

Charity Registration No: 1102273

Company Registration No: 4889316

STAND UP FOR AFRICA

Annual Report

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Annual Accounts

30th September 2024

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name of the Charitable Company: Stand up for Africa

Charity Registration No: 1102273

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Registered Office and Operational Address:

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Directors (Trustees) on the date the Annual Report was approved:

Danmore Sithole

Cleve McCollin

Dr Bola Odepidan

Volunteer Managing Officer: Cleve McCollin

Bankers: HSBC Bank PLC

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TRUSTEES REPORT

'Dignity and Empowerment'

The trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Company Status

The company is a registered charity limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The Directors have no interest in the company's deficit or assets and receive no remuneration

Organisation

The Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, are listed in the legal and administrative details on page 2. One-third of the trustees retire each year and they may stand for re-election. Their election is determined by the membership of the company, which comprises of a mixture of individuals and organisations.

The Board of Trustees meets between six and eight times a year. When needed appropriate sub-committees or working parties are formed to address specific matters, with appropriate terms of reference defined by the Board. Within the Committee there is a wide range of expertise and experience.

The Charity has a comprehensive set of policies and procedures in place in relation to finance, operations, human resources and health and safety. Performance with in SUFA is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

New Directors are recruited through SUFA's network of committed volunteers and supporters. When appointed, each new Director receives an induction pack including Trustee's Guide documents and a range of key organisational policies and documents.

All Directors attend an induction which includes a presentation on the organisation, the opportunity to meet key staff and a question and answer session. If needed and funds permit, the organisation also provide them with external training for new Directors (Trustees).

The Directors (Trustees) determine the policy of SUFA whilst the day to day running of the charity remains with the Executive Director.

Objectives and policies

The objects of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are

To promotes such objects as are now, or may hereafter be, deemed by law to be charitable, and in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

This wide ranging object have been reviewed over the past year as we sought to ensure that we were addressing human need in the most appropriate manner.

Objectives for the year

The previous year was so demanding it was a struggle to service our beneficiaries. The aftermath of the pandemic continue to force change, this has meant that we have to be extra responsive to requests.

The associated protocols meant that our traditional methods of delivery were not viable at the start of the year. We then as time pass was able to get back to the traditional modus operandi with group sessions, workshops drop-in sessions and our activity became real again; Our client base has increase and we have become more effective in our interaction with the large agencies. We tried to keep the structured manner I which we delivered the activities. Through our projects, Help at Hand, Ticket for a Family, 'Making ends Meet', 'Firmer Ground' (Immigration Support). Such is the levels of success of these projects the charity is currently servicing individuals from across London. That success has resulted in attracting individuals from hundreds of miles away seeking our focused and dignified assistance.

SUFA work remains on the whole self-financing for even in the midst of these perilous times funders still found it necessary to embrace racial excuses to deny us funding when members of our community was dying like flies around us. The racial divide was reinforced and conditioned with the demand that we should engage in helping them to justify their racial practices. When we are as skilled at using the English Language we found their words and behaviour insulting.

We have traditionally found that funders are reluctant to support any organisation with Africa in its title as they engaged with the misconception that African Led organisations cannot be trusted. Sad to state that this mind set conditioned the behaviour of the largest funders in the country. This presented unusual challenges in the midst of the pandemic and it ravaged the BAME community we had to develop new skills to engage with funders for we found even in the perilous time of a pandemic we still had to be almost apologetic for our very existence.

Equal opportunities and other policies

As responsible employers, the Directors have approved a number of policies relating to equal opportunities, conflict of interest, financial policy, force labour, Data protection, health and safety, children and Vulnerable adults protection policy etc. These policies are reviewed annually

Material intangible incoming resources

A number of professionals gave their time as volunteers to the charity. As there was no financial cost to any third party, this intangible income has not been included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Without these highly skilled individuals the barriers encountered would not have been surmounted.

Thank you

All of our projects have been delivered and we have seen incredible levels of success another successful year. The board of trustees express their gratitude to all those who have helped and continue to help us to deliver our services.

This year has proven the case for the continual existence of the charity. We intend to continue to work to ensure we can extend our activities to all those in need wherever they are. We will insure that the beneficiaries of all of our partners are also services by using our resources to help other organisations to grow.

Danmore Sithole (Trustee)

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19/04/2024

Charity's Activities Report

The demand for assistance is coming in various forms, from individuals living in financial crisis who cannot feed themselves or their families, to individuals still struggling with barbaric immigration conditions to International partners seeking assistance to acquire the bare necessities of survival in countless countries.

Funders have repeatedly informed us that while our work is valuable and is very successful, but there are more deserving projects. We are not able to rely on the trope of distended bellies and malnutrition victims with flies hovering around a victim's faces. This formulaic response always shocks us, because we are not sure how one measures one person's needs against another one needs. Need is the silent cry all around us, need exists before a child is abuse, the young man is stabbed at a bus stop, the individual is diagnose with illness that scare us, it is the individual before they are abused punched or kicked by a love one. Yes need is everywhere and we must address it before the individual become desperate. We must remove desperation before it is expressed.

At SUFA we work only with open communication and try ensuring that everyone that comes into contact with the charity leaves with a positive outcome. Our work in ordinary it is not glamorous, it does not grab media headlines it does not fill us with romantic ideas of saving the world, it is simply addressing one person's issue at a time.

Governance / Board

SUFA board of trustees are driving the charity and directing its development in some very interesting directions. SUFA's work is targeted to ensure that the charity is independent and can push ahead with its development programme.

Management and Administration

The resources expended on administration totalled £4,100 during the year. This represents 6.02% of the total income, a level of expenditure that the Trustees consider to be appropriate for as the charity grows our systems becomes more robust.

Work Programme

SUFA have focused on key development areas and we fully expect to continue with this work in the coming years. Building healthier communities (physically and financially), Public Spaces (to afford Health, education and entrepreneurial opportunities) and Social Inclusion (affording the most impoverished and exploited individuals to change their situation). Recent history has uncovered many weak spots within our community and SUFA has designed a number of projects with partner agencies which will condition the charity's work for the coming decade. As we seek to establish a vehicle to provide lasting and life enhancing solutions together with beneficiaries and volunteers.

The activities of a charity are the most important part of its existence; it is through assisting individuals in need that the charity's worth is evident.

The link between SUFA and the community remains its driving force. The close relationships we have developed with our clients is what ensure that SUFA achieves its outcomes by meeting the level of expectations which clients have when they meet us. Our buzz words remain 'Dignity and Empowerment', we are conscious that when users are given responsibility within a project, the project is always successful and results in beneficiary ownership of the project. Our projects are addressing human hardship in London; SUFA is trying to impact on financial / survival problems which our client base has highlighted. Our activities aim to empower individuals to help them solve problems; this level of empowerment is done with the support of our volunteers.

Financial Support

The majority of SUFA clients are financially disadvantaged, as a result of, Low Income, Unemployment, No Recourse to Public Funds and being burdened with various forms of debt. We are working to address the most immediate of problems to bring some comfort to individuals. Our long term strategy is to improve the individual financial position through financial education and support. Urgent problems are addressed immediately to reduce client's levels of stress.

We address issues on a 'one to one' basis with the client doing much of the work (letter writing and collations of documents, online research) while the case worker engages in virtual hand holding, we have found that this process of working builds confidence and empowers individuals. These methodologies allow us to work to a point where real and lasting change in individual's situation is

achieved. Five years into providing financial support we have had numerous successful outcomes and debtors written in off over £64,000 of bad debt. This level of success has been very surprising but is achieved through hard work and the dedication of our case workers.

Immigration Support

The changes in immigration law and the increasing levels of paranoia among the working and political classes, about foreigners and the accompanying political frenzy has had a detrimental effect on individuals we service many are faced with new border control issues.

We restrict our support to helping individuals to complete their application form, writing personal statement and to gathering evidence for interaction with the Home Office. All clients requiring legal advice are referred to our chosen partner Webb and Co. Solicitors.

There have been over two hundred and fifty cases clients reaching out to SUFA our phone was very busy and we completed lots of form filling over the past year and we have been involved in increasing levels of research as we gather information to empower clients and to help support their cases.

We continue to assist in completing a large number of applications for Leave to Remain, Settlement Visas, Citizenship and Passports. Our success has been unequal this can be attributed to the dedication of our volunteers and they attention to details. Which is necessary to avoid mistakes as this is people lives we are dealing with. The number of long term over stayers have been increasing and stretching our resources and we now do not have the personnel to assist all. We are continuing to turn individuals away because of our limited resources.

Immigration support has gone hand in hand with our Bed for a Night , sofa surfing project, which after thirteen years continues to grow. As we engage with individuals who are homeless because of their immigration status. For they are not allowed to work or permitted to rent accommodation as a result of the governments cold hearted approach to foreigners While it look of immigration in terms of numbers in, with no reference to numbers out so there is no such thing as net immigration.

Partnership delivery

Currently SUFA has a number of NGO's keen to enter into long term working arrangements; much of this potential work continues to stall because of a shortage of funds. For the fifth year running we have not taken on any new international organisations as partners, this decision is due to the state of the British economy and is a reflection of our difficulty in attracting financial supporters who seem to believe that Having the word Africa in your title that it precludes you from working in the UK. The state of the economy and the uncertainty in a post Brexit malaise makes long term planning very difficult. Our work is not very glamorous for it does not address the issue of starvation or disease ridden individuals in the international arena, individuals who many believe can be saved with a 'few loafs and a few small fishes'. Our work is about empowering individuals and communities, so no miracles here. We have for a considerable period, been working hard to attract a dedicated and committed supporter who want to contribute to lasting solutions in society in the UK and abroad.

Funding

Our funding remains self-driven and centres on the question, what can the charity and its beneficiaries do for ourselves? We are currently delivering a number of programmes to generate funds for the charity and to assist other organisations. We have also recently started to address the issue of food poverty as there are pockets of urban deprivation where individuals are struggling to eat> se we intend to become an

Volunteers

At present SUFA have twelve regular volunteers and a large number of emergency volunteers who we are able to call on at short notice. Volunteers in key positions include universities students, graduates and Third Sector professionals with international development experience. This report is testimony to just how much of the changes taking place within the charity are driven by the volunteers.

This year been very successful in attracting volunteers, over the past twelve months SUFA has utilise the talent of everyone as we have all banded together to address the immediate and ever present need as a result of the economic slump. The skills possessed by our volunteers have help SUFA to reposition itself as a charity that engages with beneficiaries in a numerous spaces.

Thank you all for believing in and trusting us as we work to change the direction of the charity.

Cleve McCollin

19/04/2025

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Volunteer MD

Directors' Responsibilities

Company Law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable 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 operation.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other.

Independent Examiner Report

For the Year ended 30th September 2024

I report on the financial statement for the year ended 30th September 2024 set out on pages 10 – 11 and notes to the accounts on pages 12 - 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 the seeking of 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:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 10th April 2025

J N Beugren Accountants

5 Stuart Place, St. Albans, AL1 1AU

Stand Up For Africa				
Income & Expenditure Account				
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 th September 2024				
Total	<u>Incoming Resources</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2023 £	<u>Note</u> 2.			2024 £
-	Grants, Awards,	-	-	-
31009	Donations, sponsorship	40,600	-	40,600
-	Generated Income	3,000	-	3,000
14591	Other	24,500	-	24,500
45600	Total Income	68,100	-	68,100
	3. <u>Resources</u> <u>Expended</u>			
-	Cost of generating funds	-	-	-
46,640	Activities in the furtherance of the Charity's objects	77,570	-	77,570
2,100	Management & Administration	4,100	0	4,100
48,740	Total outgoing resources	81,670	0	81,670
(3,140)	Net surplus/deficit	(13,570)	0	(13,570)
26,010	Balance brought forward	22,870	0	22,870
22,870	Balance carried forward	9,300	0	9,300

Stand Up For Africa
Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2024

<u>Fixed Assets</u>		<u>Note</u>	
<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
33,700	Tangible Assets	4	20,700
<u>Current Assets</u>			
-	Stock ()		-
24,900	Cash at bank/hand	8900	8,900
<u>Current liability</u>			
-	Creditor	-	-
(42,600)	Liability	(24700)	(24,700)
<u>16,000</u>	<u>Total Net Assets</u>		<u>4,900</u>
Represented by :			
<u>33,700</u>	Un/restricted :		<u>34,500</u>
-	Free reserves:		-
<u>49,700</u>	Fixed Assets:		<u>29,600</u>
	Total unrestricted funds		
49,700			29,600
0	Restricted funds		0
<u>49,700</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>29,600</u>

For the year ended 30th September 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies 'regime'.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 19/04/2025

Signed on behalf of the Charity:

Trustee - Danmore Sithole



1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. They comply with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities (SORP 2005) and all applicable Accounting and Financial

REPORTING STANDARDS

(b) INCOMING RESOURCES

General donations, legacies and subscriptions are brought into account when received.

Donations and grants given for specific purposes are treated as income in the year of receipt. Unspent restricted income is included under restricted funds as it is fully committed.

(c) RESOURCES EXPENDED

The resources used are classified under the charity's functional categories of expenditure rather than the type of expense in order to provide more useful information.

Resources expended in each functional category comprise direct expenditure including direct staff costs attributable to the activity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed they have been allocated to activities based on time spent by staff on those activities.

(d) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost; Depreciation is calculated annually at 25%

(e) OPERATING LEASES

Operating lease rentals are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become due.

(f) FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds comprise the accumulated surplus or deficit on the income and expenditure account. They are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restricted conditions imposed by donors.

(g) EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES

Expenditure is allocated to one of three functional categories that reflect the charitable activities of the company:

Cost of generating funds

Activities in the furtherance of the Charity's objects

Management and Administration

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –

For the year ended 30th September 2024

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING AND EXPENDITURE OF RESOURCES

<u>2023</u>	Cash Income by type of donor	Unrestricted	Restricted	<u>2024</u>
£		£	£	£
-	Charitable Trust	-	-	-
-	Government- Local Authority	-	-	-
	Companies	-	-	
31,009	Donations /Members	40,600	-	40,600
-	Generated Income	3,000	-	3,000
14,591	Other Sources	24,500	-	24,500
45,600	T OTAL	<u>68,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,100</u>

Resources Expended

	<u>Cost of generating funds</u>		Total £
Total £			
	Staff & Volunteer Travelling	-	-
	Mentoring	-	-
		-	-
0	<u>Activities for Clients</u>	-	-
	Volunteer Cost	2,675	-
	Rent	-	-
	Venue Hire	-	-
	Project Activities	43,965	-
46,640			77,570
			-
	<u>Management & Administration Cost</u>		
	Legal fee and Accounting	900	-
	Insurance	490	-
	Postage and Carriage	210	-
	Telephone and internet	1,600	-
	Bank Charges	450	-
	Other	450	-
2,100	Total	4,100	4,100
48,700			81,670