FAST FACTS ABOUT THE CHARITY SECTOR

There are about 163,000 charities in the UK that exist to support good causes at local, national and international levels.¹

Bottom line
UK charities have an annual income of £43.8 billion and spend £41.7 billion each year helping millions of people in the UK and across the world.

Their money comes from a range of sources, including donations from the public, trading to raise funds, and selling their services.

Their total funds are worth £105.1bn

Charities add £12.2bn to the UK economy

¹ Unless noted, all figures taken from the NCVO UK Civil Society Almanac 2016: data.ncvo.org.uk
2.7% of the UK workforce. But 91% of charities rely solely on the work of volunteers.

More than 21 million volunteers help UK charities and the estimated value of their work is £23.9 billion per year.²

44% of the UK public donate to charity in a typical month.

Like businesses, there are a few very large charities. The vast majority are small with low levels of income.

Only a very small proportion of charities have an income of over £100 million. These ‘super major’ charities make up only 0.02% of all charities by number, but receive 18.4% of the total income for the sector.

Just under half of all charities have an income of less than £10,000, while nearly 97% have an income of less than £1 million.