

CIC 34

Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in full	IDEMS International Community Interest Company
Company Number	11137433
Year Ending	(31/12/21)

(The date format is required in full)

Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

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PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

The company has carried out a wide range of projects and activities this year related to development, education and the mathematical sciences. During the financial year ending 31 December 2021 the companies activities have benefited the community in the follow ways:

We support projects in agroecology in Africa. In Kenya, we continue to support an Agroecology Hub, aiming to support local organisations to develop the necessary structures that could enable them to support the wider farming community across East Africa through the use of effective agroecological approaches. Activities began to pick up again after the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic. This year we have particularly supported Rural Farmers Research and Development Network, a small holder farmers organisation, to integrate into the Hub activities and better support their farmers. We supported workshops and training for small holder farmers in agroecological practices. We have conducted research to further understand agroecology practices, including collection of soil samples for analysis, and surveys of farmer practices. We have developed video and audio resources for farmers. We also continued to support improvements to the Manor House Agricultural Centre infrastructure including a new solar power system.

In West Africa, we continue to provide research methods support to agriculture research projects, which has remained largely remote. These projects are improving access to local, sustainable, nutritious food through collaborative research and knowledge-sharing with smallholder famers, research institutions and development organisations. They have an overarching aim to explore solutions for sustainable, local food systems to improve the lives of people in some of the poorest parts of the world. We support these projects in all aspects of research methods (statistics and data).

We have developed a number of open source software in this year.

We developed a new version of the Internet of Good Things (IoGT) for UNICEF. IoGT is a UNICEF initiative and set of websites which make life-saving and life-improving information (maternal health, hygiene, emergency information on diseases, HIV and sexual health advice for adolescents, internet safety, positive parenting techniques and more) available for free even on low-end devices in over eighty countries. IoGT includes multimedia elements and two-way communication features, used to capture feedback and local best practices from communities. The sites are in use around the world providing support, particularly for young people.

We continue to collaborate with the University of Oxford to develop Parenting of Lifelong Health (PLH) Digital. Parenting for Lifelong Health (PLH) is a suite of open access, noncommercial parenting workshop programmes, developed by the University of Oxford and other collaborators, including WHO, Clowns Without Borders South Africa (CWBSA), UNICEF and the University of Cape Town, South Africa. We are leading the development of the app in this long-term project and including multiple co-development and testing cycles across countries with a formal randomised controlled trial to support rigorous evidence and research outputs. During this year, initial versions of the app have been developed and are starting to be in use. We continue to provide capacity building within the project to enable our partners in Kenya to contribute to the software development of the app and take a key role in the project. As well as the app, we are also developing a chatbot system, which provides parenting information and support via an automated system. The chatbot, known as ParentText, is part of the suite of PLH resources.

We continue to support work in the areas of climate and climate change through open source software. We support the development of Climsoft: a free, climate database management software for use by national meteorological services around the world. We are a partner in the development of OpenCDMS, a World Meteorological Organisation initiative working to address Earth system data management needs of developing and developed countries. We continue to develop free tools to analyse climatic data through an easy to use click and point software (R-Instat). Our variety of climate projects aim to improve understanding of climate and climate change among researchers, government organisations, farmers and others with the aim of supporting more informed decision making in adapting and tackling changes in climate.

This year we have supported several education initiatives. With the UK charity Supporting African Maths Initiatives (SAMI) we continue to develop and support the Virtual Maths Camp project. Virtual Maths Camps is an idea to turn the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic into opportunities, and continue to provide a maths camp experience for students, teachers, and facilitators from across the globe - in a new, dynamic, partially virtual and fully international environment. IDEMS has been a partner since the beginning of this project and has been involved in all aspects of the design. Further to the events last year, we have continued to support improvements to the Virtual Maths Camp card deck, which can be used to run maths activities and sessions. Some of this work led to a new collaboration with mEducation Alliance in developing a program for maths ambassadors. Maths ambassadors will be trained (initially in Kenya) to deliver fun and engaging maths activities in local communities, including with the Virtual Maths Camp card deck. We have collaborated with mEducation Alliance to develop this program and will be trialled next year.

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company’s stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

This year remained challenging for much of our community. We actively engaged with selected stakeholders from our community and made efforts to support them in addressing their relevant issues

IDEMS has continued to support and engage with the UK charity SAMI and the Kenyan NGO AMI. We continued to support them in running Virtual Maths Camps due to the inability to hold physical maths camps across Africa. We have provided SAMI with ongoing support in the development of resources for the Virtual Maths Camp which IDEMS made substantial staff time available towards this effort. Early in 2021, SAMI requested support in furthering their Theory of Change. IDEMS ran sessions to do this, following previous sessions held in 2020, again, at no cost to SAMI. Involvement in this process ensures that we continue to understand how the company can best support SAMI in improving mathematics education across Africa.

We continued to support our new stakeholder, INNODEMS, a not-for-profit company established in Kenya and set up with a similar structure to IDEMS International. We involve INNODEMS in many of our projects, which develops their skills and experience, and we continue to capacity support their junior staff. Through our support, we aim to enable INNODEMS to offer their services locally in Kenya in support of development in the country.

We continued to support Maseno University, Kenya in the use of electronic assessment resources for large mathematics classes to improve student experience and engagement. We contributed substantial staff time to this at no cost to Maseno University. We ensure that resources developed are released under open licences which means they can be reused and adapted by others, therefore increasing the reach of what is developed.

We continued to have consultation with agriculture, ecology and farmer-based organisations in East Africa as part of the Agroecology Hub project. IDEMS supports an Agroecology Hub, which was established in 2018 at Manor House Agricultural Centre, Kitale, Kenya. This community is looking to work together on using Farmer Research Network approaches to build the scientific knowledge base while engaging farming communities with agroecological practices. After the disruptions of the Covid pandemic, this year we have been able to expand the network of partners, and we now support an additional rural farmers organisation in being part of the Hub. There was a demand for workshops following the break of the Covid pandemic and we supported the host centre, Manor House, to safely run in-person workshops to enable partners to meet physically, for more farmers to be trained, and enable sharing of practices and cross learning.

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PART 3 – DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, “There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director’s loss of office, which require to be disclosed” (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that “no remuneration was received” below.

The aggregate amount of emoluments paid to or receivable by directors in respect of qualifying services was £68,877.

The value of company contributions paid to a pension scheme in respect of directors’ qualifying services was £12,398.

There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors or compensation for director’s loss of office which require to be disclosed. Full details are provided in the company’s accounts.

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that “no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made” below.

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made.


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PART 5 – SIGNATORY (Please note this must be a live signature)

(DD/MM/YY)

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed



Date

28/09/22

Please note that it is a legal requirement for the date format to be provided in full throughout the CIC34 report.

Applications will be rejected if this information is incorrect.

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

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DX Number	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:

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