

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**



Charity name: Children of Pakistan Earthquake

Charity registration number: 1113135

Governing document - Declaration of trust dated 26 October 2005

Executive Summary

COPE Charity is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in Pakistan through sustainable development projects that empower communities and create lasting change. In 2024, COPE successfully implemented a range of projects focused on water, housing, health, education, enterprise, and food security. This report highlights the achievements and impact of our initiatives throughout the year.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to alleviate poverty in Pakistan by providing essential resources, education, and opportunities for self-sufficiency and sustainable communities.

Objectives

Activities

- Provision of Food
- Education
- Health Or Saving Of Lives
- Housing
- Enterprise
- Vocational Training
- Disaster Relief
- Build Places of worship- 99 Masjids Campaign
- Marriage Programme
- Other Charitable Purposes

Who the charity helps:

- Children/young People
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How the charity helps:

- Develops projects to empower people out of poverty
- Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- Makes Grants To Individuals
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Where the charity operates:

- Sindh, Balochistan, Tharpakar, KPK, South Punjab, Pakistan

Overview of Projects

1. Water Project

Access to clean water is essential for health and development. In 2024, COPE Charity implemented the following initiatives:

- Installation of Water pumps, Wells and Solar Water Stations: We successfully installed 288 water pumps in the homes of under-privileged people, mainly orphans and widows. We also drilled a solar water station in a deprived village, providing clean drinking water to over 10,000 individuals.

2. Housing

Adequate shelter is a fundamental human right. In 2024, our housing initiatives included:

- Construction of Affordable Homes: We built low-cost housing units for families that had become homeless following floods, providing 25 families with a safe and secure place to live. We collaborated with local builders and tradespeople to ensure that our housing projects support the local economy.

3. Health

Health is vital for empowerment and productivity. COPE made significant strides in improving health outcomes:

- Cataract Operations: We funded 130 eye operations that restored the vision and enhanced independence of 130 individuals.
- Wheelchairs for disabled people: We funded wheelchairs aiding independence, creating hope and enhancing independence for 155 disabled people.

4. Education

Education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty. In 2024, we focused on:

- School Construction: We built two new primary schools in rural areas, providing education to more than 150 children.

5. Vocational Training

Vocational training has a significant impact on poverty reduction by lifting individuals out of poverty and empowering marginalised groups:

- COPE funded beginner level sewing courses that equipped 30 women with sewing skills and provided a pathway towards earning a sustainable livelihood.

6. Enterprise

Entrepreneurial programs are a means of reducing poverty and empowering people to become self-sufficient which not only benefits them but also impacts future generations. Our initiatives included:

- We funded 2 Rickshaws, 16 Enterprise Carts selling fruits and vegetables, and 141 goats/sheep for livestock farming for people in rural areas where they were able to sell the milk and wool of the animals and rear them to generate income and secure ongoing livelihood.

7. Food Security

Addressing food insecurity is essential for community well-being. In 2024, COPE distributed:

- Food packs to 375 families in food insecure areas, containing essential items like rice, flour, lentils, and oil. In addition, 200 winter packs were also distributed to help people keep warm during the bitterly cold winter months.

8. Building Mosques

- A further 5 mosques were built as part of a campaign to build 99 mosques providing a place of worship and bringing the community together in prayer.

Conclusion

COPE Charity is committed to transparency and accountability. We remain a 100% charity that is proud of all donations being spent on poverty relief projects. The charity is run solely by volunteers and who work remotely.

The work of COPE Charity has positively impacted thousands of lives in Pakistan. We are proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers, and partners. Together, we are making strides in breaking the cycle of poverty and creating sustainable communities. We look forward to continuing this vital work in the upcoming year and invite everyone to join us in our mission.

Acknowledgments

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters, volunteers, and staff who have contributed their time and resources to advance our mission. Your dedication is invaluable to the communities we serve.



Achievements



The last year, has been another productive year in project delivery towards the alleviation of poverty thousands of people continue to benefit from COPE's thriving Projects as follows:

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Solar Water Stations	18	1	1	4	4	8
Water Filtration Plants	4	0	0	1	2	1
Waterlines to Homes	1	0	0	0	1	0
Masjids	44	5	8	19	11	1
Schools	8	2	0	2	3	1
COPE Villages	7	1	0	2	3	1
COVID Relief Food and Hygiene Packs	1633	0	0	975	658	0
Other Food Packs	1865	375	380	850	110	150
Winter Relief	2980	200	1500	680	300	300
Free Fruit & Vegetable Market					May-20	0
Emergency Relief Packs	202	0	0	0	202	0
Houses built /improved	58	25	8	20	3	2
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Enterprise-Rickshaw donation	15	2	3	7	3	0
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Enterprise Shops	2	0	0	2	0	0
Elderly Support	30	0	0	30	0	0
Hospital	1	0	1	0	0	0

Contact Information

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Trustees' report and financial statements

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Chair Person :	Nasrat Rafiq
Secretary:	Sofia Tariq
Charity number:	1113135
Registered office:	77 Tangmere Drive Birmingham B35 7QE
Charity email:	info@copeuk.org
Website:	www.copeuk.org
Independent Examiner:	Sultan Tariq 103 Common Lane Acocks Green Birmingham B26 3DB

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chairperson's Review

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Volunteers

COPE relies on the goodwill of volunteers to run all aspects of the charity's work. Our volunteer pool at COPE is steadily growing and currently there are approximately 150 volunteers that give up their time to support the charity at events and charitable activities. We encourage and reach out to the community through social media, our newsletters and website as part of our recruitment drive to involve a diverse range of people in our work.

Ambitions and long term strategies

Our ambition is to expand our activities over a wider geographical area and reach more people in need. We aim to develop and strengthen partnerships at a local, national and international level, to build support, raise awareness of our work and continue to grow organically.

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 4144(2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the members have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act); and
 - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources				
Donations		303,444	303,444	389,999
Total incoming resources		303,444	303,444	389,999
Resources Expended				
Charitable expenditure	2	244,711	244,711	353,969
Governance costs	3	-	-	-
Total expenditure		244,711	244,711	353,969
Net movement in funds		58,733	58,733	36,030
Funds balances at 31 March 2023		55,877	55,877	71,507
Funds balances at 31 March 2024		114,610	114,610	107,537

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	114,610		55,877	
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Net current assets		<u>55,877</u>		<u>19,847</u>
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Accumulated Funds				
Balance brought forward		55,877		19,847
Surplus of Income over expenditure		58,733		36,030
As at 31 March 2021		<u>114,610</u>		<u>55,877</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Nasrat Rafiq
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Date: 31/01/2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements - (Continued)

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	£	£
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3. Governance costs

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