

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Re-Cycle Bikes to Africa

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

We send unwanted second hand bikes to Africa where they are a life changing resource. The cost to send one bike is £32, from receiving it at our warehouse, to putting it into the hands of a person living in Africa. We would like to apply for £16640 the cost to send one container loaded with 520 bicycles to Sierra Leone.

Tell us more about your project and the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and how it will bring about significant change

Re-Cycle is the largest UK charity sending second-hand bicycles to Africa. By working with NGOs in Sierra Leone, South Africa, Zambia, The Gambia, and Ghana Re-Cycle taps into their on-the-ground experience to identify individuals and communities in need of bicycles. Our partners play a crucial role in understanding the local bike market. Re-Cycle's makes regular visits to assess the need and value placed on bicycles, ensuring Re-Cycle's bicycles meet the specific needs of each community.

Re-Cycle's approach is innovative because

- the bicycles are refurbished in-country by local mechanics, trained, and employed by our partner NGOs with support from Re-Cycle.
- Some of the bicycles sent from the UK are sold through small businesses. This provides vital income for our partner NGO's other community services,
- Selling the bicycles ensures a supply of good quality, working bicycles at affordable prices and provides a local (sustainable) hub for bicycle repairs. Giving away too many bicycles would disrupt the local bicycle economy.
- Our partners run Cycle to School and Learn to Ride workshops where they provide road safety, bicycle maintenance and bicycles to school children and adults in need of affordable transport.

In Africa access to a bicycle can boost a family's income by up to 35%, enable children to stay in school, becoming a life-changing resource with lasting impact. The bicycles provided by Re-Cycle don't just benefit individuals; they transform the lives of entire families.

HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPACT OF RE_CYCLE IN SIERRA LEONE

We will be sending over 2000 bicycles to Village Bike Project in Sierra Leone this year. Sierra Leone is a country still suffering the aftermath of the civil war that wracked the nation in the 1990s and 2000s. This was followed in 2014 by an Ebola outbreak. It is one of the least developed countries in the world, scoring the 8th lowest position on the 2015 rankings of the Human Development Index. This low score of development is an indication of a multitude of issues, such as poor health, less education, hunger. Poorer people also have a lower average mobility. Lower access to mobility is both a cause and an effect of poverty: being poor leads to having lower mobility, and having lower mobility also leads to a lower standard of living.

The Village Bicycle Project, NGO works with the community to influence bicycle use and culture in Sierra Leone, in the Lunsar area. The goal of the VBP is to promote bicycle use, with a specific focus on bicycle use by women.

The VBP program consists of:

- 'Learn 2 Ride Programs' (L2R), which teach women and girls how to ride a bicycle
- 'One Day Workshops' provide bicycles to people at a discounted price, with a mandatory workshop included that demonstrates how to maintain the bicycle and conduct simple repairs
- The 'Advanced Tools and Mechanics Workshop' teaches advanced bicycle repair to the participants

VBP works hard to overcome the social stigma of bicycle riding for women and girls through its workshops. It is vital that Re-Cycle can supply sufficient bicycles so that girls who attend the L2R programme also receive a bicycle to use to get to school or work. VBP sells a proportion of the bicycles sent from the UK to fund its programmes.

Teaching people how to ride bicycles – particularly women and girls –, most of whom balance school with family duties, the bicycle can deliver a level of freedom and mobility that's otherwise inaccessible.

Re-Cycle is proud that the bikes we provide enable this important work, giving independence to women and girls and providing opportunities to people in Sierra Leone through bicycle re-use.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

D - Peace work connected with climate breakdown

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Re-Cycle Bikes to Africa helps bring peace during climate breakdown by supplying eco-friendly bicycles, cutting resource tensions, and boosting transport efficiency. Through sustainable transportation, community empowerment, and global solidarity, Re-Cycle contributes to climate mitigation efforts and the achievement of sustainable development goals, fostering resilience and cooperation within communities facing environmental challenges.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

United Kingdom (GB)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

We will continue to raise funds which will enable us to collect and send more bicycles to Africa. We aim to send 22 containers packed with bi-cycles and spare parts to our Africa partners in 2024.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

We hold monthly meetings online with our NGO partners in Africa

We receive regular reports and case studies from our partners

We visit each country we work in at least once every two years

We have a memorandum of understanding in place with our partner NGOs

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Sourcing bikes from across the UK	£2,422	Finding and working with suppliers of donated second hand bicycles e.g. universities, shops and railway stations
Volunteers training and welfare	£1,468	All the bikes are processed for shipping by our volunteers
Tools and parts	£995	Used for preparing bikes for shipping
Transport to collect bikes	£2,245	Our volunteers collect donated bikes from universities, police stations, railway stations and other organisations and individuals across South East England
Preparing 2080 bikes for shipping	£4,510	All costs are calculated to reflect the work involved in preparing shipments to

		Africa
Monitoring and Evaluation	£343	Bi- Annual visits
Administrations and overheads	£4,657	pro rata across all per shipment
Total	£16,640	Total cost to send 520 bikes to Sierra Leone
TOTALS	£33,280	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Trusts and foundations	£65,760	£25,000	to send four containers to Sierra Leone in 2024
Sales	£25,501	£2,074	We sell a number of bikes in UK to fund the overheads and administration.
TOTALS	£91,261	£27,074	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£16,640

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

2017

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

Yes

2.4d How much did you receive?

£3,000

2.4e When did you receive the grant?

2017/8

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£348,289

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2024/03/Re-Cycle-Annual-Report-Accounts-2022.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

Re-Cycle
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3.1 Your name

Caroline Bates

3.2 Your contact telephone number

01206 617865

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Trust Fundraising Officer

3.4 Your email address

caroline.bates@re-cycle.org

3.5 Organisation name

Re-Cycle Bikes to Africa

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK Charity

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

We collect and prepare second hand, donated bicycles and ship them to our partner NGOS in Africa. Bicycles in Africa are a lifechanging resource that can last a lifetime and increase family incomes by up to 35%

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

Unit 8 The Grove Estate, Colchester Road, Wormingford CO6 3AJ

3.9 UK telephone number

01206617865

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1063570

3.11 Year established

1997

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.re-cycle.org>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

<https://www.facebook.com/bicyclecharity/>

<https://www.instagram.com/bicyclecharity/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/bicyclecharity/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ReCycleBikeCharity>

<https://twitter.com/BicycleCharity>

4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Internet

Directory of Social Change/Funds Online

Charity Commission website

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust

4.1b Internet Sources

We entered the name of the charity into Google as part of our research and due diligence.