ANIMAL WELFARE



100
YEARS OF WORKING ANIMAL WELFARE



£8.2M
TOTAL EXPENDITURE



19
COUNTRIES WORKED IN



529,588
VETERINARY TREATMENTS PROVIDED



2,369
VETS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS TRAINED



8,171
PIECES OF HUMANE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED



62,500KG
EMERGENCY ANIMAL FEED PROVIDED



5,673
ANIMAL WELFARE LESSONS TO CHILDREN



39,808
INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS WORLDWIDE FUNDED OUR VITAL WORK



399,818
SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



245,692
GIFTS AND DONATIONS WORLDWIDE



£9.6M
TOTAL INCOME

WHO WE ARE



SPANA – The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad – is the global charity for the working animals of the world. Since our foundation in 1923, we have worked where they work to support the welfare of working animals, including horses, donkeys, mules, oxen and camels.

In 2023, we launched 'Transforming the lives of working animals: SPANA strategy 2023–27'. Through our new strategy, SPANA will make a sustainable and lasting change to working animal welfare across the globe.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a world where every working animal lives a healthy and valued life.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to transform the welfare of working animals in a world where animals, people and the environment are respected and thrive.

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WELCOME TO SPANA'S ANNUAL REVIEW FOR 2023/24

A year like no other – there really is no better way to describe 2023! It truly was a momentous 12 months for SPANA and for working animals across the world.

In 2023, we celebrated our charity's centenary, marking 100 years of supporting working animal welfare. We reflected on the pioneering spirit of SPANA's founders, mother and daughter Kate and Nina Hosali, and we set in motion how SPANA will work to transform the lives of working animals for many years to come through the launch of our new five-year strategy.

SPANAs strategy, 'Transforming the lives of working animals: SPANA strategy 2023–27', was unveiled in January 2023. At a time when the need for our work has never been greater, our strategy outlines not only how we will continue to treat, train and teach – but also how we will work to transform animal welfare through new projects and partnerships that deliver sustainable change to working animal welfare. I am delighted by how the strategy sets a transformative path for

SPANAs future, and I will keep our supporters and stakeholders updated on our progress.

Sadly, 2023 was also a year of unexpected challenges and unprecedented circumstances. In September 2023, a devastating earthquake struck Morocco, which is home to our largest programme. Within days of the earthquake, we launched the most ambitious emergency response project in our charity's history. SPANA veterinary teams headed to the worst-affected areas to provide lifesaving treatment and care to thousands of injured and displaced animals. We continued to treat affected working animals and provide them with emergency feed for the remainder of the year and into 2024.

The relentless need for SPANA's vital work is reflected in our 2023 statistics. The hard work and dedication of SPANA's global teams enabled our charity to reach 336,018 working animals and to provide more than half a million veterinary treatments.

We were also able to train 75,239 owners in animal care and to teach 68,662 children about animal welfare. You can find out more about our positive impact in this Annual Review.

Life for working animals is more perilous than ever and they currently face incredible challenges, including those created by increased poverty, national conflicts, flooding and drought. I would therefore like to express my gratitude to all SPANA supporters. Our charity's work is only made possible by your continued compassion, dedication and kindness. You are enabling us to move closer to our vision of a world where every working animal lives a healthy and valued life.

Thank you for helping to make our transformative work possible.

Linda Edwards
Chief Executive



Linda Edwards

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WORKING ANIMAL WELFARE

SPANAs journey began in the early 1920s, when two adventurous and compassionate women from Britain, Kate Hosali and her daughter, Nina, embarked on a lengthy tour of North Africa. As they toured beautiful landscapes and fascinating communities, Kate and Nina also saw widespread suffering and malnourishment of working animals. Arriving back in England, Kate and Nina resolved that working animals deserved better than a life of suffering. This led them to develop SPANA, a charity that would support the welfare of working animals across the world.

Throughout 2023, SPANA celebrated 100 years of extraordinary support for working animals. But while we reflected on our many achievements, we also opened a new chapter for our charity's history with the launch of our organisational strategy.



OUR STRATEGY

In 2023, we launched our ambitious new organisational strategy. 'Transforming the lives of working animals: SPANA strategy 2023–27' outlines how we will develop our work to meet increasingly difficult global challenges.

Our strategy has three core goals:

Goal 1 – Welfare

The quality of life improves for working animals globally, at a greater scale than ever before.

Goal 2 – Worth

The contribution working animals make to people across the world is recognised and valued.

Goal 3 – World

The world of working animals thrives and grows sustainably, as part of the nexus of animals, people and the environment.

These goals are underpinned by a fourth, enabling goal:

Goal 4 – Harnessing our global potential

Our charity builds its reputation and effectiveness as a pioneering, modern and global organisation, while delivering transformative change for working animal welfare.

As part of our new strategy, we will continue to make sure working animals in need receive treatment. We will also continue to ensure that owners are trained in animal care, that children are taught about animal welfare, and that other stakeholders can access teaching on animal welfare too. We will expand our emergency capacity in response to the growing need, primarily tied to climate change-related issues such as droughts and floods. And we will work to build local capacity of animal welfare services provision and quality assurance activities. Find out more at spana.org/strategy



UK

UK

In January, we held a special event at the House of Lords, in London, to mark the start of our year-long centenary celebration and to officially launch our new organisational strategy.



Morocco

Morocco

In February, we held a celebration in Marrakech. The event was attended by special guests and dignitaries, including the British Ambassador to Morocco, Simon Martin CMG.



Mauritania

Mauritania

Representatives from the Mauritanian Ministry of Education, the Mayor of El Mina and the Moroccan Ambassador to Mauritania were among special guests at an event held at our centre in Nouakchott in June.



Tunisia

Tunisia

Working animal owners from the local community, alongside their camels, horses and donkeys, took part in an event held in Tozeur in July. The celebrations also included discussions on animal welfare.



Centenary Day

UK

SPANAs official 100th birthday took place on 2 October. To celebrate this historic milestone, an event was held at St Ethelburgas Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, in London.



Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe

In November, guests including representatives from Zimbabwe's Ministry of Primary & Secondary Education and various local veterinary schools joined us at a centenary gathering in Harare.



TREAT: IMPROVING THE WELFARE OF WORKING ANIMALS

Since SPANA was founded in 1923, our charity has worked to improve the lives of successive generations of working animals. Whether they are at risk from the deadly impact of plastic pollution, suffering from life-threatening colic, or enduring the agony of harness wounds, our global veterinary teams are there to provide the lifesaving treatment that working animals desperately need.

Working animal owners can access critical treatment, help and advice for their sick and injured animals through SPANA's global network of veterinary centres and mobile clinics. Our centres are situated in towns and cities where working animals carry out essential tasks. Our mobile clinics travel thousands of miles a year to reach animals in rural and isolated communities. Wherever we are and wherever we go, our charity's veterinary care and support is always needed.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our supporters, we reached 336,018 working animals in 2023, providing 529,588 essential veterinary treatments.

CASE FILE: SPANA'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO MOROCCO'S DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE



8

HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES REACHED



3,628

TREATMENTS TO SICK AND INJURED WORKING ANIMALS



1,798

WORKING ANIMALS RECEIVED EMERGENCY FEED



62,500KG

EMERGENCY FEED PROVIDED

On 8 September 2023, Morocco was struck by a 6.8-magnitude earthquake. The epicentre was in the High Atlas Mountains – a remote area south of Marrakech where working animals are relied on to transport essential goods to isolated communities. According to the Red Cross, more than six million people were affected, and an estimated 3,000 people lost their lives.

Morocco is home to SPANA's largest programme, and our veterinary activities there were established by our co-founder, Kate Hosali, in 1925.

Within days of the earthquake, we launched the most ambitious emergency response project in our charity's history,

backed by an emergency fundraising appeal. Our veterinary teams headed to the epicentre to provide lifesaving treatment and care to thousands of animals who had been injured and displaced by the earthquake. This included working alongside rescue teams to free working animals trapped under collapsed buildings. Working animals who supported the rescue effort by transporting much-needed supplies were also helped by our vets.

In the months that followed, we distributed emergency feed to affected working animals and continued to provide veterinary care.

Thank you so much to every supporter who donated to our emergency appeal.



Morocco



CASE FILE: TREATING WORKING DONKEYS IN MALI

Pen, meaning 'strong', is one of the hundreds of donkeys who work on the rubbish dumps in Mali's capital city, Bamako. The seven-year-old donkey hauls heavy carts laden with the city's unwanted items so that his owner, Aboudina, can make a small income as a refuse collector.

Pen's work with Aboudina is extremely hazardous. Every day, they must navigate piles of rotting waste, broken glass and razor-sharp shards of metal among the towering piles of rubbish. Pen is at constant risk of injury and of contracting the deadly disease tetanus.

When Pen received a deep cut behind his ear from a piece of glass, Aboudina was very worried. But he knew SPANA's mobile clinic was in Garantiguibougou, so took Pen there for emergency treatment.

SPANA's veterinary team examined Pen's wound. They made sure it was thoroughly clean, then administered a local anaesthetic so that they could stitch the wound closed. As the danger of infection was so great, they administered antibiotics as well as an anti-inflammatory for pain relief. Finally, Pen was vaccinated against tetanus to help him build longer immunity against the disease.

The vets advised Aboudina to give Pen plenty of rest and to keep his wound clean and dry. They also arranged for Aboudina to bring Pen back to the clinic the following week for a check-up and follow-up treatment.

Aboudina said: 'Thank you to everyone who helped Pen today. I work with my donkey to feed my family.'

Pen is just one of the hundreds of thousands of working animals who received vital treatment from SPANA in 2023. Their care was only possible thanks to our kind supporters. Thank you.



Mali

2023 IN NUMBERS

ANIMALS REACHED:
336,018

TREATMENTS GIVEN:
529,588

16



CENTRES

39



MOBILE CLINICS

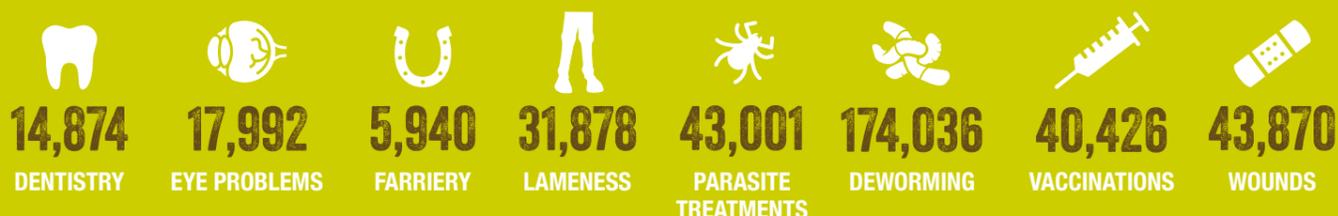
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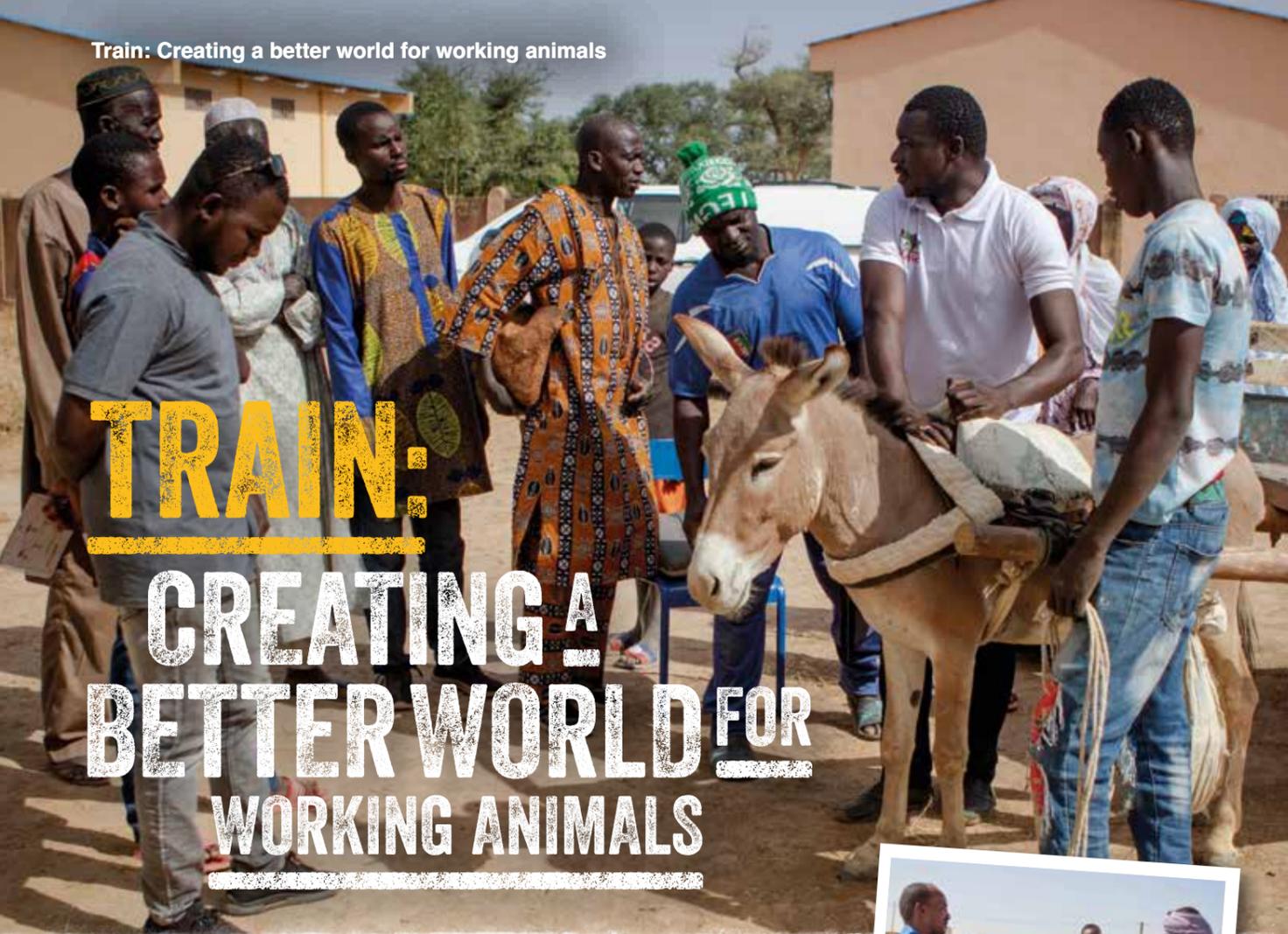


CLINICAL SKILLS CENTRES

	Horse	Donkey	Mule	Camel	Cattle	Buffalo	Other	TOTAL
Cameroon	122	933	27					1,082
Ethiopia	20,168	19,821	1,433				10	41,432
Guinea		1,267			851			2,118
India	232	464	316	9,086	2,502	2,730		15,330
Iraq	1,044	2,658	687	90				4,479
Jordan	1,589	1,521	188	3,012				6,310
Kenya					2,020			2,020
Mali	2,656	28,753						31,409
Mauritania	30,117	57,644						87,761
Morocco	14,637	5,557	5,345	2,863			5	28,407
Namibia	222	147	32					401
South Africa	682	179						861
Tanzania		3,239						3,239
Tunisia	6,363	13,684	4,837	2,213			29	27,126
Uganda		3,447			182	536		4,165
Zambia		1,724			2,206			3,930
Zimbabwe		75,948						75,948
TOTAL	77,832	216,986	12,865	17,264	7,761	3,266	44	336,018

WE PROVIDED 529,588 TREATMENTS, INCLUDING:





TRAIN: CREATING A BETTER WORLD FOR WORKING ANIMALS



Mauritania

COMMUNITY TRAINING

In the countries where we work, working animals carry out essential tasks. They plough fields, act as taxis and haul essential goods. Without their work, many people would be unable to earn a livelihood and support themselves, and their communities would not be able to survive. Yet despite these animals' importance, many owners do not currently know how to look after their animals. That is why SPANA is empowering owners with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need.

By training owners in how to recognise that something is wrong, and when to seek professional veterinary care, we are helping working animals live healthy and valued lives.

Our veterinary teams provide one-to-one training to owners when their animals are receiving treatment. This can include advice and support on wound care, administering medication, and appropriate harnessing. Meanwhile, our community trainers hold group sessions on working animal issues relevant to specific local areas and run workshops on how to make well-fitting equipment, such as changes to harnesses.

During 2023, in line with the launch of SPANA's 2023–27 strategy, we began to broaden our approach to educational activities in a way that will encompass not only the owners of working animals, but everyone who has an impact on working animals.

In 2023, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, SPANA delivered training to 75,239 animal owners and distributed 8,171 pieces of equipment.

2023 IN NUMBERS

8,171

PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WERE GIVEN OUT TO ANIMAL OWNERS IN 2023, INCLUDING:

3,014
HARNESSES

656
NOSEBAND COVERS

489
REFLECTORS FOR CARTS

512
SADDLE PADS

296
HEAD COLLARS

189
DOUGHNUT BANDAGES

363
HUMANE BITS

NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED: 75,239

	TRAINING WHILE TREATING	FORMAL TRAINING	TOTAL
Cameroon	396	127	523
Ethiopia	23,331	13,925	37,256
Guinea		2,117	2,117
India	813	6,132	6,945
Iraq	193	248	441
Jordan	658	95	753
Kenya		1,244	1,244
Mali	7		7
Mauritania	4,756	3,752	8,508
Morocco	5,713	1,303	7,016
Namibia	70	102	172
South Africa	557	512	1,069
Tanzania	42	315	357
Tunisia	2,997	2,979	5,976
Uganda	647	1,024	1,671
Zambia		164	164
Zimbabwe	819	201	1,020
TOTAL	40,999	34,240	75,239





TRAIN: SHARING 100 YEARS OF EXPERTISE

LAST YEAR, ACROSS 16 COUNTRIES, WE TRAINED:

643
VETS

144
VET TECHNICIANS
& PARAVETS

485
VET STUDENTS

681
TEACHERS

416
OTHER
PROFESSIONALS

	VETS	VET TECHNICIANS & PARAVETS	VET STUDENTS	TEACHERS	OTHER	TOTAL
Cameroon			3			3
Ethiopia	129	63	169		12	373
India					336	336
Iraq	133	6	24	77		240
Jordan	8		1			9
Kenya	2	3	121			126
Mali				470		470
Mauritania			1			1
Morocco	40	7	45		8	100
Mozambique			45			45
South Africa	266			3		269
Tanzania	11	2	9	129	60	211
Tunisia	39	10	3			52
Uganda	11	23				34
Zambia				2		2
Zimbabwe	4	30	64			98
TOTAL	643	144	485	681	416	2,369

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, SPANA is improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of working animals every year. To enable us to have the greatest impact possible, we also pass on our 100 years of expertise to fellow veterinary professionals so that they, in turn, can ensure working animals receive the help and support they need.

In countries where we work, some vets can qualify without having had hands-on

experience of working animals. That is why, at SPANA's seven clinical skills centres, hundreds of vet students a year learn valuable skills which benefit working animals and are relevant to all areas of veterinary practice.

In the field, our veterinary teams train vets, technicians, animal health workers and farriers. Meanwhile, we train hundreds of teachers in animal welfare every year so that they can teach children about good animal care.

In 2023, our supporters enabled us to provide crucial training to 2,369 animal welfare professionals.



TEACH: TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION IN ANIMAL WELFARE

In total, our education teams taught animal welfare lessons to 68,662 children in 2023 – thanks to the kindness of our supporters.

Since SPANA's formation 100 years ago, education has been a vital element of our charity's work. By providing education in good animal care and the basic needs of animals today, we can transform working animal welfare long into the future.

During 2023, in line with the launch of SPANA's 2023–27 strategy, we developed and broadened our approach to educational activities. Through this, we aim to inspire long-lasting and positive behaviour changes towards working animals in schoolchildren, teachers, the owners of working animals, and everyone else who SPANA encounters, using social behaviour change communications (SBCC).

Our animal welfare lessons for children are based on best practice. They focus on the interdependency among people, animals and the environment, while empowering children to take positive action. We will expand our animal welfare clubs and practical visits to our centres, while delivering SBCC campaigns that help improve how people treat working animals across the wider community.

'I have shared the knowledge that I get from SPANA with my family. Our attitude has changed positively towards the welfare of animals, particularly towards donkeys.'

– Getinet, 12, SPANA animal welfare club member in Ethiopia.

2023 IN NUMBERS

68,662
CHILDREN RECEIVING ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION

	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED	NUMBER OF SPANA CENTRE VISITS	NUMBER OF SCHOOL VISITS**	NUMBER OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS
Cameroon	357			
Ethiopia	10,736	4,690	3,087	
Guinea	1,210			
India	1,378			
Iraq	580			
Mali	3,443			
Mauritania	5,121	322		
Morocco	16,531	8,048		8,753
Namibia	280			
South Africa	81			
Tanzania	3,962			
Tunisia	12,401		17,660	13,210
Uganda	150			
Zambia	250			
Zimbabwe	12,182	11,677		
TOTAL*	68,662	24,737	20,747	21,963

* The total figures provided are for each column, not the whole table. This is because some children attended more than one visit. The 'number of children reached' has therefore been adjusted to avoid double counting.

** Includes mobile classroom visits and single-contact school events.

FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

	EDUCATION CENTRES	MOBILE CLASSROOMS	MOBILE EXHIBITIONS	EDUCATION CO-ORDINATORS	HUMANE EDUCATION OFFICERS	PAWS CLUBS
Ethiopia	1			1	2	175
Mali	1				1	
Mauritania	1	2			2	8
Morocco	5		1	1	5	3
Tunisia	4		1	1	3	3
Zimbabwe	1	2			2	12
TOTAL	13	4	2	3	15	201

The statistics on this page relate to academic years ending during 2023.

WHERE WE WORK

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF WORKING ANIMALS

TREAT Improving the welfare of working animals

TRAIN Communities and professionals: Sharing our skills and expertise

TEACH Transformative education in animal welfare



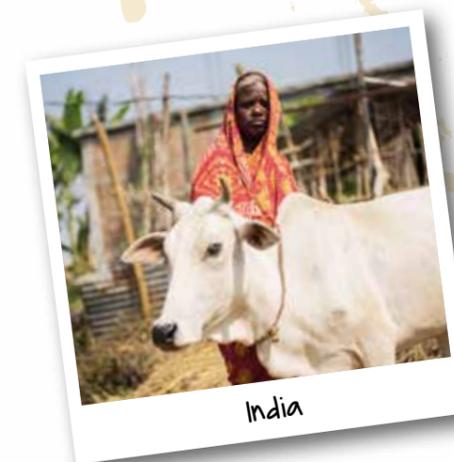
Morocco



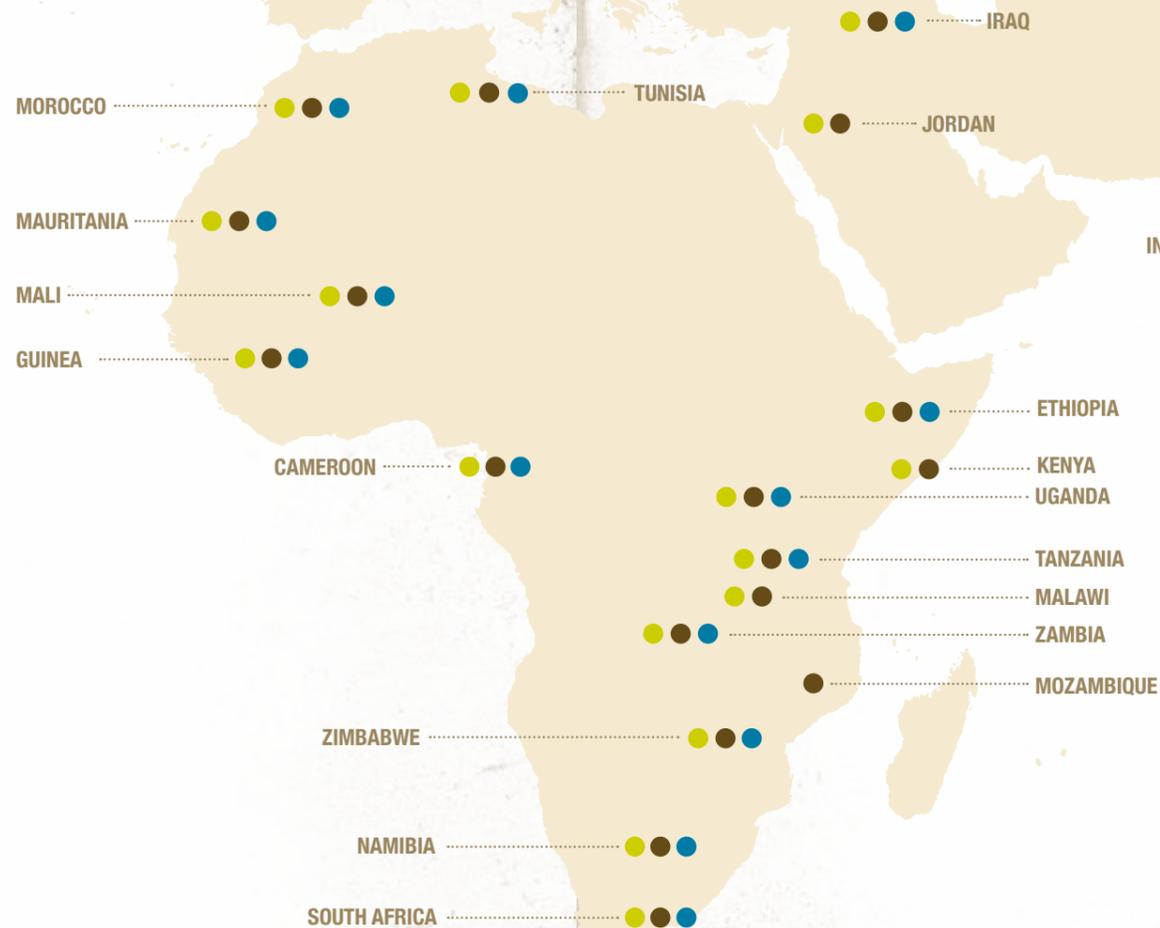
Iraq



Zimbabwe



India

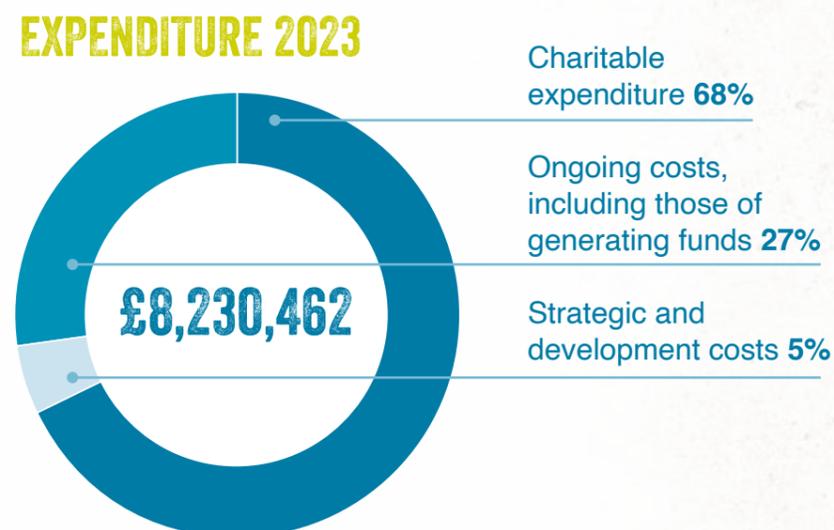
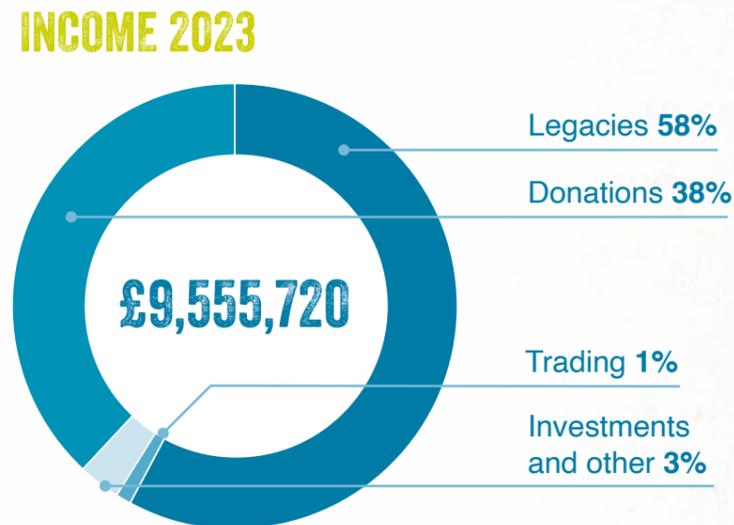


OUR FINANCES: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

At SPANA, we are so grateful for the continued kindness of our supporters and funders. All of the donations we receive enable us to make a positive difference to the lives of working animals across the world.

Our expenditure reflects our priority to get help to working animals today, but we are also committed to helping working animals for years to come. As a result, some of our expenditure is invested in fundraising – to generate more funds to transform the lives of even more working animals. We operate a global fundraising programme from the UK and have a growing fundraising programme in Australia.

In 2023, for every £1 spent on fundraising, we received £3.70 in return. This makes it possible for us to help many more working animals across the world.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME FROM		
Donations	3,615,024	3,374,701
Legacies	5,501,707	4,469,159
Trusts	105,006	364,068
Trading activities	63,390	62,238
Investment income	270,003	299,055
Other income	590	2,109,763
Total income	9,555,720	10,678,984
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		
Cost of generating voluntary income	2,468,392	2,390,259
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	38,748	25,664
Investment management costs	79,853	69,889
	2,586,993	2,485,812
Charitable activities		
Veterinary activities	4,240,707	4,275,726
Educational activities	1,402,762	1,440,583
	5,643,469	5,716,309
Total expenditure	8,230,462	8,202,121
Operating profit for the year	1,325,258	392,443
Net gains/(loss) on investments	664,470	(711,032)
Sale of assets	0	2,084,420
Net income for the year	1,989,728	1,765,831
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023	14,917,165	13,151,334
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2023	16,906,893	14,917,165

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	15,687	26,214
Intangible assets	45,520	69,001
Investments	13,612,281	13,270,510
	13,673,488	13,365,725
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	12,017	20,037
Debtors	552,403	492,270
Cash at bank and in hand	3,256,051	1,460,662
	3,820,471	1,972,969
Creditors: amounts due within one year	(587,066)	(421,529)
Net current assets	3,233,405	1,551,440
Net assets	16,906,893	14,917,165
REPRESENTED BY		
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	13,405,585	11,234,423
Designated funds	3,264,866	3,243,215
Total unrestricted funds	16,670,451	14,477,638
Restricted funds	236,442	439,527
TOTAL FUNDS	16,906,893	14,917,165

These summarised financial statements are extracted from the full financial statements of The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad for 31 December 2023. The full statutory report, financial statements and auditor's report can be found at spana.org/publications



THANK YOU

2023 was a milestone year for SPANA and working animal welfare.

Everything we achieved during our centenary was only made possible by the generosity of our incredible supporters and the dedication and support of our global partners.

To everyone who contributed to our lifesaving work in 2023, thank you. Your support is making a real difference to the lives of working animals across the globe.

A LEGACY OF CARE

Legacies are vital for our charity, as they fund more than half of everything we do for working animals. We are immensely grateful to everyone who chose to leave a gift to working animals in their Will in 2023, including:

- Mr and Mrs Batchelor
- Mr Laurence W M Browning
- Mr David F Burbage
- Mrs Dora M Clayton
- Ms Daphne J Clewer
- Ms Valerie A Coltman
- Miss Nina B Davey
- Ms Suzanne Dimmock
- Ms Carol Ann Downing
- Ms Marjolyn S Ellis
- Mrs M R Harrison
- Mrs P H Hughes
- Miss Joan Hunt
- Ms Heather W Montague-Barnett
- Mr G P Palmer
- Mrs G W M Payne
- Mrs Cynthia A Radford
- Mrs J Treble
- Ms Brenda M Willington.

If you would like to speak to us about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact our friendly legacy team by email on giftsinwills@spana.org or call 020 3855 0161.

ORGANISATIONS

We are so thankful to all the trusts, foundations and companies that supported our work in the past year. They included:

- The Dominic Trust
- KBIS British Equestrian Insurance
- QATO Foundation
- Rushbrook Charitable Trust
- The Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust
- TUI Musement.

PARTNERS

We would like to thank the global partners who made our crucial work possible in 2023:

- Action for Protection of Wild Animals (India)
- Addis Ababa University – College of Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture (Ethiopia)
- Amatrac Uluntu (South Africa)
- Animal Welfare and Protection Organisation (Uganda)
- Arusha Society for the Protection of Animals (Tanzania)
- Aware Trust (Zimbabwe)
- Coastal Horse Care Unit (South Africa)
- Donkey Sanctuary Welfare Association (India)
- Help In Suffering (India)
- Highveld Horse Care Unit (South Africa)
- Institute of Social Research and Development (India)
- International Organization for Animal Protection (Cameroon)
- Kurdistan Organisation for Animal Rights Protection
- Liberia Animal Welfare and Conservation Society
- Meru Animal Welfare Organization (Tanzania)

- Namibia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Nyendwa Mobile Veterinary Clinic (Zambia)
- PASPA Project (Mali)
- Tanzania Animal Welfare Society
- University of Gondar (Ethiopia)
- University of Maputo (Mozambique)
- University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- University of Rabat (Morocco)
- VillageHealth (South Africa)
- Wadi Rum (Jordan).

INDIVIDUALS

SPANA has always relied on the support of kind people who share our vision of a world where every working animal lives a healthy and valued life. We are grateful to everyone who chose to support our essential work in 2023. Thank you all.

MAKE YOUR GIFT GO FURTHER

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