

ASHA FOR EDUCATION

(Charity Registration Number: 1088168)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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Charity registration number: 1088168

Trustees:

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Madhu Bhambhani - Co-Treasurer
Neha Rawtal - Co-Treasurer

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for *Asha for Education* for the year ended 31 March 2022, which have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from accounting periods commencing 1 January 2015 or later.

1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Purpose and objectives

Asha for Education is a secular organization dedicated to change in India by focusing on basic education, in the belief that education is a critical prerequisite for socio-economic progress. In keeping with this focus, our volunteers are involved with and support projects that are secular and have an education-related component to them. The objectives of our charity are:

- To support groups providing education to underprivileged children in India
- To support and cooperate with persons and groups already engaged in similar activities
- To raise the required human and other resources to achieve the group objectives
- To provide opportunities to individuals living outside India who wish to participate in Asha activities in India
- To encourage the formation of various local groups across the world to promote education
- To address, whenever possible, other issues affecting human life such as health care, environment, socio-economic aspects and women's issues

Activities

- Provide funding to projects partners in India
- Where appropriate and possible, support the activities of our project partners by providing guidance and specialist advice
- Organize fund-raising events in support of our objectives
- Organize events to increase awareness of the objectives of Asha for Education
- Organize events to encourage new volunteers to join and contribute to our efforts.
- Organize events to Increase engagement with bigger organizations such as universities and corporations
- Where possible, provide assistance to other Asha chapters globally.
- During the reporting period, we disbursed funds to the one project partner supported by Asha for Education: *KMSW (KANKURA MASAT SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY)*

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees have taken account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in formulating the charity's aims and objectives and in planning all activities. One of our primary activities is promoting education as a means of achieving economic security and promoting social inclusion at the level of individuals, which will ultimately lead to positive changes within communities. We do this not only by financially supporting the activities of groups in India promoting the education of children, but also organizing event in the UK that will increase awareness amongst the local public of the positive changes that have been brought about through education. We also help members of the local public who may wish to volunteer their time directly with our project partners, by facilitating interaction with the groups we support in India.

Grant making policy

Asha for Education supports groups in India that focus on the educational needs of underprivileged children. We prioritize schools or institutions with low student to teacher ratio and project partners operating in impoverished districts in India. We have regular interactions with our project partners to monitor progress or any difficulties they may be facing. We strive to have an Asha volunteer physically visit the groups we support at least once a year, to ensure that the funds disbursed to them have been used to further our mutual goals. All the groups that Asha for Education supports in India are required to have '80G' tax-exempt status and 'FCRA' clearance (a certificate which permits the organization to received foreign funds) from the Government of India.

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Organization and Structure

Asha for Education is an entirely volunteer driven charity, without any paid employees. It is a relatively flat organization, with two coordinators who are elected by the volunteers. The overall 'Group Coordinator' integrates our diverse efforts such as fundraising and event organization. The 'Project coordinator' is responsible for overseeing the chapter's activities vis-à-vis our project partners in India. In addition, each of the project partners that we support has associated with it one or two 'Project Steward/s' responsible for building a close relationship with their project and interacting with them on a regular basis, to monitor their needs and progress.

In the reporting year, the key functionaries of Asha for Education were:

Trustees

Chairperson: Shankar Srinivas
Co-Treasurer: Madhu Bhambhani
Co-Treasurer: Neha Rawtal

Coordinators

Group Coordinator: Vidhya Sridhar
Project Coordinator: Arijit Goveas

Puvudham Steward: Vidhya Sridhar
KMSW Steward: Arijit Goveas

Decision making

Coordinators and stewards present updates to volunteers at monthly volunteer meeting. All key issues are discussed by volunteers at these monthly meetings. Where possible, decisions are made by consensus. If this is not possible, decisions are made by majority vote.

Recruitment of volunteers

Volunteers are normally recruited through events organized by Asha for Education(though this activity was curtailed by Covid lockdown), applications made by us to universities for student interns and from meetings held with individuals potentially interested in joining the charity.

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2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objectives for 2021-22

At the beginning of the year, Asha of Education set the following aims and objectives:

- Organize a walk/run to fundraise for Asha
- Socialize / promote GAYE (Give As You Earn)
- Disburse funds to our project partners in a timely manner

Achievements in 2021-22

Stewarding project/s in India



- We financially supported and advised one organization working for the underprivileged in India
- Our project partner was: KMSWS in West Bengal
- Dedicated project steward/s communicate with the projects on the ground regularly and act as the interface between Asha for Education and projects in India.

Impact on our Project Partners in 2021-22

Asha for Education's work, both in a monetary and advisory capacity, has greatly benefited the children served by the groups we support over the years. Here, we provide an example of the impact we have had through one of them:



Case Study: KMSWS

KMSWS is a charity established in 1999 working to improve education, environment, and health in the Masat region of South 24 Parganas district through various well-planned models. They run pre-primary and primary schools, organize health check-up clinics and vocational training for local unemployed youth, raise awareness about organic farming, and arrange medical camps and cultural programs for senior citizens. Their mission is to uplift the underprivileged community through sustainable activities and their vision is to prioritize rural development and promote humanity and morals. Their objectives include forming a fund to purchase land for a training center and Agri-based farming, developing the rural youth, providing education and knowledge on values and policies, helping the aged, sick, and indigent, promoting a clean and green environment, supporting brilliant but needy students, raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, promoting health awareness and services, spreading sustainable agriculture, promoting mushroom production, maintaining cultural heritage and unity, creating awareness about menstrual health and hygiene, and promoting livelihood opportunities for rural people. Asha for Education London Chapter has supported KMSWS for 6 years and covers salaries of the key staff - teacher, projects coordinator, clerks, sweepers and night guard; food and other essential supplies required by the students.

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3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees are pleased to report a surplus for the year enabling Asha for Education to increase its grant giving and strengthen its reserves, which will allow the charity to develop for the future.

The statement of financial activities summarizing the results for the year – attached



Asha for Education
Accounts March 2022

On 31 March 2023, Asha held total funds of £47,194 of which £3819 are restricted.

4. KEY POLICIES

Reserves policy

The current policy is to maintain a level of free reserves that will provide a stable base for the charity's continued grant giving while also ensuring that excessive funds are not accumulated. The reserves policy is reviewed regularly, and the trustees have agreed that free reserves should be sufficient to cover up to 6 months of expenditure.

Risk management

Asha for Education carries out a risk assessment annually which is then considered by the trustees. Appropriate procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. The Trustees categorize the *severity* of potential risks as high, medium or low.

The two areas of risk that we considered to be of high severity are:

1.

Risk: Inability to meet our annual fundraising targets, leading to an inability to support our project partners.

Management plan: We maintain a reserve of funds that we can use to meet our funding commitments

2.

Risk: The possibility that the funds we provide to our project partners are not used in the most effective manner possible in furthering our shared objectives

Management plan: Regular discussions with our project partners so that we remain appraised on the use of funds. Regular site visits by an Asha volunteer to the project partner, to confirm that funds are used appropriately and effectively.

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5. FUTURE PLANS 2022-23

1. In the next year, we plan to continue supporting our project partners to the best of our capacity. We plan to begin collecting educational metrics for all of them.
2. We plan to continue our fundraising efforts.
3. We hope to conduct more volunteer recruitment events to expand our charity's reach.

6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charity Commission required the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. Under SORP guidance, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for the period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by charities) (the Charities' SORP);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements accounts comply with the relevant accounting standards. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the trustees confirms that:

- So far as each of the trustees is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charities' independent examiner is unaware; and
- The trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

The confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the 2011 Act.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees on:
8th Feb 2023

Signed on their behalf by:

Shankar Srinivas



Madhu Bhambhani

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

ASHA FOR EDUCATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.03.2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1088168

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended **31/03/2022**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

20/02/2023

Name:

Aamer Shehzad

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	28,194	-	28,194	17,868
Total		28,194	-	28,194	17,868
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	418	-	418	216
Charitable activities	5	8,757	-	8,757	3,005
Other	7	879	-	879	277
Total		10,054	-	10,054	3,498
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income		18,140	-	18,140	14,370
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		18,140	-	18,140	14,370
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		18,140	-	18,140	14,370
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		25,235	3,819	29,054	14,684
Total funds carried forward		43,375	3,819	47,194	29,054

Asha for Education
Balance Sheet
at 31 March 2022

Charity No. 1088168		2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		48,294	29,304
		<u>48,294</u>	<u>29,304</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	9	(1,100)	(250)
Net current assets		<u>47,194</u>	<u>29,054</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>47,194</u>	<u>29,054</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>47,194</u>	<u>29,054</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>47,194</u></u>	<u><u>29,054</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	10		
Restricted income funds		3,819	3,819
		<u>3,819</u>	<u>3,819</u>
Unrestricted funds	10		
General funds		43,375	25,235
		<u>43,375</u>	<u>25,235</u>
Reserves	10		
Total funds		<u><u>47,194</u></u>	<u><u>29,054</u></u>

The notes at pages xx to xx form part of these accounts signed on behalf of the Charity by Madhu Bhambhani

Trustee - Co Treasurer
31 March 2022

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Restricted funds These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	17,868	-	17,868
Total	17,868	-	17,868
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	216	-	216
Charitable activities	3,005	-	3,005
Other	277	-	277
Total	3,498	-	3,498
Net income	14,370	-	14,370
Net income before other gains/(losses)	14,370	-	14,370
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	14,370	-	14,370
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	10,865	3,819	14,684
Total funds carried forward	25,235	3,819	29,054

3 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
28,194	28,194	17,868
<u>28,194</u>	<u>28,194</u>	<u>17,868</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of generating
voluntary income

Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
418	418	216
<u>418</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>216</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable
activities

Grants made

Governance costs

Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
8,757	8,757	3,005
<u>8,757</u>	<u>8,757</u>	<u>3,005</u>

6 Analysis of grants

Activity or programme

KMSWS

Grants to Institutions	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
8,757	8,757	-
<u>8,757</u>	<u>8,757</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Other expenditure

General administrative costs

Legal and professional costs

Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
29	29	27
850	850	250
<u>879</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>277</u>

8 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9 Creditors:
amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	370	-
Accruals	730	250
	<u>1,100</u>	<u>250</u>

10 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2021	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Sheffield	3,819	-	-	3,819
Total	<u>3,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,819</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	25,235	28,194	(10,054)	43,375
Total funds	<u>29,054</u>	<u>28,194</u>	<u>(10,054)</u>	<u>47,194</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:	
Sheffield	Support for Education of underprivileged children. Includes teachers fees/materials for pupils

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Net current assets	47,194	47,194
	<u>47,194</u>	<u>47,194</u>

12 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2021	Cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	29,304	18,990	48,294
	<u>29,304</u>	<u>18,990</u>	<u>48,294</u>
Net debt	<u>29,304</u>	<u>18,990</u>	<u>48,294</u>