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COMPANY NO: 5509129

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

TRUSTEES:

Ms. Sahra Digaleh	Chair
Ms. Agram Shira Musa	Treasurer
Ms Luul Mohamed Jama	Member
Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban	Member

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2023

Mission

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user-led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC is striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough.

We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to an improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in service
- Youth Football club
- Foodbank
- BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir's advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that's needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service. The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we

have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

Youth Football club

Wadajir Somali Community Centre (WSCC) helps the isolated Somali community in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to integrate into wider society and gain access to essential services. We promote activities connected to education, health, welfare, social/cultural and recreation to increase skills, foster social integration and build capacity to improve economic opportunities and quality of life. Our beneficiaries are Somali children and young people (C&YP), many of whom either are struggling to find a safe space to meet and need positive influences or possibly those who face school exclusion. They also face significant barriers to active and healthy living; they are often ghettoised into occupying cramped and unsuitable living spaces on dangerous estates. And where physical activities would provide them with a much-needed safe-space to improve both physical and mental health, they either feel too culturally or linguistically marginalised- or are simply too poor- to access most local activities.

Therefore, we have secured £24,500 in revenue funding to provide opportunities for these Somali C&YP to engage in sports. The funds will cover the venue hire (sports pitches), light refreshments, remuneration for two sports coaches, two group guidance mentors, volunteer expenses and administrative costs. This project, co-designed with beneficiaries themselves (through our youth drop-in service) and volunteers with lived experience of our beneficiaries' challenges, will offer sports-based activities - particularly football, to up to 50 male disadvantaged Somali C&YP aged 11 to 16. We will deliver 26 weekly 2-hour sessions, held every Saturday, beginning in the summer of 2023.

Activities:

- Football segments.
- Group guidance/coaching segments (in their native Somali language) to support social and emotional skills, team-building and continued motivation.

Delivery site:

- Mile End Park Leisure Centre (To provide 2 x larger outdoor football pitches + 1 x smaller for 11-a-side).
- Local youth-workers and sports coaches will be hired to deliver the football/guidance sessions.
- Light refreshments will be provided by WSCC.

For our beneficiaries, this project will:

Increase opportunities to participate in sports activities that previously seemed out of their

reach due to cultural or financial challenges.

- Empower them with the confidence, skills and aspirations to engage in sporting activities.
- Improve health and well-being.

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning:

- Collation and review of session reports, feedback from beneficiaries about what is working or not working.
- Regular discussions with a local steering committee composed of five members of the community to obtain additional feedback about the project.

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

Wadajir partnered with BBC Children In Need and Family Fund to offer grants designed to help vulnerable children and young people in the Cost of Living Crisis. BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing. Our organisation was applied for roughly 50-60 grants for families securing items like, fridge freezer, cooker, bed frames and mattresses, bedding and duvets, slower cooker, air fryers, kettles, toaster, microwave ovens, washing machines and more, saving families hundreds of pounds over the winter period.

Foodbank

Our new food bank project funding supports one year of weekly food parcels to 20-30 disadvantaged families, primarily from BAME backgrounds, living in Tower Hamlets. According to the local council, BAME residents face more difficulties than their white counterparts due to structural and institutional racism, resulting in unequal access to services, employment and unfair treatment and opportunities (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Inequalities Commission Report, 2021) – a situation that has now been exacerbated due to the pandemic and high living costs, as many have lost their jobs and are experiencing increased food insecurity. Food parcels are organised and made available every Friday at Teviot Community Hall with the participation of three volunteers. By donating their time to the project, volunteers will be able to gain valuable work related experience, develop and practice skills adaptable in the workforce, help to build self-confidence and will provide an opportunity to make a real difference within our community. In order to prioritise beneficiaries, such as those with young children and with unemployed adults in the household, we will ask applicants to complete a short questionnaire about their financial situation. The success of the food bank will be assessed every three months through surveys and interviews with our beneficiaries. In addition, we will follow up on the families through our drop-in sessions to continuously assess their financial situation and need for support. Specifically, funds will allow us to purchase non-perishable foods, buy cleaning equipment (to be used to clean the hall), as well as pay for volunteer expenses, utility bills and insurance. During the pandemic, we were forced to close all of our primary activities but managed to stay afloat by reducing costs and staff. However, we still have not recovered financially. The grants we secured would also allow us to hire a part-time accountant to assist us in becoming more financially stable while continuing to meet the urgent needs of a community reeling from the effects of a pandemic followed by sharp inflation, all this exacerbated by deprivation and marginalisation. In 2020 we received a £10,000 grant for the food bank, but those funds ended within six months, as the money awarded was used to provide daily food parcels, to be delivered to beneficiaries' homes. Your assistance will help us to cover costs as we work to financially recover.

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club

Elderly Lunch Club – Impact report

Wadajir's elderly lunch club is a social club for local elderly women aged 55 and above. The lunch club was initially established in 2006 to tackle the isolation and poor health of elderly Somali women living in Tower Hamlets. The club creates a safe space for these women to relax, socialise, gain knowledge and access services in the borough. Wadajir's elderly lunch club is the only lunch club in Tower Hamlets that specifically targets women from the Somali community. Elderly Somali women are one of the most isolated segments of society. The majority are illiterate, have limited English language skills and comorbidities, therefore find it difficult to integrate well into society and access the available services. We find that many suffer in silence and are unable to effectively communicate their needs. We aim to not only help them to socialise but to also provide them with the advice and guidance to improve their health and quality of life. The 2011 Tower Hamlets census found that 70% of older Somali-born residents living in the borough (aged 65 and over) have a limiting health condition. The feedback that we have gathered from our 14 years working with the Somali community in Tower

Hamlets has indicated that many elderly residents are unaware of the services available to them. We know that these residents could greatly benefit from activities that promote physical activity and provide information on nutrition and healthy living. Budget cuts in local councils have led to many organisations losing funding, greatly impacted Somali organisations. We are one of the few Somali led organisations left in Tower Hamlets, which has led to an increase in our number of service users.

Quote from a participant:

The following quote has been translated from Somali to English. "I feel lucky to have this community of women that I can talk to and rely on, ever since my daughter moved away, I have felt lost and lonely. Being able to form friendships and close bonds at my age has given me renewed hope. I can keep in contact with everybody through this service and it is nice to have people thinking of me too."

Story of change:

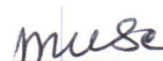
Hibo's story - Hibo has been a regular member of our lunch club for many years and has relied on the centre as a way of socialising with others. A month prior to the Covid-19 crisis, Hibo had taken a fall down her stairs and broken her leg. During her recovery, our members organised trips to visit her at home and bought her food and company. However, when the lockdown was enforced and the lunch club closed, Hibo was closed off from the group. A distant family member would normally top-up her electricity meter, this person fell ill with covid. Her electricity meter eventually ran out and she was left alone with no electricity for a day. Hibo eventually reached out to us and we were able to send a volunteer to top-up her gas and electricity. Since this incident, we have helped her access care services and a family member has moved in with her for additional help. In Hibo's case if she did not have such close ties with our organisation, she would have had no way of getting the help she desperately needed at the time. Unfortunately, many of the elderly women in our organisation are living alone in isolation and are unaware of the services they can access. The lunch club project is vital to the overall health and wellbeing of many of the women we serve and its very important to us to keep it going for as long as possible.

We are continuously striving to secure funding to keep this service open as it is a much-needed service and continues to engage new and old services-users, bringing people together in a health-positive setting. As most of our older service users are of Somali ethnicity, Somali dance sessions are popular and are often launched spontaneously when members push back chairs and start to dance. We encourage them to join in regular physical activities and organise regular exercise sessions while reminding members of the importance of regular exercise for their physical and mental health. Healthy eating workshops complement discussion at meals where we work to provide traditional food with improvements for healthy eating. Crafts and traditional skills are also shared to help members stay active and engaged and improve their mental wellbeing. We also invite speakers monthly to give health talks or to encourage service users to keep active through volunteering, exercising, and staying active. During the last year, we provided support to 30 people through the Elderly Lunch Club and other activities aimed at older people.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair

2nd June 2023



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

The Management Committee are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity's Act in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

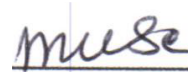
In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time during the financial year of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. 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.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

Dated: 2nd June 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) 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
- (iii) 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
Incorporated Financial Accountant



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Anderson Pierce & Co
Accountants & Business Advisors



14 Alexandria Road
London W13 0NR

Dated: 2nd June 2023

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grants and Donations				
Donations	43,070	14,850	57,920	47,530
Administrative expenses				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries			-	2,031
Volunteer Expenses	1,250	2,579	3,829	2,560
Teaching staff	-	21,800	21,800	-
Covid 19 response		-	-	3,640
Food Bank	22,300	-	22,300	-
Staff training and welfare	2,189	-	2,189	6,444
Travel Expenses	1,505	-	1,505	3,053
	27,244	24,379	51,623	17,728
Premises costs:				
Rent & Rates		3,840	3,840	3,950
Child Care cost	690	-	690	-
Light and heat	415	404	819	1,897
Cleaning	1,616	-	1,616	426
	2,721	4,244	6,965	6,273
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	250	350	600	968
Stationery and printing	151	244	395	2,004
Events and Activities	2,518	1,675	4,193	10,843
books and Teaching Materials	201	837	1,038	-
Bank charges	209	-	209	93
Insurance	-	720	720	-
Repairs and maintenance	346	-	346	1,632
Depreciation	2,284	-	2,284	2,090
	5,959	3,826	9,785	17,630
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	1,000	-	1,000	800
Consultancy fees	2,010	-	2,010	500
Other legal and professional	-	-	-	693
	3,010	-	3,010	1,993
Total Resources Expended	38,934	32,449	71,383	43,624
Surplus/ (deficit)	4,136	(17,599)	(13,463)	3,906
Balance brought Forward	3,128	13,722	16,850	12,944
Balance Carried Forward	7,264	(3,877)	3,387	16,850

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,170	2,484
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		4,819	16,829
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(2,602)	(2,463)
Net current assets		2,217	14,366
Net assets		3,387	16,850
Reserves			
Income and expenditure	5	3,387	16,850
Total Funds		3,387	16,850

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Agram S Muse

Director

Approved by the board on 2 June 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed donations, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering in not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
3. Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees – March 2023	1000	-	1000	800
	<u>1000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>800</u>

3 Operating profit

	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2284</u>	<u>2090</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	10,448
Additions	970
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,418</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	7,964
Charge for the year	2,284
At 31 March 2023	<u>10,248</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,170</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,484</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxes and social security costs	1602	1,663
Other creditors	1000	800
	<u>2602</u>	<u>2463</u>

6 Income and Expenditure

	2023 £
At 1 April 2022	16,850
surplus for the year	(13,463)
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,387</u>

7. Analysis of staff costs:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Wages & Salaries			00	2031
Total Staff Cost	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>00</u>	<u>2031</u>

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

Date	Details	Amount
	East End Comm Fund Grant	5,500
	LB Tower Hamlet	7,570
	Other donations from public	44,850
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	Total Income for the year	57,920
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