



Baobab Women's Project

ANNUAL REPORT
2021 - 2022



ABOUT US

In 2021 - 2022 Boabab Womens Project continued growing in strength; advocating, assisting, inspiring and raising awareness in the West Midlands.

Our mission is to promote justice, enabling asylum seeking, refugee and migrant women (and other genders who identify themselves as women), in the UK to live sustainable, cooperative, fulfilling lives, free from violence and discrimination.

We believe in the dignity of all people, and that they should have access to social and economic opportunities, regardless of nationality and status.

Women we assist will have experienced hardship due to precarious immigration status, refusal of asylum, domestic or gender based violence, labour and sex trafficking or domestic servitude.

We value and inspire hope, love and humanity.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Our accounts are inspected by Boffix accountants and they are satisfied that the invoices, receipts, credits and bank statements produce an accurate statement of Baobab Women's Project CIC's financial affairs. The groups directors have also approved the accounts.

Below is an income and expenditure summary for 2020 - 2021, for our full accounts see our Companies House Filing [here](#).

Income by Customer Summary April 2021 - March 2022

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET INCOME
Amanda NFC 2021	7,000.00	-1,775.28	£5,224.72
Baron Davenport Charity	679.00	-679.00	£0.00
Barrow Cadbury	14,088.94	-6,740.94	£7,348.00
Barrow Cadbury Covid	50.00	-106.25	£ -56.25
Big Lottery Community Fund 2019-20	4,536.78	-4,536.78	£0.00
Big Lottery Community Fund 2021-22	10,000.00	-4,149.04	£5,850.96
Birmingham Children's Trust	108.00	-108.00	£0.00
Birmingham University Iris		-0.17	£ -0.17
Child Maintenance	1,079.80	-1,080.22	£ -0.42
Choose Love 20-21	13,684.92	-13,804.22	£ -119.30
Choose Love Destitution Grants 2021	1,200.00	-1,200.00	£0.00
Coventry Migrant Womens Houses (CMWH)	787.50	-999.33	£ -211.83
Covid Furlough Wages HMRC		-271.72	£ -271.72
Dudley Children's Services	190.00	-194.50	£ -4.50
DWP Universal Credit		-0.49	£ -0.49
Eaton grant	250.00	-250.00	£0.00
Ending Womens Homelessness Fund, Homeless Link	1,426.32	-4,270.32	£ -2,844.00
Feminist Work for Change		-22.00	£ -22.00
Glasspool Charity Trust	300.00	-600.00	£ -300.00
Help Refugees		-52.88	£ -52.88
HMRC SMP		-4,832.18	£ -4,832.18
Hope Projects West Midlands Ltd	4,466.95	-4,616.95	£ -150.00
Individual Donation	3,639.29	-2,874.39	£764.90
Lush Charity Pot 21-22	5,000.00	-95.88	£4,904.12
Passionist Grant	6,000.00		£6,000.00
Rosa & Imkaan Covid Advocacy	5,583.51	-12,336.48	£ -6,752.97
Rosa Fund for Women and Girls		-807.78	£ -807.78
Rosa Women Thrive 2021	18,750.00	-8,489.28	£10,260.72
The Norton Foundation	975.00	-975.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£99,796.01	£ -75,869.08	£23,926.93



In 2021 - 2022 our core work remained our advocacy project. Funding for the advocacy project was received through NFC, Big Lottery, Imkaan, Passionists, Lush and Rosa. The advocacy project had to adapt significantly through the Covid Pandemic and ongoing restrictions; we were no longer running a drop in, and it was difficult to properly support and manage our volunteer community advocacy team while working remotely. Therefore we adapted the model to focus on direct advocacy being provided by a smaller more experienced team, with many previous advocates continuing to provide valuable voluntary support particularly as interpreters or providing practical and wellbeing support.

Alongside our general advocacy work we completed the Ending Women's Homelessness Project, after some disruption due to Covid. This project provided gender and trauma informed casework to women affected by homelessness. An evaluation of this project can be found on our website here:

<https://www.baobabwomensproject.net/gender-trauma-informed-homeless-adv>

We also completed our funded Therapeutic Project in 2022. This was also funded by Big Lottery and provided counselling and acupuncture to women, although the funding finished our dedicated counsellors have continued to volunteer and we are able to cover travel and access costs for women from our core budget. The counselling has been incredibly valuable for those women who received it; with a positive impact on their mental health and sense of wellbeing, and enabling additional documentation of the issues and impact of their traumatic experiences.

However it was not all things finishing and we were very excited to start our new Policy and Advocacy Project funded by Barrow Cadbury. This project seeks to bridge the gap between supporting individuals with their immediate needs and making positive and lasting systemic change, by linking women with lived experience with opportunities to have their voices heard, feeding back their thoughts and priorities to those working on policy change, writing case studies to evidence the issues women face.

We continued to support individuals in acute need through applications to Davenport, Eaton and Glasspool for specific needs, the continuation of Destitution Grants received through Choose Love and our partnership with Hope Projects. Coventry Migrant Womens House continued our partnership enabling us to refer and support residents in the house.

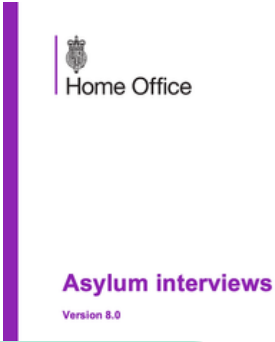




Voices from the frontline - book launch June 2021



Espoir shared her experience of living in asylum accommodation at the Birmingham Fair Housing Campaign



We were invited to comment on issues of sex and gender based violence in asylum interviews in advance of a series of workshops with the Home Office

Over 20 women supported by Baobab participated in the SGVB SEREDA report by Birmingham University



Gimbi Cham, an advocate and influencer, contributed on Baobab's behalf to the House of Lords meeting organised by Birmingham University to promote their findings.

Some highlights of the year...





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