Financial Year 2023 Update

This report provides an update on the financial situation of XR Global Support (GS) throughout 2023.

XR Global Support (XR GS) exists to provide the infrastructure and tools for the world-wide movement. Through resources, direct funding, media communications, tech infrastructure, and trainings, global groups can access the help they need to enable self-directed action. In alignment with the decentralized character of our movement, Global Support's objective is not to be a global governance body but to offer support to XR groups based on their own local needs and strategies. Everything we do is shaped by our Principles and Values. We are a movement of "ordinary" people. Anyone, anywhere, who adheres to the Principles and Values can act in the name of Extinction Rebellion. This strategy allows for inclusivity, diversity, and boosts the rapid growth of our movement. Our self-organizing system of internal processes supports new ways of organizing that allow us to harness the people power that lies in our decentralized nature.

Revenues

Crowdfunding provided the only source of revenue in the year 2023. Due to various factors including the cost-of-living crisis and competition from other climate activist organizations, crowdfunding revenues have been on a slow decline, arriving at a total of £135,251.06 in 2023, which is £659,614.26 less than 2022, a significant reduction from the previous year. No major donations or grants were received apart from the grant for French-speaking countries which was £29,931.09 from Foundation Charles Leopold and a donation from an unspecified donor of £604.02 in the 4th quarter of the year.

Refer to Table I.

Major Donors and Grants

As noted above, GS received £604.02 during the period. Refer to Table IV.

Expenses

GS services several expenses to ensure the well-being of the movement and its activities. The accompanying table shows the general expenses. Refer to Table II.

Grants

Despite the decline in revenues, GS has continued to actively support XR local groups. After a slow start to the year, we disbursed almost £52,300.18 in grants in 2023.

Communications

GS is the global provider of secure communications for the entire XR movement, including XRUK and other Global North countries. We spent close to £29,633.65 on servers and associated expenses in 2023, a decreased run-rate of £3,751.54 from the previous year due to the reduction in other associated expenses.

Volunteer Living Expenses (VLE)

VLE remains our largest expense item. Continued efforts to hold this cost down have been hampered by the need to meet the increased cost of living for our volunteers, many of whom are based in the Global South and who often have no other source of income. We spent over £161,832.87 on the VLE expense, a £15,593.89 reduction from the previous year.

Grants Paid to XR Groups

GS disbursed £53,290 in grants, mostly in the second and third quarters. All these grants were directed towards groups operating in the Global South, with Africa receiving £31,043 and Latin America £22,247. No grant funds were disbursed to Europe, Asia, or Australasia in 2023. Many of the grants were strategically timed to coincide with coordinated Earth Day actions, underscoring our belief that such coordinated campaigns around key dates/issues are the most effective way to use our limited grant funds. Refer to Table V.

Expenses by Working Group

GS is comprised of Working Groups that hold the mandate for delivering specific parts of GS' overall responsibilities to the movement. The accompanying table shows overall expenses by Working Group, excluding Grants. Refer to Table III.

Regional Liaison Team: This team incurred the highest expenses, totaling £56,770 for 2023. These costs were mainly associated with supporting the VLE needs of a large group of primarily Global South activists who play a pivotal role in coordinating regional XR actions, ensuring access to GS services, and evaluating grant applications.

Tech Team: Amounting to £48,376, these expenses covered VLE and the majority of the communication expenses detailed earlier.

Finance Team: With expenses of £17,485, this team's VLE was dedicated to volunteers in the Fundraising sub-team.

Training Team: Allocated towards VLE for volunteers conducting online and in-person training on key aspects of Extinction Rebellion, the training expenses amounted to £21,142.

Regenerative Culture Team: Costs totaling £19,529 were incurred for VLE for volunteers delivering training on Regenerative Cultures, overseeing Climate Cafés, and managing other related projects.

Media Team: Expenses for the Media Team, totaling £18,735, were mainly attributed to VLE for volunteers coordinating our various social media platforms.

Structure Team: Responsible for managing our internal systems and data, the Structure Team incurred expenses of £10,420 for VLE.

Onboarding Team: This team, responsible for guiding volunteers into the global movement and recruiting volunteers for XR Global Support, expended £8,278 in VLE.

In conclusion, XR Global Support remained steadfast in its commitment to supporting communities all over the world, especially the Global South, by strategically disbursing grants. Despite financial challenges, our organization continued to play a pivotal role in empowering these groups, emphasizing the importance of coordinated campaigns to maximize the impact of our limited resources.

For any further clarifications or detailed breakdowns, please refer to the enclosed comprehensive financial statements or contact the Finance Team.

Table I

REVENUES

(GBP)	2019	2020	2021	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	Total 2023	TOTAL TO DATE
	166,610	249,863	187,125	191,267	44,239	28,427	33,732	28,853	135,251	930,116
MAJOR DONORS & GRANTS RECEIVED* OTHER	611,856	95,240	115,439	96,602	(265)	-	-	29,931	29,666	948,803
REVENUES	-	-	203	0	0	-	-	604	604	807
NET REVENUES**	767,160	326,634	295,290	287,869	43,973	28,427	33,732	59,388	165,521	1,842,473

Table (ii)

EXPENSES

									Total	TOTAL TO
(GBP)	2019	2020	2021	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2023	DATE
GRANTS PAID	327,188	138,124	66,630	69,697	2,780	26,655	22,865	-	52,300	706,239
COMMS.	2,496	14,759	18,256	21,881	4,259	10,228	8,136	7,011	29,634	116,659
CONSULTANCY	2,300	28,018	1,739	1,101	-	225	-	-	225	33,608
MATERIALS	25,749	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,851

OTHER	6,041	17,711	16,245	11,379	5,010	3,063	163	572	8,807	68,991
TRAVEL	18,308	439	-	-	-	-	440	-	440	19,626
VLE	43,288	363,758	183,629	177,427	42,299	46,595	40,495	32,444	161,833	1,091,767
TOTAL	425,370	562,911	286,498	281,485	54,349	86,765	72,099	40,026	253,239	1,809,503

Table(iii)

GLOBAL SUPPORT OWN EXPENSES BY

WORKING GROUP

(GBP)	2,021	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	Total 2023	TOTAL DATE	то
Events & Gatherings + Regional Liaisons	59,178	56,536	14,120	16,665	14,916	11,068	56,770	172,484	
Media Participative	14,198	22,227	3,461	4,607	5,499	5,167	18,735	55,159	
Democracy	14,450	10,918					-	25,368	
Tech	34,333	33,385	9,170	14,041	13,188	11,976	48,376	116,093	
Finance	18,348	21,299	9,340	7,937	95	113	17,485	57,132	
Trainings & SOS	31,003	26,447	5,250	7,048	5,736	3,107	21,142	78,592	
Onboarding Regenerative	6,474	12,490	1,719	2,536	2,296	1,727	8,278	27,242	
Cultures	25,392	21,182	5,697	4,088	4,983	4,761	19,529	66,104	

Structures	11,402	8,979	2,788	2,785	2,768	2,079	10,420	30,801
МАРА	-	10,057					-	10,057
Other	5,090	- 126	22	554	785	143	1,505	6,468
Totals	219,869	223,395	51,568	60,263	50,267	40,142	202,239	645,503

Table (iv)

MAJOR DONORS & GRANTS RECEIVED EXECLUDING CROWD FUNDING

(GBP)	2020	2021	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	TOTAL TO DATE
ALERTE PLANETE	-	1,941	-					1,941
ANONYMOUS	-	2,000	-					2,000
DR BRONNERS	19,644	-	-					19,644
FONDATION MAYER GROW AHEAD	-	29,968	-	- 265				29,703
FONDATION	11,775	9,902	-					21,677
IRENE GOULD LAUDE	-	10,000	-					10,000
FOUNDATION ONE PERCENT FOR	30,113	-	-					30,113
THE PLANET	-	1,686	-					1,686
PANITZKE LC CAMINO	-	14,002	479					14,481
POSTLIGHT LLC	-	7,130	-					7,130
SAM XR	-	9,733	-					9,733
PATAGONIA	-	-	8,552					8,552

XR DORKING	-	-	64					64
PULP FILMS	-	-	6,053					6,053
XR NEDERLAND	-	-	6,520					6,520
XR BUDDHISTS	-	-	300					300
CLIMATE EMERGENCY FUND	-	-	43,658					43,658
All For Climate - Received money from All for climate			ŗ					
with reference #121679 FONDATION CHARLES							604	604
LEOPOLD							29,931	29,931
TOTAL	61,532	86,363	65,627	- 265	-	-	30,535	243,791

Table (v)

GRANTS PAID (2023)

		SOUTH		
CONTINENT	AFRICA	AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA	Total 2023
Juan Eduardo Bello - XR				
Argentina - Water Without				
Poisons		450		450
Juan Eduardo Bello - XR				
Argentina Ð New Office				
Setup Expenses		680		680
Juan Eduardo Bello - XR				
Argentina - Jungle without				
Pine Plantations		650		650

1	XR Sheffield - Emergency			
	support for rebels in danger	1,000		1,000
	Amanda Mbalo - XR			
	Gugulethu grant request	1,000		1,000
	Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
	XR Uganda	480		480
	Sainey Gibba - Laptop			
	purchase	400		400
	Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
	XR Zimbabwe	690		690
	Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
	XR Tanzania	600		600
	Marita Calderon - XR			
	Peru/Lima and XR Perusur			
	Earth Day Actions Grant			
	2023		990	990
	Maria Victoria Jaramillo			
	Yanez - XR Ecuador Earth			
	Day Action Grant 2023		495	495
	Lucelly Cadavid Arboleda -			
	XR Bogota, XR Medellin, XR			
	Orinoquis Earth Day Action			
	Grants 2023 + Working			
	Groups Collaborator (1			
	person)		2,110	2,110
	Miriam Aurora Lastra			
	Guillen - XR Merida, XR			
	Toluca, XR CDMX Earth Day			
	Action Grants 2023 +			
	Working Groups			
ļ	Collaborator (1 person)		1,605	1,605

Genaro Matias Godoy			
Gonzalez - XR Chile Earth			
Day Action Grant 2023		495	495
Alejandro Fabian Alarcon			
Quiroga - XR Bolivia and XR			
Santa Cruz Earth Day			
Action Grants 2023		1,495	1,495
Paulo Ricardo Dias de			
Sousa - XR Fortaleza and			
XR Sao Paulo Earth Day			
Action Grants 2023		1,495	1,495
Juan Eduardo Bello - XR			
CABA, XR Cordoba, XR Mar			
del Plata, XR La Plata, XR			
Comarca Andina, XR			
Misiones, XR Indigenas, XR			
Parana, XR Baradero, XR			
Tucum‡n +9 Working			
Groups Collaborators		7,215	7,215
Wandy Guaicara - XR			
Venezuela Earth Day Action			
Grant 2023		495	495
Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
XR Rwanda Mihanga	1,590		1,590
Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
XR Rwanda Green World	800		800
Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
XR Uganda	1,200		1,200
Annette Nabirye - Grant to			
XR Rutshuru - Virunga			
National Park	500		500

Ibudhi Eriya James - Grant								
for events in Uganda great								
lakes region	1,000							1,000
Sara Mati								
Acommodation, Transport,								
Food, Materials	13,260							13,260
Caroline Nabyonga - Grant								
to XR Children Uganda	1,490							1,490
Murambiwa Kudherezera -								
Grant to XR Zimbabwe	1,133							1,133
Pauline Atieno Owiti -								
Grant to XR Kenya	2,800							2,800
Marita Calderon - XR								
Peru/Lima and XR Perusur								
Earth Day Actions Grant								
2023								-
Rob Callendar - Grant to								
allow XRUK to travel to								
action in Netherlands		622						622
VILLAGE ACTION								
DURABLE - Grant to XR								
Toulouse		3,450						3,450
WAKULA JOSHUA JACOB -								
Grant to XR Uganda Base	1,100							1,100
MATEO d.o.o								
Accommodation	2,000							2,000
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Total	31,043	22,247	-	-	-	-	-	53,290