

CARAVAN OF MERCY

England & Wales · Charity number 1115896

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY PROVIDING CLASSES AND PROJECTS TO ADVANCE THE GENERAL SKILLS OF PEOPLE SUCH AS THE TEACHING OF FARMING, HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, HEALTH AND OTHER SUCH SKILLS WHERE A LOCAL NEED HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES REQUIRED AND SERVICES FOR EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL.3) TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY AMONGST VICTIMS OF NATURAL AND OTHER KINDS OF DISASTER FOR PERSONS, BODIES, ORGANISATIONS AND/OR COUNTRIES AFFECTED, BY DONATING MONEY, FOOD, CLOTHES, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE TRUSTEES.

Activities: the charity aims to relieve the poverty and suffering of those in developing countries.through education, food, housing, water provision and sponsorship programmes.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AFRICA AND ASIA
- Bangladesh
- Ghana
- India
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Pakistan
- The Gambia
- Turkey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£785,017	£726,624	£572,527	2
2024-03-31	£655,181	£701,614	£514,134	6
2023-03-31	£897,524	£778,585	£560,567	2
2022-03-31	£918,341	£902,727	£441,628	2
2021-03-31	£794,549	£802,042	£426,014	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel		2017-04-05
EBRAHIM IQBAL PATEL		
MOOSA PATEL		

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CARAVAN OF MERCY

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 March 2025

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Ebrahim I Patel (Chairman)
Moosa Patel
Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel

Chairman:

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Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Our activities in the last financial year focused on four core areas, ensuring all work was carried out for the public benefit and aligned with our charitable purposes.

Empowering Independence: Self-Supporting Projects (SSP)

Our SSP initiative is designed to break the cycle of hereditary poverty. We believe in transforming those who receive charity into those who can one day provide it. This year, we moved 200 families toward economic independence by providing the tools of a trade:

- Livestock: 25 milking cows and 60 milking goats.
- Transport & Trade: 40 rickshaws and 20 business start-up kits.
- Industry: 70 sewing machines to empower local artisans.
- Mobility: 20 wheelchairs, restoring independence and dignity to those with limited mobility.

Fighting Hunger: Food & Meat Distribution

Across the globe, we delivered life-sustaining nutrition to those facing extreme food insecurity.

- Ramadhan Relief: Distributed 30,000+ parcels, reaching approximately 120,000 people.
 - Kenya: 24,500 parcels (Maize Meal) supporting 96,000 individuals.
 - Bangladesh: 1,800 parcels for 7,000 families, plus 930 specialized parcels for Rohingya refugees.
 - Global Reach: Hundreds of families served in West Bengal (10,000 families) over 100 rice bags distributed as emergency aid during the year. Liberia, Turkey, and The Gambia.
- Qurbani/Udhiyah: We distributed meat from 141 cows, 50 goats, and 47 sheep across 8 countries. For many of the 7,000 recipient families, this may be the only meat they consume all year.

Water for Life

Clean water is a fundamental right, yet access to clean water remains a critical challenge in many developing regions. Our projects directly address this urgent need, improving public health and reducing disease. Having installed over 2,500 pumps to date, our work continued this year with:

- Ghana: 6 deep boreholes, saving 500 families from traveling miles for water so dirty that it could lead to disease and death.
- Bangladesh: 50 handpumps installed, providing safe, disease-free water to 4,500 families.
- India: 1 Tubewell installed, providing safe clean water.

Restoring Health: Medical Camps

We provided essential healthcare to those abandoned by modern systems:

- Vision Restoration: 600 cataract operations in Bangladesh and 530 eye screenings in India. We distributed 275 pairs of glasses and 255 prescriptions for eye medication. A weekly medical camp takes place for general and optical checks. During the year we assisted over 3,000 patients.
- General Medicine: Treated 300 patients for chronic illnesses and provided dental care for 70 patients in India, all free of charge.

Emergency Response & Winter Relief

When disaster strikes, we are on the ground.

- Crisis Aid: Provided 1,500 emergency food packs to victims of Cyclone Remal (India) and the Bangladesh floods, supporting 1,500 families.
- Winter Survival: To combat lethal cold, we distributed 14,000 heavy blankets across West Bengal, Bangladesh, and to Syrian refugees in Turkey - protecting over 15,000 vulnerable individuals.

Nurturing the Future: Orphan Sponsorship

Education is the ultimate equalizer. We provided holistic care - food, shelter, clothing, and schooling - for over 2,000 children:

- The Gambia: Over 1,000 students supported across several day schools.
- India: Full-year boarding and education for 600 children across two schools. Over 6,000 students benefit from maktabas.
- Bangladesh: 350 children supported in a stable, nurturing boarding environment. Over 1,000 children benefitted from maktabas in Bangladesh, including Rohingya refugees.

Summary of Impact

- Sustained Education: Continued orphan sponsorship across The Gambia, Bangladesh, and West Bengal.
- Crisis Support: Delivered life-saving aid to refugees and natural disaster victims.
- Nutritional Security: Global meat distribution ensured thousands of families received vital protein during Eid ul Adha and throughout the year.
- Sustainable Change: From clean water to business start-ups, we are building a foundation for a future without dependency.

The results outlined above represent the difference we have made to tens of thousands of lives through the generous support of our donors and dedicated volunteers.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Charity received an income totalling £785,017 (2024: £655,181). Overall, we managed to distribute £726,527 (2024: £701,614) within the year, with funds brought forward of £572,527 (2024: £514,134).

Plans for the Future

The charity will continue to support all the existing projects and aims to complete all of the outstanding projects in the coming year. The charity is looking at expanding its operations in Liberia after successful completion of risk and viability assessments and subject to approval of trustees.

Independent Examiner Accountant

A resolution proposing that Ryalls HMB Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as an independent examiner accountant of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 16 January 2026

Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARAVAN OF MERCY

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, We report in respect of my examination of your 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).

Opinion on financial statements

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We 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.


Ryan's HMB Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
And Statutory Auditors
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Caravan Of Mercy
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	87,354	690,310	777,664	647,898
Investment income	3	7,353	-	7,353	7,283
Total incoming resources		94,707	690,310	785,017	655,181
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating funds					
For raising costs -Advertising	4	1,585	-	1,585	4,760
Support costs	4	50,413	-	50,413	62,276
Charitable activities	5	-	673,031	673,031	632,667
Governance costs	6	1,595	-	1,595	1,911
Total resources expended		53,593	673,031	726,624	701,614
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		41,114	17,279	58,393	(46,433)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		(166,659)	166,659	-	-
Net movement in funds		(125,545)	183,938	58,393	(46,433)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		237,976	276,158	514,134	560,567
Total Funds carried forward		112,431	460,096	572,527	514,134

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,148	874
		<u>1,148</u>	<u>874</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	47,391	23,736
Cash at bank and in hand	13	531,174	496,177
		<u>579,065</u>	<u>519,913</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	7,686	6,653
		<u>571,379</u>	<u>513,260</u>
Net current assets			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
		<u>572,527</u>	<u>514,134</u>
Net assets			
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	15	112,431	237,976
Restricted funds	15	460,096	276,158
		<u>572,527</u>	<u>514,134</u>
Total funds			

The financial statements on pages 6 to 7 were approved by the trustees on 16 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP); "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds (Sadqah / Zakaat) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest, and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts / items donated by businesses & communities for distribution to the poor & needy are only included as income where a reliable valuation is available. Otherwise only the costs associated with the transportation and distribution of these items are shown in the financial statements. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(e) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Improvement to leasehold building	over 4 years
Fixture & fittings	over 4 years
Office equipment	over 4 years

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

(f) **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

(g) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt for Taxation purposes and is not registered for VAT. However, the charity is allowed to reclaim tax on donations received under Gift Aid scheme.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2	Voluntary Income				
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Year ended 31 Mar 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Donations	87,354	690,310	777,664	647,898
		87,354	690,310	777,664	647,898
3	Investment Income				
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Year ended 31 Mar 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Deposit Interest	7,353	-	7,353	7,283
		7,353	-	7,353	7,283
4	Costs of generating voluntary income				
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Year ended 31 Mar 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Fundraising costs - Advertising	1,585	-	1,585	4,760
	Support costs	50,413	-	50,413	62,276
		51,998	-	51,998	67,036
5	Details of Charitable Activities				
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Year ended 31 Mar 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Food distribution inc animal sacrifice	-	234,926	234,926	208,563
	Home building and construction costs	-	100,558	100,558	107,874
	Religious schools' cost	-	25,040	25,040	16,555
	Quraan distribution	-	23,300	23,300	20,000
	Orphan sponsorship	-	107,142	107,142	82,886
	Fresh water / sewer projects	-	29,670	29,670	43,785
	International admin costs	-	68,414	68,414	27,496
	Self sustaining (SSP)	-	20,768	20,768	34,084
	Medical aid and emergency relief	-	29,166	29,166	43,980
	Helping the poor and needy	-	34,036	34,036	47,444
		-	673,030	673,030	632,667
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Year ended 31 Mar 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Gambia	-	40,260	40,260	62,150
	Bangladesh	-	129,685	129,685	119,298
	India	-	200,000	200,000	175,000
	Ghana	-	4,291	4,291	39,500
	Kenya	-	72,300	72,300	60,000
	Morocco	-	-	-	28,000
	Uighres Refugee	-	-	-	-
	Yemen	-	2,970	2,970	5,025
	Cameroon	-	-	-	-
	Bangladesh (Rohingya)	-	15,000	15,000	15,612
	Turkey	-	24,940	24,940	16,443
	Liberia	-	183,060	183,060	104,724
	Pakistan	-	525	525	6,915
		-	673,031	673,031	632,667

6 Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2024 £
Auditors' remuneration	1,595	-	1,595	1,911
Statutory accounts	-	-	-	-
Legal & professional	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>1,911</u>

The Legal & professional costs relate to legal and payroll administration costs. For the payroll administration, the accountants have taken advantage of the exemption in ES-PASE

7 Support Costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2024 £
Staff costs	28,713	-	28,713	30,364
Office costs	17,114	-	17,114	27,942
Bank and credit card charges	4,440	-	4,440	3,816
Depreciation & disposal of fixed asset	146	-	146	154
	<u>50,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,413</u>	<u>62,276</u>

8 Staff numbers	Total 2025 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2024 £
UK Activities		
Fundraising & marketing	2	2
Overseas Activities		
Charitable activities	6	6
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

9 Staff costs	Total 2025 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2024 £
Salaries and wages	28,713	30,364
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>28,713</u>	<u>30,364</u>

During the year, there were no highly paid employees and employers pension contributions were paid

10 Trustees' expenses and remuneration and related party transactions

Trustees are not remunerated. They can get paid expenses for attending meetings and duties directly related to their duties as trustee. During the year, the charity paid travel costs to Syria, Gambia, Ghana and India amounting to £8,599. All other services were provided voluntarily by Trustees including charitable activities. The associated costs have not been quantified.

11 FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost		
B/fwd	722	1,722
Additions	420	420
Disposals	-	-
	<u>2,142</u>	<u>2,142</u>
Depreciation		
B/fwd	848	848
Charge for year	146	146
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	<u>994</u>	<u>994</u>
Net Book Value		
31 March 2025	<u>1,148</u>	<u>1,148</u>
31 March 2024	<u>874</u>	<u>874</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Tax recoverable	-	15,860
Prepayments & accrued income	47,891	7,876
	<u>47,891</u>	<u>23,736</u>

13 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash and bank balances	531,174	496,177
	<u>531,174</u>	<u>496,177</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	-	-
Wages & paye/ni	2,586	3,148
Others	-	-
Accruals & accountancy	5,100	3,505
	<u>7,686</u>	<u>6,653</u>

15 Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	237,976	94,707	(53,593)	(166,659)	112,431
Total unrestricted funds	<u>237,976</u>	<u>94,707</u>	<u>(53,593)</u>	<u>(166,659)</u>	<u>112,431</u>
Restricted funds:					
Reserves	276,158	690,310	(673,031)	163,659	460,096
Total restricted funds	<u>276,158</u>	<u>690,310</u>	<u>(673,031)</u>	<u>163,659</u>	<u>460,096</u>
Total funds	<u>514,134</u>	<u>785,017</u>	<u>(726,624)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>572,527</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

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Achievements and performance

India

Caravan of Mercy continued to provide aid in India, West Bengal region with food distributions which were carried out at numerous times during the year including Ramadhan and Eid ul Adha helping over 60,000 people with their needs over 150 animals being sacrificed. During the winter period over 1,500 winter blankets were distributed to the poor and needy.

Assistance with regards to food, education, shelter and clothing was provided for over 600 children in 2 boarding schools for the entire year and 1 water project was completed in areas of need where over 2,000 people benefitted from clean drinking water.

We have a medical clinic where doctors and opticians come 3-4 times a week and administer free medication where needed. We also had an eye camp where over 300 beneficiaries received free eye tests & glasses.

60 Sewing machines, 32 Rickshaws, 25 Goats, 20 Cows, 2 Wheelchairs and 20 business startups were provided to help the widows and needy families to earn a livelihood.

Bangladesh

Caravan of Mercy has continued to sponsor several day schools and boarding schools in different regions of Bangladesh. These schools cater for the educational needs of poor children and orphans. Other than education a number of these children are provided with clothing, food and medical aid whenever required. 70+ hand pumps were installed in different regions of Bangladesh where water wasn't easily accessible. In Ramadhan food hampers were given to over 10,000 families. During the winter period more than 1,500 blankets were distributed to the poor and needy. Over 600 eye Cataract operations were completed for the poor and needy. During Annual Qurbani period 7 Animals were sacrificed to benefit those who don't have meat to eat regularly. Caravan of mercy distributed 60 Sewing machines, 30 Rickshaws, 45 goats to help the Widows and poor to help those have a daily income so they help their families.

Bangladesh continued to host refugees from neighbouring Myanmar and a large relief effort was organised. Caravan of Mercy delivered much needed food, blankets and other supplies to spread the aid to people as more refugees arrived in Bangladesh.

Gambia

Caravan of Mercy runs a few day schools in The Gambia. These schools provide vital education to over 1,000 students, several of them being orphans and the majority coming from very poor backgrounds. During the year over 2,000 families benefitted from the Ramadhan food distribution. During the annual pilgrimage the meat of 19 animals was distributed amongst the poor and needy benefitting over 1,500 families.

Two water pumps were replaced and fixed, benefitted over 1500 people.

Ghana

During the month of Ramadhan 320 families in different parts of Ghana benefitted from food hampers and over 3,000 water packs were distributed to provide clean drinking water. 1000 families were able to experience the joys of Eid because of the distribution of meat from 14 sacrificial animals.

Caravan of Mercy installed 18 boreholes over 5000 families benefit daily by getting clean drinking water.

Turkey

Caravan of Mercy continued relief projects to help displaced refugees. During the month of Ramadhan 1000 food parcels were distributed to Syrian refugees. Qurbani meat was distributed during the annual pilgrimage that benefited hundreds of families. During the winter season Syrian refugees were given over 1,000 blankets.

Liberia

During the month of Ramadhan 1000+ families received food parcels that were distributed amongst the poor and needy, with supplementary aid being provided throughout the year as needed. During the Qurbani period 5 Animals were sacrificed to help those who rarely benefit from eating meat.

Financial assistance was given several times throughout the year.

Kenya

Caravan of Mercy provided relief to affected areas of Kenya where that has been a heavy drought. Caravan of Mercy sent aid for over 50,000 families. 2 distributions were done during the year including the month of Ramadhan.

Yemen

Caravan of Mercy provided food parcels during Ramadhan to over 2,000 families. Over 35 Sheep were sacrificed during the Qurbani period to benefit those who don't have meat to eat during the year.

Summary

- Caravan of Mercy continued orphan sponsorship programmes in The Gambia, Bangladesh and West Bengal benefiting hundreds of children
- Emergency aid was provided to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh
- Meat was distributed in many countries during the yearly pilgrimage, for some this was the only meat they had eaten in months.

Financial review

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Charity received an income totalling £655,181 (2023: £897,524). Overall, we managed to distribute the entire income amount and also reduced the funds brought forward, of £514,134 (2023: £560,567)

Plans for future periods

The charity will continue to support all the existing projects and aims to complete all of the outstanding projects in the coming year. The charity is looking at expanding its operations in Liberia after successful completion of risk and viability assessments and subject to approval of trustees.

Independent Examiner Accountant

A resolution proposing that Ryalls HMB Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as an independent examiner accountant of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 28 January 2025

Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARAVAN OF MERCY

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, We report in respect of my examination of your 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.

Opinion on financial statements

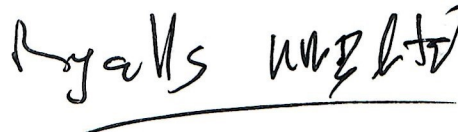
We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We 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.

Ryalls HMB Ltd
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Caravan Of Mercy
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	76,284	571,614	647,898	891,599
Investment income	3	7,283	-	7,283	5,925
Total incoming resources		83,567	571,614	655,181	897,524
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating funds					
Fundraising costs -Advertising	4	4,760		4,760	2,010
Support costs	4	62,276		62,276	55,321
Charitable activities	5		632,667	632,667	719,384
Governance costs	6	1,911		1,911	1,870
Total resources expended		68,947	632,667	701,614	778,585
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		14,620	(61,053)	(46,433)	118,939
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds				-	-
Net movement in funds		14,620	(61,053)	(46,433)	118,939
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		223,356	337,211	560,567	441,628
Total Funds carried forward		237,976	276,158	514,134	560,567

**Caravan of Mercy
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	874	1,028
		<u>874</u>	<u>1,028</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	23,736	19,651
Cash at bank and in hand	13	496,177	545,857
		<u>519,913</u>	<u>565,508</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	6,653	5,969
		<u>513,260</u>	<u>559,539</u>
Net current assets		<u>513,260</u>	<u>559,539</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
		<u>514,134</u>	<u>560,567</u>
Net assets		<u>514,134</u>	<u>560,567</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	15	237,976	223,356
Restricted funds	15	276,158	337,211
		<u>514,134</u>	<u>560,567</u>
Total funds		<u>514,134</u>	<u>560,567</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 7 were approved by the trustees on 28 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds (Sadqah / Zakaat) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest, and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts / items donated by businesses & communities for distribution to the poor & needy are only included as income where a reliable valuation is available. Otherwise only the costs associated with the transportation and distribution of these items are shown in the financial statements. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(e) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Improvement to leasehold building	over 4 years
Fixture & fittings	over 4 years
Office equipment	over 4 years

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

(f) **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

(g) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt for Taxation purposes and is not registered for VAT. However, the charity is allowed to reclaim tax on donations received under Gift Aid scheme.

Caravan of Mercy
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

2	Voluntary Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Donations	76,284	571,614	647,898	891,599
		76,284	571,614	647,898	891,599
3	Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Deposit Interest	7,283	-	7,283	5,925
		7,283	-	7,283	5,925
4	Costs of generating voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Fundraising costs - Advertising	4,760	-	4,760	2,010
	Support costs	62,276	-	62,276	55,321
		67,036	-	67,036	57,331
5	Details of Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Food distribution inc animal sacrifice	-	208,563	208,563	273,167
	Home building and construction costs	-	107,874	107,874	116,494
	Religious schools' cost	-	16,555	16,555	27,824
	Quraan distribution	-	20,000	20,000	-
	Orphan sponsorship	-	82,886	82,886	88,057
	Fresh water / sewer projects	-	43,785	43,785	33,723
	International admin costs	-	27,496	27,496	31,963
	Self sustaining (SSP)	-	34,084	34,084	1,100
	Medical aid and emergency relief	-	43,980	43,980	113,267
	Helping the poor and needy	-	47,444	47,444	33,789
		-	632,667	632,667	719,384
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Gambia	-	62,150	62,150	41,073
	Bangladesh	-	119,298	119,298	122,865
	India	-	175,000	175,000	160,777
	Ghana	-	39,500	39,500	21,100
	Kenya	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
	Morocco	-	28,000	28,000	-
	Uighres Refugee	-	-	-	6,000
	Yemen	-	5,025	5,025	10,000
	Cameroon	-	-	-	20,000
	Bangladesh (Rohingya)	-	15,612	15,612	10,000
	Turkey	-	16,443	16,443	104,319
	Liberia	-	104,724	104,724	130,650
	Pakistan	-	6,915	6,915	32,600
		-	632,667	632,667	719,384

6	Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Auditors' remuneration				
	Statutory accounts	1,911	-	1,911	1,870
	Legal & professional	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,911</u>	<u>1,870</u>

The Legal & professional costs relate to legal and payroll administration costs. For the payroll administration, the accountants have taken advantage of the exemption in ES-PASE

7	Support Costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Staff costs	30,364	-	30,364	26,178
	Office costs	27,942	-	27,942	24,291
	Bank and credit card charges	3,816	-	3,816	4,667
	Depreciation & disposal of fixed asset	154	-	154	185
		<u>62,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,276</u>	<u>55,321</u>

8	Staff numbers	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	UK Activities		
	Fundraising & marketing	2	2
	Overseas Activities		
	Charitable activities	6	6
		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

9	Staff costs	Total 2024 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £
	Salaries and wages	30,364	26,135
	Social security costs	-	43
		<u>30,364</u>	<u>26,178</u>

During the year, there were no highly paid employees and employers pension contributions were paid.

10 Trustees' expenses and remuneration and related party transactions

Trustees are not remunerated. They can get paid expenses for attending meetings and duties directly related to their duties as trustee. During the year, the charity paid travel costs to Syria, Gambia, Ghana and India amounting to £14,940. All other services were provided voluntarily by Trustees including charitable activities. The associated costs have not been quantified.

11 FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost		
B/fwd	1,722	1,722
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	<u>1,722</u>	<u>1,722</u>
Depreciation		
B/fwd	694	694
Charge for year	154	154
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	<u>848</u>	<u>848</u>
Net Book Value		
30 March 2024	<u>874</u>	<u>874</u>
31 March 2023	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,028</u>

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Tax recoverable	15,860	8,356
Prepayments & accrued income	7,876	11,295
	<u>23,736</u>	<u>19,651</u>

13 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash and bank balances	496,177	545,857
	<u>496,177</u>	<u>545,857</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	-
Wages & paye/ni	3,148	2,636
Others	-	1,583
Accruals & accountancy	3,505	1,750
	<u>6,653</u>	<u>5,969</u>

15 Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	223,356	83,567	(68,947)	-	237,976
Total unrestricted funds	<u>223,356</u>	<u>83,567</u>	<u>(68,947)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,976</u>
Restricted funds:					
Reserves	337,211	571,614	(632,667)	-	276,158
Total restricted funds	<u>337,211</u>	<u>571,614</u>	<u>(632,667)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,158</u>
Total funds	<u>560,567</u>	<u>655,181</u>	<u>(701,614)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>514,134</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

CARAVAN OF MERCY

England & Wales - Charity number 1115896

Accounts

CARAVAN OF MERCY

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 March 2023

Charity no: 1115896

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Ebrahim I Patel (Chairman)
Moosa Patel
Sajjad Ahmed Dhariwal – resigned 27 March 2022
Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel

Chairman:

Ebrahim I Patel (Chairman)

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

The charity, Caravan of Mercy, is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted 15th March 2006 as amended 25th July 2006 and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1115896.

Objectives and activities

To provide classes and projects to advance the general skills of people in farming, housing construction, health and other skills where a local need has been identified.

To advance the education of pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities required and services for education at the school.

To relieve financial hardship in particular but not exclusively amongst victims of natural and other kind of disaster for persons, bodies organisations and or countries affected, by donating money, food, clothes and medical supplies and by such other means as deemed appropriate by the trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements 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 a going concern basis
- Review major risks and establish systems or procedures to manage those risks

The trustees have overall responsibility of ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, The Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Achievements and performance

India

Caravan of Mercy continued to provide aid in India, West Bengal region with food distributions which were carried out at numerous times during the year including Ramadhan and Eid ul Adha helping over 60,000 people with their needs. During the winter period over 2,500 winter blankets were distributed to the poor and needy.

Assistance with regards to food, education, shelter and clothing was provided for over 600 children in 2 boarding schools for the entire year and 1 water project was completed in areas of need where over 2,000 people benefitted from clean drinking water.

We have a medical clinic where doctors and opticians come 3-4 times a week and administer free medication where needed. We also had an eye camp where over 300 beneficiaries received free eye tests & glasses.

Bangladesh

Caravan of Mercy has continued to sponsor a number of day schools and boarding schools in different regions of Bangladesh. These schools cater for the educational needs of poor children and orphans. Other than education a number of these children are provided with clothing, food and medical aid whenever required. 149 hand pumps were installed in different regions of Bangladesh where water wasn't easily accessible. In Ramadhan food hampers were given to over 12,500 families. During the winter period more than 1,500 blankets were distributed to the poor and needy. Over 450 eye Cataract operations were completed for the poor and needy.

Cameroon

Caravan of Mercy has continued to provide much needed relief to the poor and needy who have settled in the refugee camps. In Ramadhan 750 food parcels were distributed to families by Caravan of Mercy personnel.

Gambia

Caravan of Mercy runs a number of day schools in The Gambia. These schools provide vital education to over 1,000 students, a number of them being orphans and the majority coming from very poor backgrounds. During the year over 2,000 families benefitted from the Ramadhan food distribution. During the annual pilgrimage the meat of animals was distributed amongst the poor and needy benefitting over 600 families. In addition, 2,000 widows and orphans continued to receive regular clothing supplies from our warehouse in Farato.

One water pump was replaced and fixed this benefitted over 1500 people.

Ghana

During the month of Ramadhan 450 families in different parts of Ghana benefitted from food hampers and over 3,500 water packs were distributed to provide clean drinking water.

Caravan of Mercy installed 4 boreholes and 1 hand pump where over 500 families benefit daily by getting clean drinking water.

Turkey

Caravan of Mercy continued relief projects to help displaced refugees. During the month of Ramadhan 1000 food parcels were distributed to Syrian & Uighur refugees. Qurbani meat was distributed during the annual pilgrimage that benefitted hundreds of families. During the winter season Syrian & Uighur refugees were given over 2,200

blankets and over 8000 milk powder tins were distributed to mothers who were in need.

Caravan of Mercy also assisted with the earthquake disaster by distributing over 2,000 food parcels, 18 tents, 700 blankets, 700 hygiene packs and over 2000 flour bags.

Liberia

During the month of Ramadhan 928 families received food parcels that were distributed amongst the poor and needy, with supplementary aid being provided throughout the year as needed.

Financial assistance was given several times throughout the year.

Kenya

Caravan of Mercy provided relief to affected areas of Kenya where that has been a heavy drought. Caravan of Mercy sent aid for over 50,000 families.

Yemen

Caravan of Mercy provided food parcels during Ramadhan to over 2,000 families.

Summary

- Caravan of Mercy continued orphan sponsorship programmes in Ghana, The Gambia and West Bengal benefiting hundreds of children
- The Ramadan food distribution project was conducted for the 6th year in Cameroon and Liberia
- Containers carrying clothing and aid were sent to Liberia
- Emergency aid was provided to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh
- Meat was distributed in many countries during the yearly pilgrimage, for some this was the only meat they had eaten in months.

Financial review

During the year ended 31 March 2023, the Charity received an income totalling £897,524 (2022: £902,841). Overall, there was a surplus of income over expenditure, including Funds brought forward, of £560,567 (2022: £441,628)

Plans for future periods

The charity will continue to support all the existing projects and aims to complete all of the outstanding projects in the coming year. The charity is looking at expanding its operations in Cameroon and Liberia after successful completion of risk and viability assessments and subject to approval of trustees.

Independent Examiner Accountant

A resolution proposing that Ryalls HMB Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as an independent examiner accountant of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 26 January 2024

Ebrahim I Patel



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARAVAN OF MERCY

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, We report in respect of my examination of your 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).

Opinion on financial statements

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We 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.

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Caravan Of Mercy
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2022 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	91,770	799,829	891,599	899,122
Investment income	3	5,925	-	5,925	3,719
Total incoming resources		97,695	799,829	897,524	902,841
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating funds					
Fundraising costs -Advertising	4	2,010	-	2,010	2,590
Support costs	4	55,321	-	55,321	50,125
Charitable activities	5	-	719,384	719,384	832,822
Governance costs	6	1,870	-	1,870	1,690
Total resources expended		59,201	719,384	778,585	887,227
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		38,494	80,445	118,939	15,614
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds				-	-
Net movement in funds		38,494	80,445	118,939	15,614
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		184,862	256,766	441,628	426,014
Total Funds carried forward		223,356	337,211	560,567	441,628

**Caravan of Mercy
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,028	191
		<u>1,028</u>	<u>191</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	19,651	23,009
Cash at bank and in hand	13	545,857	422,609
		<u>565,508</u>	<u>445,618</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	5,969	4,181
		<u>559,539</u>	<u>441,437</u>
Net current assets		<u>559,539</u>	<u>441,437</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets		<u>560,567</u>	<u>441,628</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	15	223,356	184,862
Restricted funds	15	337,211	256,766
Total funds		<u>560,567</u>	<u>441,628</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 7 were approved by the trustees on 26 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Ebrahim I Patel



Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

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	Donations	91,770	799,829	891,599	899,122
		91,770	799,829	891,599	899,122
3	Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Year ended 31 Mar 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Deposit Interest	5,925	-	5,925	3,719
		5,925	-	5,925	3,719
4	Costs of generating voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Year ended 31 Mar 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Fundraising costs - Advertising	2,010	-	2,010	2,590
	Support costs	55,321	-	55,321	50,125
		57,331	-	57,331	52,715
5	Details of Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Year ended 31 Mar 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Food distribution inc animal sacrifice	-	273,167	273,167	396,993
	Home building and construction costs	-	116,494	116,494	151,169
	Religious schools' cost	-	27,824	27,824	49,077
	Quraan distribution	-	-	-	-
	Orphan sponsorship	-	88,057	88,057	24,568
	Fresh water / sewer projects	-	33,723	33,723	61,701
	International admin costs	-	31,963	31,963	30,307
	Self sustaining (SSP)	-	1,100	1,100	14,184
	Medical aid and emergency relief	-	113,267	113,267	21,035
	Helping the poor and needy	-	33,789	33,789	83,788
		-	719,384	719,384	832,822
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Year ended 31 Mar 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Gambia	-	41,073	41,073	89,783
	Bangladesh	-	122,865	122,865	156,022
	India	-	160,777	160,777	190,000
	Ghana	-	21,100	21,100	35,000
	Kenya	-	60,000	60,000	25,000
	Palestine	-	-	-	15,000
	Uighres Refugee	-	6,000	6,000	10,375
	Yemen	-	10,000	10,000	33,500
	Cameroon	-	20,000	20,000	32,000
	Bangladesh (Rohingya)	-	10,000	10,000	28,707
	Turkey	-	104,319	104,319	42,160
	Liberia	-	130,650	130,650	175,275
	Pakistan	-	32,600	32,600	-
		-	719,384	719,384	832,822

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

6 Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2022 £
Auditors' remuneration				
Statutory accounts	1,870	-	1,870	1,690
Legal & professional	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>1,690</u>

The Legal & professional costs relate to legal and payroll administration costs. For the payroll administration, the accountants have taken advantage of the exemption in ES-PASE.

7 Support Costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2022 £
Staff costs	26,178	-	26,178	25,015
Office costs	24,291	-	24,291	21,384
Bank and credit card charges	4,667	-	4,667	3,692
Depreciation & disposal of fixed asset	185	-	185	34
	<u>55,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,321</u>	<u>50,125</u>

8 Staff numbers	Total 2023 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2022 £
UK Activities		
Fundraising & marketing	2	2
Overseas Activities		
Charitable activities	6	5
	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

9 Staff costs	Total 2023 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2022 £
Salaries and wages	26,135	25,015
Social security costs	43	-
	<u>26,178</u>	<u>25,015</u>

During the year, there were no highly paid employees and employers pension contributions were paid.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

10 Trustees' expenses and remuneration and related party transactions

Trustees are not remunerated. They can get paid expenses for attending meetings and duties directly related to their duties as trustee. During the year, the charity paid travel costs to Syria, Gambia, Ghana and India amounting to £14,940. All other services were provided voluntarily by Trustees including charitable activities. The associated costs have not been quantified.

11 FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost		
B/fwd	700	700
Additions	1,022	1,022
Disposals	-	-
	1,722	1,722
Depreciation		
B/fwd	509	509
Charge for year	185	185
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	694	694
Net Book Value		
31 March 2023	1,028	1,028
31 March 2022	191	191

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax recoverable	8,356	23,009
Prepayments & accrued income	11,295	-
	19,651	23,009

13 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash and bank balances	545,857	422,609
	545,857	422,609

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	-	-
Wages & paye/ni	2,636	2,581
Others	1,583	-
Accruals & accountancy	1,750	1,600
	<u>5,969</u>	<u>4,181</u>

15 Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	184,862	97,695	(59,201)	-	223,356
Total unrestricted funds	<u>184,862</u>	<u>97,695</u>	<u>(59,201)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,356</u>
Restricted funds:					
Reserves	256,766	799,829	(719,384)	-	337,211
Total restricted funds	<u>256,766</u>	<u>799,829</u>	<u>(719,384)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,211</u>
Total funds	<u>441,628</u>	<u>897,524</u>	<u>(778,585)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,567</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

CARAVAN OF MERCY

England & Wales - Charity number 1115896

Accounts

CARAVAN OF MERCY

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 March 2022

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Mr Ebrahim I Patel (Chairman)
Mr Moosa Patel
Sajjad Ahmed Dhariwal – resigned 27 March 2022
Ahmed Ali Gulam Patel

Chairman:

Mr Ebrahim I Patel (Chairman)

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Chartered Certified Accountants
And Statutory Auditors
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LE5 5PH

Bankers:

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Al Rayan Bank
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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

The charity, Caravan of Mercy, is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted 15th March 2006 as amended 25th July 2006 and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1115896.

Objectives and activities

To provide classes and projects to advance the general skills of people in farming, housing construction, health and other skills where a local need has been identified.

To advance the education of pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities required and services for education at the school.

To relieve financial hardship in particular but not exclusively amongst victims of natural and other kind of disaster for persons, bodies organisations and or countries affected, by donating money, food, clothes and medical supplies and by such other means as deemed appropriate by the trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements 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 a going concern basis
- Review major risks and establish systems or procedures to manage those risks

The trustees have overall responsibility of ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, The Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Achievements and performance

India

Assistance with regards to food, education, shelter, and clothing was provided for over 600 children in 2 boarding schools for the entire year and 7 water projects were completed in areas of need where over 2,500 people benefitted from clean drinking water.

Food distributions were carried out at numerous times during the year including Ramadhan and Eid ul Adha helping over 60,000 people with their needs. During the winter period over 2,500 winter blankets were distributed to the poor and needy and Caravan of Mercy continued to provide over 190 individuals with SSP (Self Supporting Projects) which enabled them to earn a livelihood where previously they were poor and needy.

The charity has a medical clinic where doctors and opticians come 3-4 times a week and administer free medication where needed.

Bangladesh

Caravan of Mercy has continued to sponsor several day schools and boarding schools in different regions of Bangladesh. These schools cater for the educational needs of poor children and orphans. Other than education a number of these children are provided with clothing, food and medical aid whenever required.

Caravan of Mercy installed over 75 hand pumps in different regions of Bangladesh where water wasn't easily accessible, some of which were delayed from the previous year due to lockdown restrictions.

In Ramadhan food hampers were given to over 12,500 families. During the winter period more than 2,000 blankets were distributed to the poor and needy. Over 100 eye (cataract) operations were completed for the poor and needy.

Bangladesh continued to host refugees from neighbouring Myanmar, and the charity delivered much needed food, blankets, and other supplies to spread the aid to needy locals and refugees, in Bangladesh.

Cameroon

Caravan of Mercy has continued to provide much needed relief to the poor and needy who have settled in the refugee camps. In Ramadhan 1,200 food parcels were distributed to families and during the annual pilgrimage qurbani meat was distributed to over 1,500 families. The charity have started day schools also.

Gambia

Caravan of Mercy runs several day schools in The Gambia. These schools provide vital education to over 1,000 students, many of them being orphans and the majority coming from very poor backgrounds.

During the year over 2,000 families benefitted from the Ramadhan food distribution. During the annual pilgrimage the meat of animals was distributed amongst the poor and needy benefitting over 600 families. In addition, 2,000 widows and orphans continued to receive regular clothing supplies from our warehouse in Farato.

Ghana

During the month of Ramadhan 2,649 families in various parts of Ghana benefitted from food hampers and over 3,500 water packs were distributed to provide clean drinking water. 1000 families were able to experience the joys of Eid as a result of the distribution of meat from sacrificial animals.

Turkey

Caravan of Mercy continued relief projects to help displaced Syrian & Uighur refugees in Turkey. During the month of Ramadhan 1000 food parcels were distributed and during the annual pilgrimage Qurbani meat was distributed, benefitting hundreds of families.

During the winter season Syrian & Uighur refugees were given over 1,500 blankets and over 1,500 milk powder tins were distributed to mothers who were in need.

Liberia

During the month of Ramadhan 1,600 families received food parcels that were distributed amongst the poor and needy, with supplementary aid being provided throughout the year as needed. Financial assistance was given to needy families/widows throughout the year.

Kenya

Caravan of Mercy provided relief to affected areas of Kenya where that has been heavy drought. Caravan of Mercy sent aid for over 4,000 families.

Summary

- Caravan of Mercy continued orphan sponsorship programmes in The Gambia, Liberia, Bangladesh and West Bengal. This benefited hundreds of children.
- The Ramadan food distribution project was conducted for the 5th year in Cameroon and Liberia.
- Containers carrying clothing and aid were sent to Cameroon.
- Emergency aid was provided to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- Meat was distributed in many countries during the yearly pilgrimage, for some this was the only meat they had eaten in months.

Financial review

During the year ended 31 March 2022, the Charity received an income totalling £918,341 (2021: £794,549). Overall, there was a surplus of income over expenditure, including Funds brought forward, of £426,014 (2021: £441,628)

Plans for future periods

The charity will continue to support all the existing projects and aims to complete all of the outstanding projects in the coming year. The charity is looking at expanding its operations in Cameroon and Liberia after successful completion of risk and viability assessments and subject to approval of trustees.

Independent Examiner Accountant

A resolution proposing that Ryalls HMB Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as an independent examiner accountant of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 5 January 2023



Ahmad Ali Gulam Patel

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARAVAN OF MERCY

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, We report in respect of my examination of your 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).

Opinion on financial statements

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We 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.

Ryalls HMB Ltd
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5/11/23

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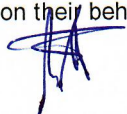
Caravan Of Mercy
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	124,664	774,458	899,122	789,719
Investment income	3	3,719	-	3,719	4,830
Total incoming resources		128,383	774,458	902,841	794,549
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating funds					
Fundraising costs -Advertising	4	2,590	-	2,590	2,767
Support costs	4	50,125	-	50,125	43,029
Charitable activities	5	-	832,822	832,822	754,524
Governance costs	6	1,690	-	1,690	1,722
Total resources expended		54,405	832,822	887,227	802,042
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		73,978	(58,364)	15,614	(7,493)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		(60,000)	60,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,978	1,636	15,614	(7,493)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		170,271	255,743	426,014	433,507
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Caravan of Mercy
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	191	225
		<u>191</u>	<u>225</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	23,009	5,675
Cash at bank and in hand	13	422,609	426,700
		<u>445,618</u>	<u>432,375</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	4,181	6,586
		<u>441,437</u>	<u>425,789</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>441,437</u>	<u>425,789</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets		<u><u>441,628</u></u>	<u><u>426,014</u></u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	15	184,862	170,271
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Total funds		<u><u>441,628</u></u>	<u><u>426,014</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 7 were approved by the trustees on 5 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Ahmad Ali Gulam Patel

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		£	£	£	£
	Deposit Interest	3,719	-	3,719	4,830
		3,719	-	3,719	4,830
4	Costs of generating voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Year ended 31 Mar 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Fundraising costs - Advertising	2,590	-	2,590	2,767
	Support costs	50,125	-	50,125	43,029
		52,715	-	52,715	45,796
5	Details of Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Year ended 31 Mar 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Food distribution inc animal sacrifice	-	396,993	396,993	127,234
	Home building and construction costs	-	151,169	151,169	119,140
	Religious schools' cost	-	49,077	49,077	3,550
	Quraan distribution	-	-	-	-
	Orphan sponsorship	-	24,568	24,568	35,492
	Fresh water / sewer projects	-	61,701	61,701	33,199
	International admin costs	-	30,307	30,307	8,854
	Self sustaining (SSP)	-	14,184	14,184	16,137
	Medical aid and emergency relief	-	21,035	21,035	6,352
	Helping the poor and needy	-	83,788	83,788	404,566
		-	832,822	832,822	754,524
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Year ended 31 Mar 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Gambia	-	89,783	89,783	65,090
	Bangladesh	-	156,022	156,022	179,716
	India	-	190,000	190,000	210,000
	Ghana	-	35,000	35,000	17,002
	Kenya	-	25,000	25,000	-
	Palestine	-	15,000	15,000	-
	Uighres Refugee	-	10,375	10,375	-
	Yemen	-	33,500	33,500	-
	Cameroon	-	32,000	32,000	42,109
	Bangladesh (Rohingya)	-	28,707	28,707	15,284
	Turkey	-	42,160	42,160	48,495
	Liberia	-	175,275	175,275	176,828
		-	832,822	832,822	754,524

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

6	Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2021 £
	Auditors' remuneration				
	Statutory accounts	1,690	-	1,690	1,722
	Legal & professional	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,722</u>

The Legal & professional costs relate to legal and payroll administration costs. For the payroll administration, the accountants have taken advantage of the exemption in ES-PASE

7	Support Costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2021 £
	Staff costs	25,015	-	25,015	22,281
	Office costs	21,384	-	21,384	18,174
	Bank and credit card charges	3,692	-	3,692	2,534
	Depreciation & disposal of fixed asset	34	-	34	40
		<u>50,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,125</u>	<u>43,029</u>

8	Staff numbers	Total 2022 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2021 £
	UK Activities		
	Fundraising & marketing	2	2
	Overseas Activities		
	Charitable activities	5	5
		<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

9	Staff costs	Total 2022 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2021 £
	Salaries and wages	25,015	22,221
	Social security costs	-	60
		<u>25,015</u>	<u>22,281</u>

During the year, there were no highly paid employees and employers pension contributions were paid.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

10 Trustees' expenses and remuneration and related party transactions

Trustees are not remunerated. They can get paid expenses for attending meetings and duties directly related to their duties as trustee. During the year, the charity paid travel costs to Syria, Gambia, Ghana and India amounting to £11,100. All other services were provided voluntarily by Trustees including charitable activities. The associated costs have not been quantified.

11 FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost		
B/fwd	700	700
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	700	700
Depreciation		
B/fwd	475	475
Charge for year	34	34
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	509	509
Net Book Value		
31 March 2022	191	191
31 March 2021	225	225

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Tax recoverable	23,009	5,675
Prepayments & accrued income	-	-
	23,009	5,675

13 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash and bank balances	422,609	426,700
	422,609	426,700

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	-	-
Wages & paye/ni	2,581	5,086
Others	-	-
Accruals & accountancy	1,600	1,500
	<u>4,181</u>	<u>6,586</u>

15 Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	170,271	128,383	(53,792)	(60,000)	184,862
Total unrestricted funds	<u>170,271</u>	<u>128,383</u>	<u>(53,792)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>184,862</u>
Restricted funds:					
Reserves	255,743	789,958	(848,935)	60,000	256,766
Total restricted funds	<u>255,743</u>	<u>789,958</u>	<u>(848,935)</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>256,766</u>
Total funds	<u>426,014</u>	<u>918,341</u>	<u>(902,727)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>441,628</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

CARAVAN OF MERCY

England & Wales - Charity number 1115896

Accounts

CARAVAN OF MERCY

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 March 2021

Charity no: 1115896

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Legal and administrative information

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

The charity, Caravan of Mercy, is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted 15th March 2006 as amended 25th July 2006 and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1115896.

Objectives and activities

To provide classes and projects to advance the general skills of people in farming, housing construction, health and other skills where a local need has been identified.

To advance the education of pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities required and services for education at the school.

To relieve financial hardship in particular but not exclusively amongst victims of natural and other kind of disaster for persons, bodies organisations and or countries affected, by donating money, food, clothes and medical supplies and by such other means as deemed appropriate by the trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements 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 a going concern basis
- Review major risks and establish systems or procedures to manage those risks

The trustees have overall responsibility of ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, The Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Achievements and performance

India

Caravan of Mercy continued to provide over 190 individuals with SSP (Self Supporting Projects) which enabled them to earn a livelihood where previously they were poor and needy. Food distributions were carried out at numerous times during the year including Ramadhan and Eid ul Adha helping over 56,620 people with their needs. During the winter period over 2,500 winter blankets were distributed to the poor and needy.

Assistance with regards to food, education, shelter and clothing was provided for over 600 children in 2 boarding schools for the entire year and 6 water projects were completed in areas of need where over 2,000 people benefitted from clean drinking water.

We have a medical clinic where doctors and opticians come 3-4 times a week and administer free medication where needed.

Bangladesh

Caravan of Mercy has continued to sponsor a number of day schools and boarding schools in different regions of Bangladesh. These schools cater for the educational needs of poor children and orphans. Other than education a number of these children are provided with clothing, food and medical aid whenever required. This year over 90 hand pumps were installed in different regions of Bangladesh where water wasn't easily accessible. In Ramadhan food hampers were given to over 12,000 families. During the winter period more than 2,000 blankets were distributed to the poor and needy.

Bangladesh continued to host refugees from neighbouring Myanmar and a large relief effort was organised. Caravan of Mercy delivered much needed food, blankets and other supplies in order to spread the aid to people as more refugees arrived in Bangladesh.

Cameroon

Caravan of Mercy has continued to provide much needed relief to the poor and needy who have settled in the refugee camps. In Ramadhan 1,200 food parcels were distributed to families by Caravan of Mercy personnel. During the annual pilgrimage qurbani meat was distributed to over 1,500 families.

Gambia

Caravan of Mercy runs a number of day schools in The Gambia. These schools provide vital education to over 1,000 students, a number of them being orphans and the majority coming from very poor backgrounds. During the year over 1,060 families benefitted from the Ramadhan food distribution. During the annual pilgrimage the meat of animals was distributed amongst the poor and needy benefitting over 500 families. In addition, 2,000 widows and orphans continued to receive regular clothing supplies from our warehouse in Farato.

During the year solar panels were installed in one of the schools. The school has over 550 students who benefitted from the installation as power outages occur frequently in Gambia.

Ghana

During the month of Ramadhan 2,649 families in different parts of Ghana benefitted from food hampers and over 2,000 water packs were distributed to provide clean drinking water. 1000 families were able to experience the joys of Eid as a result of the distribution of meat from sacrificial animals. During the year the Aisha Siddique

Islamic Girls Academy (ASIGA) which began in 2013 provided education for nearly 300 students.

Turkey

Caravan of Mercy continued relief projects to help displaced refugees. During the month of Ramadhan 100 food parcels were distributed. Qurbani meat was distributed during the annual pilgrimage that benefited hundreds of families. During the winter season refugees were given 800 blankets and 3,500 milk powder tins were distributed to mothers who were in need. Finally, 2 boreholes were constructed benefitting over 600 people.

Liberia

During the month of Ramadhan 1,000 families received food parcels that were distributed amongst the poor and needy, with supplementary aid being provided throughout the year as needed.

Financial assistance was given several times throughout the year.

Summary

- Caravan of Mercy continued orphan sponsorship programmes in Ghana, The Gambia and West Bengal benefiting hundreds of children
- The Ramadan food distribution project was conducted for the 5th year in Cameroon and Liberia
- Containers carrying clothing and aid were sent to Cameroon
- Emergency aid was provided to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh
- Meat was distributed in many countries during the yearly pilgrimage, for some this was the only meat they had eaten in months.

Financial review

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Charity received an income totalling £794,549 (2020: £478,541). Overall, there was a surplus of income over expenditure, including Funds brought forward, of £426,014 (2020: £433,507)

Plans for future periods

The charity will continue to support all the existing projects and aims to complete all of the outstanding projects in the coming year. The charity is looking at expanding its operations in Cameroon and Liberia after successful completion of risk and viability assessments and subject to approval of trustees.

Independent Examiner Accountant

A resolution proposing that Ryalls HMB Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as an independent examiner accountant of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 5 November 2021



Sajjad Dhariwal

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARAVAN OF MERCY

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of my examination of your 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).

Opinion on financial statements

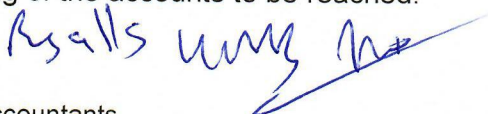
We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We 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.

Ryalls HMB Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
And Statutory Auditors
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Caravan Of Mercy
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	78,765	710,954	789,719	475,055
Investment income	3	4,830	-	4,830	3,486
Total incoming resources		83,595	710,954	794,549	478,541
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating funds					
Fundraising costs -Advertising	4	2,767	-	2,767	-
Support costs	4	43,029	-	43,029	29,139
Charitable activities	5	-	754,524	754,524	377,420
Governance costs	6	1,722	-	1,722	2,121
Total resources expended		47,518	754,524	802,042	408,680
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		36,077	(43,570)	(7,493)	69,861
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		(50,000)	50,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,923)	6,430	(7,493)	69,861
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		184,194	249,313	433,507	363,646
Total Funds carried forward		170,271	255,743	426,014	433,507

Caravan of Mercy
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	225	265
		<u>225</u>	<u>265</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	5,675	223
Cash at bank and in hand	13	426,700	444,594
		<u>432,375</u>	<u>444,817</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	6,586	11,575
		<u>425,789</u>	<u>433,242</u>
Net current assets		<u>425,789</u>	<u>433,242</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets		<u>426,014</u>	<u>433,507</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	15	170,271	184,194
Restricted funds	15	255,743	249,313
Total funds		<u>426,014</u>	<u>433,507</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 7 were approved by the trustees on 5 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Sajjad Dhariwal

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP); "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds (Sadqah / Zakaat) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest, and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts / items donated by businesses & communities for distribution to the poor & needy are only included as income where a reliable valuation is available. Otherwise only the costs associated with the transportation and distribution of these items are shown in the financial statements. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(e) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Improvement to leasehold building	over 4 years
Fixture & fittings	over 4 years
Office equipment	over 4 years

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

(f) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

(g) Taxation

The charity is exempt for Taxation purposes and is not registered for VAT. However, the charity is allowed to reclaim tax on donations received under Gift Aid scheme.

Caravan of Mercy
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

2	Voluntary Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Year ended 31 Mar 2020
		£	£	£	£
	Donations	78,765	710,954	789,719	475,055
		78,765	710,954	789,719	475,055
3	Investment Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Year ended 31 Mar 2020
		£	£	£	£
	Deposit Interest	4,830	-	4,830	3,486
		4,830	-	4,830	3,486
4	Costs of generating voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Year ended 31 Mar 2020
		£	£	£	£
	Fundraising costs -Advertising	2,767	-	2,767	-
	Support costs	43,029	-	43,029	29,139
		45,796	-	45,796	29,139
5	Details of Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Year ended 31 Mar 2020
		£	£	£	£
	Food distribution inc animal sacrifice	-	127,234	127,234	51,062
	Home building and construction costs	-	119,140	119,140	86,925
	Religious schools' cost	-	3,550	3,550	-
	Quraan distribution	-	-	-	164
	Orphan sponsorship	-	35,492	35,492	11,193
	Fresh water / sewer projects	-	33,199	33,199	26,234
	International admin costs	-	8,854	8,854	9,957
	Self sustaining (SSP)	-	16,137	16,137	-
	Medical aid and emergency relief	-	6,352	6,352	2,034
	Helping the poor and needy	-	404,566	404,566	189,851
		-	754,524	754,524	377,420
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Year ended 31 Mar 2020
		£	£	£	£
	Gambia	-	65,090	65,090	47,998
	Bangladesh	-	179,716	179,716	48,259
	India	-	210,000	210,000	120,000
	Ghana	-	17,002	17,002	37,178
	Iraq	-	-	-	-
	Syria	-	-	-	-
	Cameroon	-	42,109	42,109	11,175
	Bangladesh (Rohingya)	-	15,284	15,284	31,741
	Turkey	-	48,495	48,495	4,560
	Liberia	-	176,828	176,828	76,509
		-	754,524	754,524	377,420

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

6	Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2020 £
	Auditors' remuneration				
	Statutory accounts	1,722	-	1,722	1,501
	Legal & professional	-	-	-	620
		<u>1,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,722</u>	<u>2,121</u>

The Legal & professional costs relate to Legal and payroll administration costs. For the payroll administration, the accountants have taken advantage of the exemption in ES-PASE

7	Support Costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2020 £
	Staff costs	22,281	-	22,281	18,109
	Office costs	18,174	-	18,174	9,415
	Bank and credit card charges	2,534	-	2,534	1,568
	Depreciation & disposal of fixed asset	40	-	40	47
		<u>43,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,029</u>	<u>29,139</u>

8	Staff numbers	Total 2021 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2020 £
	UK Activities		
	Fundraising & marketing	2	3
	Overseas Activities		
	Charitable activities	5	5
		<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

9	Staff costs	Total 2021 £	Year ended 31 Mar 2020 £
	Salaries and wages	22,221	18,035
	Social security costs	60	74
		<u>22,281</u>	<u>18,109</u>

During the year, there were no highly paid employees and employers pension contributions were paid.

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11 FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	TOTAL
Cost		
B/fwd	700	700
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Depreciation		
B/fwd	435	435
Charge for year	40	40
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	<u>475</u>	<u>475</u>
Net Book Value		
31 March 2021	<u><u>225</u></u>	<u><u>225</u></u>
31 March 2020	<u><u>265</u></u>	<u><u>265</u></u>

12 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	5,675	68
Prepayments & accrued income	-	155
	<u><u>5,675</u></u>	<u><u>223</u></u>

13 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash and bank balances	426,700	444,594
	<u><u>426,700</u></u>	<u><u>444,594</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	-	-
Wages & paye/ni	5,086	2,923
Others	-	-
Accruals & accountancy	1,500	8,652
	<u>6,586</u>	<u>11,575</u>

15 Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	184,194	83,595	(47,518)	(50,000)	170,271
Total unrestricted funds	<u>184,194</u>	<u>83,595</u>	<u>(47,518)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>170,271</u>
Restricted funds:					
Reserves	249,313	710,954	(754,524)	50,000	255,743
Total restricted funds	<u>249,313</u>	<u>710,954</u>	<u>(754,524)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>255,743</u>
Total funds	<u>433,507</u>	<u>794,549</u>	<u>(802,042)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>426,014</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.