

MySmallHelp UK charity no. 1123830 ('MSH')

Restricted funds policy – updated to 2 September 2018

MSH's role is to generate and gather donations before providing funding for the partner charities delivering programmes to beneficiaries in line with our charity objects. All funds received are segmented according to donor wishes between (1) funds for general use and (2) funds for that are allocated to a particular country that the donor has specified.

In general, MSH encourages general or country specific donations rather than donations with a highly defined purpose. A large number of small donations with precise criteria for the use of funds are completely impractical for a small charity to manage. Individual donations below the equivalent of GBP1,000 (or USD1,300) are allocated to the country specified by the donor, transferred to that MSH charity partner and then spent furthering the charitable purpose and need most closely aligned with the stated purpose of the donation. Discretion is given to the local partner charity management team on how this is achieved.

For example, child sponsorship funds are, of course, used to pay for the welfare and education of the child concerned, but any available funds may also be used for the maintenance and development of facilities, other projects and management expenses that may also benefit the child and the broader charitable purposes to which MSH is committed in that country, as described in the Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission published annually on MSH's website.

In the event that a donor provides funding greater than GBP1,000 for a specific project and funds may only be used for that purpose, a Restricted Fund account will be set up by the MSH partner concerned and funds held for that purpose only. If there are surplus funds, the donors will be consulted on how these funds should be used or, if not needed, the funds will be returned to the donor.

Restricted Fund accounts are only set up following prior agreement in writing by the MSH Finance Manager. In all other circumstances, funds are used as described in the second and third paragraph of this policy.

Donors supporting MSH are requested to read this policy and all other policies published by MSH on the charity website prior to making any donations to the charity. If there is any area that is not clear or is unacceptable to the donor, MSH requests that the donor communicate this to the charity Trustees in advance of making a donation so that a solution to their concern can be identified.