

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05314721  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1112388

**The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 December 2022**

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# **The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1112388
<b>Company registration number</b>	05314721
<b>Principal office</b>	P O Box 113-5291 Beirut Lebanon
<b>Registered office</b>	7 Redbridge Lane East Ilford Essex IG4 5ET

**The trustees**

Dr A Fakhro	
Dr T Kanaan (Director)	
A M Al-Nibari (Director)	
A Obeidat (Director)	
Dr T Abu Gazala	(Resigned 7 June 2022)
Dr G Matar (Director)	
Dr B Tabbara (Director)	(Resigned 7 June 2022)
Dr H Haidar (Director)	
Dr L Kamhawi (Director)	
Mrs M Saade (Director)	
Mr S Jallad	
Mrs A Makhour	(Resigned 7 June 2022)
Dr A H Shaban	
Dr A T Dajani	(Appointed 21 August 2022)
Dr L Abou Swayreh	(Appointed 21 August 2022)
Dr (Mrs) A Grami	
Mr S A Hadi	(Appointed 21 August 2022)

<b>Company secretary</b>	Dr H Haidar
<b>Independent examiner</b>	R C Patel, FCA FCCA 7 Redbridge Lane East Redbridge, Ilford Essex IG4 5ET

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#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Arab-Anti Corruption Organisation is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 16 December 2004 as amended on 15 February 2010. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is structured along the following lines:

- 1) A Board of Trustees that includes a number of scholars and public figures, acting as the governing body.
- 2) A Board of Directors charged with the management responsibility of the charity, according to policy directives drawn and approved by the Board of Trustees.

#### **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are appointed for life. When the need arises, new trustees are elected by the directors.

#### **Trustee induction and training**

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and the decision making processes and recent and projected financial performance of the charity.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact they may have on its activities.

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#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity seeks to promote good governance and democratic values in the Arab world. The principal activity of the charity during the period was the advancement of public education in the context of promoting Democracy in Arab Society by:

- (a) undertaking, commissioning, promoting and publishing research into all aspects of corruption in Arab public life and its effect of people's lives;
  - (b) promoting awareness of the public and interest in the importance of anti-corruption activities and the role of Arab citizens in exposing, preventing and eliminating corruption;
  - (c) promoting awareness of the importance of transparency, free exchange of ideas and information, democracy, good governance and public accountability preventing and eliminating corruption;
- and
- (d) identifying structural deficiencies in the systems of accountability in Arab governments.

#### **Achievements and performance**

Regrettably our activities during the past few years have been hugely reduced by the adverse political situation in our area of operation, namely, the MENA area.

Our operational HQ are situated in the Lebanon. Here again the lack of security as well as the poor economic and social conditions restricted our capacity to meet our goals. This was the case for the whole of 2022.

Nevertheless, our Board of Directors felt that there is still a huge need for an indigenous organisation in the Arab region and that our Organisation should remain determined to seize the opportunity to mount our move for progress and change. For that purpose, the Board of Directors and the Trustees made every effort in the last few months of 2022 to prop up AACO. To that end we reorganised the Boards of Directors and the Trustees (Assembly) to be able to cope with better environment should it be available in 2023.

#### **Financial review**

The results for the year are indicated on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7.

#### **Reserves**

The charity is dependent upon the support of its well wishers. It is the trustees' intention to build up reserves to a level which will permit continuation of the charity's activities for a period of at least 6 to 12 months without seeking further contributions or donations.

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#### **Plans for future periods**

As mentioned above, AACO's activities are currently largely suspended. The Trustees are hopeful that a better environment will prevail in the future for AACO to be able to resume its activities.

The Trustees will exercise all efforts necessary to reactivate the organisation to its full capacity, once sufficient and sustained funding are in place.

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on .....10/10/22..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Dr H Haidar (Director)  
Trustee



# **The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation**

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation** *(continued)*

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



R C Patel, FCA FCCA  
Independent Examiner

7 Redbridge Lane East  
Redbridge, Ilford  
Essex IG4 5ET

10/12/23



# The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Note	\$	\$
<b>Income and endowments</b>			
Donations and legacies	5	44,408	—
<b>Total income</b>		<u>44,408</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	3,066	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	1,257	—
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>4,323</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>40,085</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		(16,191)	(16,191)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>23,894</u>	<u>(16,191)</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

**31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	13	8,428	6,814
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	14	10,764	7,286
Cash at bank and in hand		78,635	42,703
		89,399	49,989
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	2,439	1,500
<b>Net current assets</b>		86,960	48,489
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		95,388	55,303
<b>Provisions</b>			
Pensions and similar obligations	16	71,494	71,494
<b>Net assets</b>		23,894	(16,191)
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		23,894	(16,191)
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17	23,894	(16,191)

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements 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 financial statements.

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

The statement of financial position  
continues on the following page.

**The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.**

# **The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation**

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## **Statement of Financial Position** *(continued)*

**31 December 2022**

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These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 10/10/23, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Dr H Haidar (Director)  
Trustee



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**The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.**

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# **The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

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#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 7 Redbridge Lane East, Ilford, Essex IG4 5ET.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared in U S dollar, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

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#### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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#### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

##### **Tangible assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

##### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- Various rates up to 100 %
Equipment	- Various rates up to 50 %

##### **Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

##### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in income or expenditure unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of financial activities in the period it arises, and is allocated to the appropriate expenditure heading.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Trustees' liability is limited to UK £1 each (equivalent to US \$1.21 at the year end rate).

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2021 \$
Donations	44,408	44,408	—	—

#### 6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2021 \$
Costs of raising donations and legacies	3,066	3,066	—	—

#### 7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2021 \$
Interest payable	115	115	—	—
Support costs	1,142	1,142	—	—
	<u>1,257</u>	<u>1,257</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly \$	Support costs \$	Total funds 2022 \$	Total fund 2021 \$
Interest payable	115	—	115	—
Governance costs	—	1,142	1,142	—
	<u>115</u>	<u>1,142</u>	<u>1,257</u>	<u>—</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2022

#### 9. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,098</u>	<u>—</u>

#### 10. Independent examination fees

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>—</u>	<u>500</u>

#### 11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2021: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.



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#### 13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings \$	Fixtures and fittings \$	Equipment \$	Total \$
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2022	3,705	2,851	10,808	17,364
Additions	2,712	—	—	2,712
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<u>6,417</u>	<u>2,851</u>	<u>10,808</u>	<u>20,076</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2022	199	1,859	8,492	10,550
Charge for the year	998	100	—	1,098
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,959</u>	<u>8,492</u>	<u>11,648</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>8,428</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,506</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>6,814</u>

#### 14. Debtors

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Other debtors	<u>10,764</u>	<u>7,286</u>

#### 15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,439</u>	<u>1,500</u>

#### 16. Provisions

	Pensions and similar obligations \$
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>71,494</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

#### 17. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General funds	<u>(16,191)</u>	<u>44,408</u>	<u>(4,323)</u>	<u>23,894</u>

  

	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General funds	<u>(16,191)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(16,191)</u>

#### 18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	\$	\$
Tangible fixed assets	8,428	8,428
Current assets	89,399	89,399
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,439)	(2,439)
Provisions	<u>(71,494)</u>	<u>(71,494)</u>
Net assets	<u>23,894</u>	<u>23,894</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	\$	\$
Tangible fixed assets	6,814	6,814
Current assets	49,989	49,989
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,500)	(1,500)
Provisions	<u>(71,494)</u>	<u>(71,494)</u>
Net assets	<u>(16,191)</u>	<u>(16,191)</u>