

Accounts

Action Ethiopia/Sunarma UK

For the period to 31st December 2025



Prepared on

14 April 2026

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

In 2025, Action Ethiopia and our sister organisation, SUNARMA in Ethiopia (Sustainable Natural Resources Management Association), had a dual focus of integration of environmental conservation with sustainable livelihoods. This dual focus ensures that restoration efforts are both ecologically effective and economically viable for local communities.

Achievements by Project

1. Metema Project (UKAM/FCDO): Forest Governance and Frankincense Value Chain

The Metema project delivered significant progress in forest governance, restoration, and value chain development, with measurable outcomes across ecological and economic domains.

Key achievements include:

- 17,711 hectares of *Boswellia* forest protected and restored through participatory forest management systems.

- Strengthening of Forest Management

Cooperatives (FMCs), unions, and local governance structures.

- Delivery of gender equity and social inclusion (GESI) training to over 200 participants, increasing women's participation in leadership

- Construction of two cooperative warehouses, improving storage and product quality

- Establishment of 15.6 km of firebreaks, protecting approximately 870 hectares of forest

- Distribution of 963 fuel-efficient stoves, reducing pressure on forest resources



The project also strengthened the frankincense value chain, achieving a significant increase in market prices from ETB 28,500 to ETB 53,500 through improved marketing, trade fair participation, and mass media promotion.

Importantly, research collaboration with the University of Gondar generated peer-reviewed publications and policy briefs, strengthening both scientific knowledge and SUNARMA's institutional credibility.

2. Darwin Project: Community Resilience and Enterprise Development

The Darwin-supported project focused on income generation and enterprise development, directly benefiting 360 households.

Key outcomes include:

- Strengthening of Village Tree Enterprises (VTEs) for frankincense and beekeeping
- Distribution of 500 storage sacks, improving post-harvest quality
- Provision of modern beehives and equipment, increasing productivity
- Expansion and restructuring of VTEs, improving efficiency and participation

These interventions contributed to substantial income growth, supported by improved market access and higher product prices. The project demonstrated the effectiveness of combining enterprise development with ecological restoration to build long-term resilience.

3. Tree Planting and Forest Restoration Project

This project transitioned from planting to sustaining and protecting restored forest areas, ensuring long-term ecological impact.

Achievements include:

- Community-led fencing, weeding, and controlled grazing
- Improved survival and regeneration of planted trees
- Early livelihood benefits, including grass harvesting for livestock feed
- Increased participation of women in agroforestry, generating income

This shift toward maintenance reflects a maturing restoration model, where communities take ownership of long-term forest management.

4. Wof-Washa Livelihoods and Agroforestry Project

This flagship programme delivered large-scale livelihood and restoration outcomes, supporting 1,688 households directly and reaching thousands more indirectly.

Key achievements include:

- Planting of 320,279 multipurpose seedlings across 72 hectares
- Adoption of agroforestry practices by 1,688 households
- Distribution of 1,350 grafted apple seedlings to 165 households
- Support to 249 households in vegetable production using 5,268 kg of improved seed
- Establishment of forage systems supporting 518 households with 54,404 seedlings.
- In addition, a youth tree seed enterprise was established and collected 1,672 kg of seeds, amounting to ETB 341,100 income.



The project also developed two strategic framework plans. Agroforestry Implementation Strategy and a Tree Seed Enterprise and Marketing Strategy. These frameworks provide a foundation for long-term landscape restoration and economic development.

5. Regreening Project (Central Rift Valley)

This initiative focused on restoring degraded land and strengthening climate resilience.

Key achievements include:

Included Planting of 5,500 indigenous tree seedlings • Awareness training for 72 community members and stakeholders • Strengthened community ownership of restoration activities

The project contributed to biodiversity conservation and climate adaptation, while building local capacity for sustainable land management.

6. Project Closeout and Sustainability (Metema Projects)

The closure phase of the UKAM and Darwin projects ensured continuity and long-term sustainability.

Key outcomes include:

- Full implementation of forest management plans by cooperatives • Strengthened bylaw enforcement and governance systems • Increased participation of women,

youth, and persons with disabilities • Formal handover to community and government structures

Stakeholders strongly endorsed the continuation and scaling of these interventions, reflecting their impact and sustainability.

Challenges

The SUNARMA faced several significant challenges which included security constraints which restricted access in key project areas, delayed implementation and limited monitoring.

Inflation and cost pressures in Ethiopia can limit the amount of work that was planned, especially if there are delays caused by logistical and security restrictions in remote locations.

We are so thankful to our many individual supporters in the UK who enabled us to continue this work. The SUNARMA staff deserve our thanks and have delivered outstanding results under sometimes very difficult financial and physical conditions.

Financial review

This year, our income was £26,608 (2024 £32,722) while costs have been more than halved, at £19,450 (2023 £44,719) as a result of the streamlining of our Direct Mail processing and reduction in overheads, Consequently, the free reserves held on 31 December 2025 increased to £8,864 (2024 £1596)

Reserves Policy

The level of reserves are important to help with the funding that enables projects to continue and is continually monitored by Trustees.

The Acton Ethiopia Board agrees and administers the disbursement of funds against a work programme agreed with field staff in Ethiopia. Occasional challenges on the ground, such as environmental factors, drought, excessive rain, etc., or delays in the response of local stakeholders, can mean that the project runs behind schedule. In this event, the Acton Ethiopia Board will renegotiate the activities to bring the projects back on track and this can result in the fluctuation of the level of restricted project reserves.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to ensure that the charity at all times retains unrestricted reserves to ensure that it is able to fulfil its ongoing obligations. A target for these reserves has been set to cover three months of unrestricted expenditure.

The free reserves held on 31 December 2025 were £8,110 (2024 £1,596)

Trustees' responsibility statement.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on.....29 April 2026..... and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

P von Lany Trustee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. von Lany', is written over the horizontal line.

The Sustainable Natural Resource Management Association (UK)

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	5	-	833
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>10,256</u>	<u>4,393</u>
		10,256	5,226
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>1,392</u>	<u>3,630</u>
Net current assets		8,864	1,596
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,864</u>	<u>1,596</u>
Net assets			
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		644	-
Unrestricted funds		8,220	1,596
Total charity funds	7	<u>8,864</u>	<u>1,596</u>

Notes

1. Donations and legacies

Individuals and trusts	8,409
Just Giving	64
Donations generated by Direct Mail	<u>18,093</u>
	26,566

2. Investment income

Bank interest received	42
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3. Costs of raising funds

Direct Mail campaign	7,555
Consultancy	-
Donors and grant reporting	-
Just Giving expenses	<u>216</u>
	7,771

4. Charitable activities

SET staff training and operational support	7,432
Technical and policy advice	-
Public awareness	-
Office costs	3,297
Accountancy fees	-
Independent examination fees	840
Cost of trustees' meetings	-
Management costs	<u>-</u>
	11,569

5. Debtors

HMRC Gift aid	-
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6. Creditors

Accruals	1,090
Creditors	<u>302</u>
	1,392

7. Charitable funds

	01/01/2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31/12/2025
General funds 2025	1,596	26,608	(19,340)	-	8,864
General funds 2024	13,593	32,722	(44,719)	-	1,596

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 December 2025

		2025			2024
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	1	25,922	644	26,566	32,641
Investment income	2	42	-	42	81
Total income		<u>25,964</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>26,608</u>	<u>32,722</u>
Expenditure					
Costs of raising funds	3	7,771	-	7,771	26,537
Charitable activities	4	11,569	-	11,569	18,182
Total Expenditure		<u>19,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,340</u>	<u>44,719</u>
Net (expenditure)/ income		6,624	644	7,268	(11,997)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>6,624</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>7,268</u>	<u>(11,997)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,596	-	1,596	13,593
Total funds carried forward		<u>8,220</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>8,864</u>	<u>1,596</u>

Independent examiner's report to the members/trustees of The Sustainable Natural Resource Management Association (UK)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement


In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29th April 2026

