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# The Galilee Foundation

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2024

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## Reference and administrative information

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**Company number** 06037771

**Charity number** 1118966

**Registered office and operational address** The Galilee Foundation  
1 Gough Square,  
London, EC4A 3DE  
United Kingdom

**Country of registration** England & Wales

**Country of incorporation** United Kingdom

**Trustees** Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Marwan Bishara  
Sawsan Asfari  
Ms Leila Garadaghi  
Yousef Bazian  
Khalil Jahshan  
Eyad Mahameed (resigned April 2024)  
Katherine Bucknell

**Advisory Board** Advisers do not have any formal legal responsibilities. The advisers who only offer advice and support are as follows:

David Freeman	Legal adviser
Dina Bseisu	Adviser

<b>Key Management personnel</b>	Marwan Bishara	Chairman
	Sawsan Asfari	Executive Director
	Maha Al Farra	Managing Director

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### **Trustees' annual report**

#### **For the year ended 31 August 2024**

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### **Trustees and organisational structure**

Trustees of the Galilee Foundation serve until they stand down. New trustees are nominated to fill specific gaps identified by the Trustees. When new Trustees are appointed, they are provided with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Trustees and charity law. Trustees receive updates, progress reports and publications on a regular basis.

The Trustees currently meet virtually twice yearly to govern and monitor the progress of the Charity. They are also in touch regularly on email and video conference calls. The policies and procedures are reviewed and updated regularly. The Trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the charity to the Foundation's office in London. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the Charities Act 2006

Maha Al Farra, the Managing Director, Dianne Woodward, administrative officer and Clare Roberts, Grants officer continued in their roles. Layla Assam, Fundraising Officer resigned in January 2024. The Foundation's contract with Ghada Maisury, Trusts and Foundations Consultant, was not renewed at the end of August 2024 by mutual agreement and the role of Communications Officer was made redundant in April 2024 due to the board deciding to restructure roles. The employees' work has been overseen by the Co-Founder, Executive Director and Trustee Sawsan Asfari. Treganna's Consultancy continues to oversee and manage the Foundation's finances on a monthly basis. Marwan Bishara, Chairman and Co-Founder, also lends support via a monthly Zoom meeting with the office team.

### **Grant making policy**

The Foundation receives project proposals, however its current projects have been solicited and developed together with the partner organisations. The Foundation drafts agreements that specify the responsibilities of its partners and the schedule of reporting. Partners are required to submit narrative and financial reports at least once per year. Our Managing Director and Grants officer both have had regular meetings with partners to monitor progress. For sustainability of projects' achievements, the Foundation seeks to develop longstanding partnerships while maintaining rigorous monitoring and evaluation procedures.

## **Partner Due Diligence**

We have been strengthening our partner due diligence framework since the introduction of GF's formal policy document in 2019. We now require initial operational and financial assessments to be prepared for all new partners before we enter into any grant arrangements or memoranda of understanding. We regularly monitor progress of programmes and utilise a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for the assessment and internal audit of our partners. Due to current events in Palestine/Israel since October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 we are having to further revise and tighten our due diligence on donations and donors as well as partners to satisfy enhanced bank requirements and to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism legislation. We will be conducting ongoing due diligence on existing partners on an annual basis and when their governing personnel change.

## **Hybrid and Remote Working**

Although the covid induced lockdown officially ceased in June 2021, Galilee Foundation staff have continued to use hybrid and remote working as the norm throughout the reporting period, for convenience and preference. While the London based Galilee employees endeavoured to work in the office one day in common each week, other members of the team permanently work remotely from further afield. These measures have not adversely impacted our day-to-day operational activities in the UK, since much of the work is done digitally anyway. In some ways it has proven beneficial since new recruits do not have to be based in London, and we have had a larger pool of candidates to choose from. The absence of the daily commute also affords more time for a better work-life balance. The challenge to co-ordinate remote digital working and recreate the mutually supportive office atmosphere in order to maintain morale and productivity has been achieved with frequent virtual meetings, both regular and ad hoc, between staff, trustees, partners and volunteers etc using different digital tools depending on the reason for communication and the personnel involved. In some ways productivity has been increased because there is more freedom to choose the hours worked.

## **Fundraising Events**

Our fundraising events in this reporting year were crowned by a highly successful Gala in April 2024 as well as participation in the Royal Parks Half Marathon in October 2023 and Christmas Big Give in December 2023, along with the Saucony London 10k in July 2024. We also held a sold out screening of the film *Lyd* in May 2024 followed by Q&A with the directors

## **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to reduce and mitigate the exposure to risks. A cash flow summary is kept and regularly reviewed and updated. The Trustees have identified the following as the principal risks facing the Foundation and have controls in place for their active management:

- The risk of charitable impact not being maximised and of the wasteful use of charitable funds resulting in reputational damage. The Foundation's management mitigates this risk by conducting regular evaluation, monitoring and follow up for all projects funded by the Foundation to assess the achievement of the Foundation's charitable objectives. Furthermore, the Trustees receive regular reports from the management of the Foundation to monitor and assess the performance of the Foundation, its activities and projects it supports to ensure that grants given are used for the charitable purpose intended.
- The safeguarding of the Foundation's investments and the risk of generating insufficient return. To mitigate such risk, one of our trustees who has a background in the financial sector has offered to regularly monitor and review the investments portfolio in line with the investment policy and advise the Trustees accordingly.
- Safeguarding of Foundation's income and the risk of devaluation of Foundation's funds due to currency fluctuation, particularly the funds in Pound sterling. To mitigate such risk, the Trustees have placed \$339k (£258k) in a fixed Sterling denominated deposit.
- The consequences of the current war in Gaza on the functionality and physical safety of our partners and beneficiaries in Israel and in the West Bank given the increasing tensions, as well as the possible future constraints on our fundraising and on our banking activities from the UK to the region. These have been addressed in detail in our deliberations of going concern. Strategies have been considered for adoption according to the severity of the developing situation and should permit the Galilee Foundation to continue to meet its charitable purposes.

## **Objectives and activities**

The Galilee Foundation's objectives are to further such charitable objectives as the Trustees in their absolute discretion think fit and include the following:

(1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS OF PALESTINIANS IN OR LIVING IN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, REGARDLESS OF GENDER OR FAITH, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ORGANISING AND ENCOURAGING EDUCATION, CULTURE, HERITAGE, ART, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES;

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(2) TO RELIEVE THE POVERTY OF PALESTINIANS IN OR LIVING IN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, REGARDLESS OF GENDER OR FAITH, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, TRAINING AND SUPPORT.

The Galilee Foundation's general areas of operation are Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. This reporting period saw the Foundation plan to expand to work with three UK registered charities providing support to beneficiaries in or displaced from Gaza.

To work towards these objectives, the Foundation identifies and makes grants to registered, reputable, non-political, and non-sectarian charitable organisations and research institutions for existing or new projects that meet the Foundation's objectives. These policies have not changed during the year.

In deciding what activities the charity should undertake, the Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission including with respect to public benefit.

The Galilee Foundation's vision is to contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty and inequality faced by many Palestinian citizens of Israel as well as those in the occupied Palestinian territories. The Foundation believes strongly that access to education is the key to making this vision a reality.

### **Fundraising Statement**

The Galilee Foundation is able to harness the goodwill and incredible generosity of donors from across the world through the work we undertake to provide Higher Education and other forms of educational support to Palestinian youth. We generate funds from a wide range of UK and international donors. This includes individual one-off donations, regular donations, institutional funding as well as Gift Aid. These funds are raised by the trustees, staff, volunteers and individuals who fundraise in support of the Galilee Foundation. The Galilee Foundation received several generous donations from foundations such as the Asfari Foundation and Arab Centre Research and Policy Studies to support its projects. We also received generous donations from those who took part in or supported our fundraising events. The Galilee Foundation also received a small amount of income from our online boutique.

We communicate regularly with our supporters through newsletters, appeals, social media and emails. We provide a comprehensive picture of our activities on our website at: [www.galileefoundation.org.uk](http://www.galileefoundation.org.uk) as well as our social media channels and we are available to support via phone or email.

The Galilee Foundation is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and works in a way that is compliant with the Code of Fundraising Practice.



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We have not received any complaints relating to fundraising. Should this happen, GF employees will record this digitally and discuss with our trustees to review.

The staff manage and monitor the fundraising work undertaken by others. Any volunteer or freelancer that works with us is required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement which we implemented in 2019. The staff also conduct informal interviews and induction of activities with all new volunteers.

### **Project Activities in 2023/24**

The Galilee Foundation aims to bring positive and meaningful change to thousands of young people through its scholarship programmes, training, access to education and cultural activities.

In the 2023/24 financial year the Foundation renewed its support to several of its existing partners, as well as making some new grants.

- **The Scholarship Programme in Israel:** The Foundations's main programme provides university scholarships to underprivileged Palestinian citizens of Israel. The programme is implemented in partnership with the Arab Cultural Association (ACA) in Haifa. The programme offers financial support for students but also additional training and vocational skills training, cultural activities and mentoring. The programme also includes a volunteering programme for all recipients of scholarships, encouraging them to get involved in their local communities and connect with their Palestinian heritage. In the 2023/24 academic year, a total of 186 students benefited from the programme.
- **Al Quds University's Youth Economic Empowerment Programme:** In 2023/24 the Foundation continued its support for an ambitious multi-year project called "Youth Economic Empowerment through Research and Technology Innovation". The project is supporting at least 500 students and job-seekers from vulnerable communities, primarily in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. The Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Programme offers business incubation training and support, and aims to strengthen the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among Palestinian youth, enhancing employment opportunities and strengthening micro and small businesses through cooperative business models.
- **ACA Building** - The Galilee Foundation is supporting the construction of a multidisciplinary cultural centre in Haifa which will benefit the Palestinian community in Israel. The centre will be dedicated to public cultural and artistic services, and will serve as a space to promote and advance cultural independence for Palestinian Arabs in the artistic, literary, and critical fields through initiatives that raise awareness of identity and collective rights. It will become a vital urban space for knowledge exchange, production, and publishing. Construction is ongoing and is expected to be completed in 2025.

- **Adalah (The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel)** – in the 2023/24 financial year, the Galilee Foundation provided emergency funding for Adalah's work defending the rights of Palestinian university students facing disciplinary proceedings by Israeli academic institutions for their social media use since the beginning of the war on Gaza in October 2023. The Foundation also supported Adalah's law student camp, and its professional legal training programme for intern, which train Palestinian legal apprentices.
- **Mada Al-Carmel - the Arab Centre for Applied Social Research:** The Foundation continued to partner with Mada Al-Carmel, which aims to support students who wish to pursue post graduate studies and to provide them with academic training - the first of its kind available to Palestinian PhD students in Israel. In the 2023/24 financial year the Foundation also supported Mada Al-Carmel with core costs, allowing it to continue with its series of publications, seminars and conferences, in order to support the diverse academic challenges and needs faced by Palestinian students in Israel.
- **Baladna Association for Arab Youth:** The Foundation continued to partner with Baladna to support the organisation's core funding and educational materials. Baladna provides youth with the training, resources and practical tools they need to confront discrimination and the marginalisation of Palestinian people in Israel. The organisation's projects aim to empower Palestinian youth to become agents of positive social change and develop community projects responsive to the needs of their communities, also fostering awareness of the Palestinian identity and history among Palestinian youth groups in Israel.
- **FQMS/Hanoon Foundation:** The Foundation partnered with the Al Quds Foundation for Medical Schools in Palestine (FQMS/Hanoon Foundation) in their work supporting Palestinian medical students affected by the war on Gaza, by providing them with essential financial support and resources to enable them to continue their education uninterrupted and support the next generation of Palestinian healthcare professionals.
- **IMET 2000:** The Foundation continued its support for a Palestinian student from the Jordan Valley to study for a BA in Veterinary Science at An Najah University, Nablus, via IMET 2000. This student continued to do well in this, the second year of her degree, achieving an average of 3.14/4 in her exams and continuous assessment. The Foundation also supported a prosthetic limbs project for Palestinian young people, a project which is ongoing into 2025.
- **ACA Alumni Programme:** With funding from the Open Society Foundation, the Galilee Foundation continued its provision for an Alumni Coordinator to develop a programme of support for its ever-expanding network of beneficiaries from its scholarship programme with the Arab Culture Association. This programme aims to help the Foundation to keep in touch with our alumni once they graduate and to monitor and assess the impact of the scholarship programme over time.
- **Palestine Vision** – The Galilee Foundation also made a small grant to Bethlehem Cultural Festival for its Palestine Vision event, which took place at the Tabernacle in London on 7 May 2024. The aim was to support Palestinian talent, and the grant went towards the venue costs for the event.

## **Future Plans**

In 2024-25, the Foundation plans to continue its work establishing an alumni programme for its students in order to keep in touch with them once they graduate and monitor the scholarship programme's impact. It is hoped that a strong alumni network can benefit the wider community through engagement in capacity building, entrepreneurial collaboration, and job creation.

The Events following October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 have strongly impacted our partners on the ground and our students in Israel and East Jerusalem. Palestinian students of Israel have been suspended, expelled or even arrested for misdemeanours as minor as raising the Palestinian flag or liking the wrong social media post. Although none of our beneficiaries have been involved to date, the possibility remains that any of them could be in the future. Some have lost their jobs for speaking Arabic at work. The start of the new academic year has been delayed due to the military call up and its effect on the functionality of universities. Our partners have responded by giving legal support to affected students and running new legal advice workshops on how to avoid sanctions as well as mental health workshops to counter the fallout from anxiety, panic and increased hostility towards them. These events have required the Galilee Foundation to look at how we can assist the new legal and mental health needs of partners and students within the limits of our objects. We are planning to raise some funds to support Adalah's increased employment costs as well as ACA's workshops and mental health interventions.

We are also in conversations with Ajyal on how best to support their projects for trauma informed education among primary school children in Gaza, given that ongoing war, continuous displacement, trauma and scholasticide have all but brought education to a halt, and current conditions are not conducive to resumption.

In terms of fundraising, we will continue to develop our fundraising strategy with the aim of diversifying our funding to include more online and virtual events and a wider selection of live events throughout the coming year as well as hold another gala event in spring 2025. We will continue to reach out to appropriate trusts and foundations internationally and we plan to increase the number of regular donors through greater engagement with the wider community. The foundation is considering the hire of a community engagement/fundraising officer with the aim of developing solid systems and processes in place.

The Foundation continues to conduct strategic reviews to ensure that its donations help those in need most effectively and are currently working on updating our strategy with regard to the future development of the Foundation.

As the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories in particular and the Middle East in general develops in a dangerous and uncertain manner, the Galilee Foundation will need to continue to be flexible to adapt to the challenges ahead, and the impacts these will have on operations in general and fundraising in particular. Without being cynical we must encourage all stakeholders to recognize any possible opportunities in adversity and

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contribute innovative ideas for fundraising or to raise awareness, regardless of the conditions under which we will work this coming year. We also need to support our partners as they grapple with the local challenges that lie ahead, some of which are yet unpredictable. Finally, we must recognize that it is our beneficiaries, the young people whose lives we aim to change for the better, who are most impacted by our success or failure and do everything in our power to ensure their success.

### **Financial Review**

The Foundation continues to receive investment income from the generous funds originally donated by the State of Qatar for the provision of university scholarships.

Total income in the year was USD3,782,753, substantially higher due to the receipt of USD1,500,000 which will be used to support the building program of the Arab Cultural Association, and fundraising through a charity dinner and auction.

Total expenditure of the Foundation on projects, generating funds and operational costs from 1 September 2023 until 31 August 2024 was USD3,028,996 while the majority of the Foundation's expenditure went towards the projects, in the form of grants totalling USD2,420,678. The Scholarship Programme remains the Foundation's core project, whilst the ACA Building was the largest expenditure incurred.

Overall the results for the year were consistent with the budget.

### **Investment Policy**

The Galilee Foundation has an Investment Committee comprised of the Chairman, Executive Director and a Trustee with over three decades of financial experience. The Investment Committee advises the board on appropriate investments, monitor performance, recommend the appointment of advisers, liaise with advisers, and report to the board. The Investment Committee mandate also manages the investment portfolio on a low risk, low volatility basis, with a view to generating income over the long term. Before each investment or de-investment decision is made, the investment committee consults with at least three outside financial advisors to ensure maximum diligence.

The objective of the Foundation's current investments portfolio is to ensure capital preservation and generate investment income by seeking to produce financial returns at an acceptable low level of risk. The Investment Fund is in a separate account and is invested in state bonds, and some blue-chip shares in an amount that does not exceed 15 percent of the total. The results over the past decade have been quite satisfactory. The interest on the investments of this fund is used primarily for the Foundation's Scholarship Programme.

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### **Reserves Policy and Going Concern**

The Galilee Foundation is currently dependent on a range of sources of income to sustain its activities. In 2024 the Galilee Foundation was able to hold a gala dinner event for the first time since 2019 and also fundraising through organizing a range of live and online events.

The Foundation plans its fundraising in advance having a 24 month view of cash flow.

To avoid closure if funding difficulties were to happen to the Foundation, the Board of Trustees has agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that its main operations can continue for a period of 12 months. It has been calculated that free reserves (unrestricted funds not tied up in fixed assets, investments or designated for other purposes) of USD194,185 would be needed to continue operating at a minimal level for at least 12 months. At the year end, the charity held total funds of USD6,164,600, of which USD1,225,287 were restricted and USD4,939,313 were unrestricted. Of the unrestricted reserves USD2,167,201 are designated against future projects, and USD2,577,927 are held in income producing investments and fixed assets. This leaves USD194,185 in free reserves, meeting the agreed level.

The Board of Trustees consider that any reserves held above that level are available to be used to increase the number of students supported under the Scholarship program, or to fund new programs arising during the following years.

The Foundation's consolidated balance sheet remains strong with net current assets of USD3,586,673. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Galilee Foundation and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future.

The consequences of the election of the far-right government followed by the current war in Gaza on the physical and material safety of our partners and beneficiaries in Israel and in the West Bank given the increasing tensions, alongside uncertainties with respect to possible escalation as well as the constraints on our fundraising and banking activities from the UK have added an extra layer of unpredictability. The Managing Director, Executive Director and Chairman have considered possible scenarios and strategies and are confident that adjustment to our activities can mitigate against the possibility of being unable to temporarily function in any capacity to meet our objects.

The Trustees are of the view that a Going concern basis is appropriate financially and that there are no material concerns currently regarding our operations. We will continue to monitor the situation on the ground with our partners and respond accordingly.

## **Audit information**

The Trustees confirm that there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware. The Trustees have taken all reasonable steps to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information.

## **Remuneration policy for key management personnel**

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and the senior management team the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of trustees' expenses are disclosed in note 6 and related party transactions are disclosed in Note 7 to the accounts.

The financial year began with five part-time employees and two external consultants and finished with three part-time employees and one external consultant. Their pay is determined by the Executive Director and Chairman.

## **Statement of responsibilities of the trustees**

The trustees (who are also directors of The Galilee Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for approving the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £100 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 August 2024 was 7 (2023:8). The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

### **Auditor**

Sayer Vincent LLP was re-appointed as the charitable company's auditor during the year and has expressed its willingness to continue in that capacity.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Sawsan Asfari  
Executive Director & Trustee

**Independent auditor's report  
to the members of  
The Galilee Foundation**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Galilee Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on The Galilee Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.



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### **Other Information**

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

### **Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities**

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
  - Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
  - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
  - The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the

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### **to the members of**

### **The Galilee Foundation**

financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.

- We communicated applicable laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We reviewed any reports made to regulators.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Noelia Serrano FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

27 May 2025

for and on behalf of Sayer Vincent LLP, Statutory Auditor  
110 Golden Lane, LONDON, EC1Y 0TG

**Statement of financial activities** (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

**For the year ended 31 August 2024**

				<b>2024</b>			2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Note	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2a	947,893	202,057	<b>1,149,950</b>	49,893	244,106	293,999
Charitable activities							
Scholarship programme	2b	–	66,778	<b>66,778</b>	11,884	136,559	148,443
Other projects	2b	–	2,176,593	<b>2,176,593</b>	144,520	1,674,292	1,818,812
Other trading activities	2c	146,858	–	<b>146,858</b>	1,494	–	1,494
Investments		242,574	–	<b>242,574</b>	186,913	–	186,913
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,337,325</b>	<b>2,445,428</b>	<b>3,782,753</b>	<b>394,704</b>	<b>2,054,957</b>	<b>2,449,661</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds		168,449	–	<b>168,449</b>	28,979	–	28,979
Other trading activities		1,266	–	<b>1,266</b>	1,307	–	1,307
Charitable activities							
Scholarship programme		97,093	531,127	<b>628,220</b>	79,031	676,744	755,775
Other projects		376,961	1,590,264	<b>1,967,225</b>	206,855	721,489	928,344
Provision for bad & doubtful debts			263,836	<b>263,836</b>			
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3a	<b>643,769</b>	<b>2,385,227</b>	<b>3,028,996</b>	<b>316,172</b>	<b>1,398,233</b>	<b>1,714,405</b>
<b>Net income before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>693,556</b>	<b>60,201</b>	<b>753,757</b>	<b>78,532</b>	<b>656,724</b>	<b>735,256</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	41,874	–	<b>41,874</b>	(17,098)	–	(17,098)
<b>Net income before other recognised gains and losses</b>	5	<b>735,430</b>	<b>60,201</b>	<b>795,631</b>	<b>61,434</b>	<b>656,724</b>	<b>718,158</b>
Gains on foreign exchange		127,552	–	<b>127,552</b>	83,110	–	83,110
Transfers		(183,804)	183,804	<b>–</b>	(296,080)	296,080	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	14a	<b>679,178</b>	<b>244,005</b>	<b>923,183</b>	<b>(151,536)</b>	<b>952,804</b>	<b>801,268</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		4,260,135	981,282	<b>5,241,417</b>	4,411,671	28,478	4,440,149
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>4,939,313</b>	<b>1,225,287</b>	<b>6,164,600</b>	<b>4,260,135</b>	<b>981,282</b>	<b>5,241,417</b>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 14a to the financial statements.

# The Galilee Foundation

## Balance sheet

Company no. 06037771

As at 31 August 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Investments	9		2,577,011		2,535,137
Tangible Fixed Assets	10		916		2,599
			<u>2,577,927</u>		<u>2,537,736</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Debtors	11	66,849		340,710	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,633,032		2,398,388	
		<u>3,699,881</u>		<u>2,739,098</u>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	113,208		35,417	
		<u>113,208</u>		<u>35,417</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>3,586,673</u>		<u>2,703,681</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u><u>6,164,600</u></u>		<u><u>5,241,417</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
	13a				
Restricted funds			1,225,287		981,282
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		2,167,201			1,369,685
General funds		2,772,112			2,890,450
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>4,939,313</u>			<u>4,260,135</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u><u>6,164,600</u></u>		<u><u>5,241,417</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 23rd May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mrs S Asfari  
Trustee

**The Galilee Foundation**

**Statement of cash flows**

**For the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<b>Net income for the reporting period</b>		<b>923,183</b>	801,268
<b>(as per the statement of financial activities)</b>			
Depreciation	5	1,278	2,116
(Gains) from foreign exchange		(127,552)	(83,110)
(Gains) / losses on investments	9	(41,874)	17,098
Dividends and interest from investments		(242,574)	(186,913)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	11	273,861	(268,908)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	12	77,791	(25,868)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>864,113</b>	255,683
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		242,574	186,913
Purchase of fixed assets	10	–	(3,212)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		405	437
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		<b>242,979</b>	184,138
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>1,107,092</b>	439,821
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,398,388	1,875,457
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements		127,552	83,110
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>3,633,032</b>	2,398,388

**Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	At 31 August 2023	Cash flows	Other changes	At 31 August 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash in hand	2,398,388	1,107,092	127,552	3,633,032
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,398,388</b>	<b>1,107,092</b>	<b>127,552</b>	<b>3,633,032</b>

**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Statutory information**

The Galilee Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales.

The registered office address and principal place of business is 1 Gough Square (c/o the Arab British Centre) London EC4A 3DE.

**b) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP FRS 102), The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

**c) Functional and presentation currency**

These financial statements are presented in US\$, which is the Company's functional currency.

**d) Public benefit entity**

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**e) Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**f) Income**

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Revenue grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier.

Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the charity's control, the incoming resources are recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

**g) Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**h) Fund accounting**

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

**i) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of the scholarship programme and other educational activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**j) Grants payable**

Grants payable are made to third parties in furtherance of the charity's objects. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and that any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

**k) Allocation of support costs**

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on the following basis which are an estimate, based on staff time, of the amount attributable to each activity.

Where information about the aims, objectives and projects of the charity is provided to potential beneficiaries, the costs associated with this publicity are allocated to charitable expenditure.

Where such information about the aims, objectives and projects of the charity is also provided to potential donors, activity costs are apportioned between fundraising and charitable activities on the basis of area of literature occupied by each activity.

Support and governance costs are re-allocated to each of the activities on the following basis which is an estimate, based on staff time, of the amount attributable to each activity

▪ Raising Funds	10%
▪ Scholarship programme	50%
▪ Other projects	40%

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. These costs are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements and include any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities.

**l) Operating leases**

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**m) Tangible fixed assets**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £750. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at 25%

**n) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**o) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**p) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.



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1 Accounting policies (continued)

q) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. Any change in fair value will be recognised in the statement of financial activities and any excess of fair value over the historic cost of the investments will be shown as a fair value reserve in the balance sheet. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading "Net gains/(losses) on investments" in the statement of financial activities. The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other

r) Financial Instruments

With the exception of the listed investments described above, the charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

s) Foreign exchange

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into dollars at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net incoming resources for the year.

2a Income from donations

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Donations re: Scholarship Programme	-	63,128	63,128	-	137,854	137,854
Donations	947,893	138,929	1,086,822	49,893	106,252	156,145
	947,893	202,057	1,149,950	49,893	244,106	293,999

2b Income from charitable activities

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
The Asfari Foundation	-	62,336	62,336	30,448	-	30,448
The Amjad & Shua Bseisu Foundation	-	-	-	570	5,700	6,270
Physics X	-	-	-	76	18,478	18,554
Open Society Foundation	-	-	-	11,818	118,182	130,000
Arab Center for Research and Policy	-	2,181,035	2,181,035	113,492	1,668,491	1,781,983
	-	2,243,371	2,243,371	156,404	1,810,851	1,967,255

2c Income from trading

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Event Tickets	145,630	-	145,630	-	-	-
Sale of goods	1,228	-	1,228	1,494	-	1,494
	146,858	-	146,858	1,494	-	1,494

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## 3a Total resources expended (current year)

	Charitable Activities					2024	2023
	Raising funds	Scholarship programme	Other projects	Governance Costs	Support Costs	Total	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff costs (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	131,975	<b>131,975</b>	101,805
Audit and accountancy	-	-	-	14,726	12,491	<b>27,217</b>	25,465
Administration expenses	-	-	-	-	27,764	<b>27,764</b>	25,988
Grants to institutions (Note 4)	-	531,127	1,889,551	-	-	<b>2,420,678</b>	1,541,863
Bad debt provision (Note 11)	-	-	263,836	-	-	<b>263,836</b>	-
Bank & foreign exchange charges	-	-	-	-	7,229	<b>7,229</b>	4,804
Purchase of goods for resale	1,266	-	-	-	-	<b>1,266</b>	1,307
Fundraising costs	149,031	-	-	-	-	<b>149,031</b>	13,173
	<b>150,297</b>	<b>531,127</b>	<b>2,153,387</b>	<b>14,726</b>	<b>179,459</b>	<b>3,028,996</b>	1,714,405
Support costs	17,945	89,730	71,784	-	(179,459)	-	-
Governance costs	1,473	7,363	5,890	(14,726)	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure 2024</b>	<b>169,715</b>	<b>628,220</b>	<b>2,231,061</b>	-	-	<b>3,028,996</b>	1,714,405
Total expenditure 2023	30,286	755,775	928,344	-	-	-	1,714,405

3b Total resources expended (prior year)

	Charitable Activities					2023 Total \$
	Raising funds	Scholarship programme	Other projects	Governance Costs	Support Costs	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Staff costs (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	101,805	101,805
Audit and accountancy	-	-	-	13,714	11,751	25,465
Administration expenses	-	-	-	-	25,988	25,988
Grants to institutions (Note 4)	-	676,744	865,119	-	-	1,541,863
Bank & foreign exchange charges	-	-	-	-	4,804	4,804
Purchase of goods for resale	1,307	-	-	-	-	1,307
Fundraising costs	13,173	-	-	-	-	13,173
	<b>14,480</b>	<b>676,744</b>	<b>865,119</b>	<b>13,714</b>	<b>144,348</b>	<b>1,714,405</b>
Support costs	14,435	72,174	57,739	-	(144,348)	-
Governance costs	1,371	6,857	5,486	(13,714)	-	-
<b>Total expenditure 2023</b>	<b>30,286</b>	<b>755,775</b>	<b>928,344</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,714,405</b>

4 Grant making

	2024 Grants to institutions \$	2023 Grants to institutions \$
<b>Cost</b>		
Mada Al-Carmel: Arab Centre for Applied Social Research – to support research project	113,000	395,000
Mada Al-Carmel: Arab Centre for Applied Social Research – to support PhD students	75,500	75,500
Yaffa Youth Movement Association (YYMA)	–	82,966
The Arab Culture Association: to support the Scholarship Programme	531,127	676,744
The Arab Culture Association: to support the Alumni Programme	39,791	39,791
The Arab Culture Association: New Building Programme	1,000,000	–
Challenge to Change – Galilee Foundation She Codes programme	–	8,325
Al-Quds University Economic Empowerment Strategy – Youth Economic Empowerment	367,482	183,741
Al-Quds University Scholarship Programme	–	19,805
International Medical Education Trust 2000 (IMET2000) Prosthetic Limbs Project	97,417	–
Hanoon Foundation (was FMQS) – Supporting Gazan Medical Students	98,608	–
Friends of Bethlehem UK – Palestine Vision event	2,762	–
Hewar Daycare *	–	(50,000)
Adalaha Legal Centre	25,000	40,000
Baladna Assoc.: Core funds	69,991	69,991
<b>Total grants for the year</b>	<b>2,420,678</b>	<b>1,541,863</b>

\* In 2023 a grant previously provided for, for the building of the Hewar Daycare center, was writtten back after it was determined that the project would not be completed.

5 Net income for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Depreciation	1,278	2,116
Operating lease rentals:		
▪ Property	6,034	5,835
Auditor's remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Audit	12,474	11,428

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**6 Staff costs and numbers**

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	121,565	96,436
Staff pension costs	4,759	4,070
Redundancy costs	2,691	–
Social security costs	2,960	1,299
	<b>131,975</b>	101,805
Total emoluments paid to staff were:	<b>124,256</b>	96,436

No employee earned more than \$78,781 during the year (USD equivalent of GBP 60,000) (2023 \$76,039: nil).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were \$62,359 (2023: \$57,353).

The average weekly number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the period was 4 (2023: 4).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: \$nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: \$nil).

There were no trustees' expenses relating to attendance at meetings of the trustees.

**7 Related party transactions**

During the year donations totalling \$62,336 (2023: \$30,448) were received from The Asfari Foundation. The Asfari Foundation is a related party as Mrs Sawsan Asfari, a trustee of Galilee Foundation, has majority control over the Asfari Foundation with her immediate family members. Grants from the Asfari Foundation funded grants to the Arab Cultural Association (Scholarship Fund) as well as to fund the Galilee Foundation's organisational development and capacity building in accordance with the conditions of the donations.

In 2024 the charity paid \$6,034 (2023: \$5,835) to the Asfari Foundation in respect of the rental of office space.

In 2024 \$104,151 (2023: \$75,000) was received from Goldman Sachs Gives on a recommendation from the Fadi Abuali Annual Giving Fund. Mr Abuali is the husband of Leila Garadaghi, a trustee of the Galilee Foundation

Other aggregate donations from related parties were \$58,399 (2023: \$11,314).

**8 Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

**9 Investments**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Fair value at the start of the period	2,535,137	2,552,235
Additions	–	–
Disposal proceeds	–	–
Net change in fair value	<b>41,874</b>	(17,098)
Fair value at the end of the period	<b>2,577,011</b>	2,535,137

The investments comprise an Ooredoo Intl Finance Ltd bond, a Qatar National Bank bond, and publicly listed shares in Royal Dutch Shell plc, Gilead Sciences Inc, GlaxoSmithKline plc, Johnson & Johnson Inc, Pfizer Inc, Viatrix Inc., and Haleon plc

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10 Tangible fixed assets

Cost	Fixtures and fittings	
	2024 \$	2023 \$
At the start of the year	7,525	5,308
Additions in year	–	3,212
Disposals in year	(885)	(995)
At the end of the year	6,640	7,525
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At the start of the year	4,926	3,368
Charge for the year	1,278	2,116
Eliminated on disposal	(480)	(558)
At the end of the year	5,724	4,926
<b>Net book value</b>		
At the start of the year	2,599	1,940
At the end of the year	916	2,599

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade debtors	–	604
Prepayments	–	1,875
Accrued income	330,685	338,231
Provision for bad debts	(263,836)	–
	66,849	340,710

A provision for bad debts has been made against Accrued income and relates to a grant from Arab Center for Research and Policy, for the Al-Quds University – Youth Economic Empowerment programme. There is objective evidence of impairment due to age of the balance. The provision is for a specific amount identified as likely to be irrecoverable.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade creditors	2,126	3,093
Grants payable	98,608	20,538
Accruals	12,474	11,786
	113,208	35,417

13a Analysis of net assets between funds (current year)

	General unrestricted \$	Designated \$	Restricted \$	Total funds \$
Investments	2,577,011	–	–	2,577,011
Fixed assets	916	–	–	916
Net current assets	194,185	2,167,201	1,225,287	3,586,673
<b>Net assets at 31 August 2024</b>	<b>2,772,112</b>	<b>2,167,201</b>	<b>1,225,287</b>	<b>6,164,600</b>

Of the General Unrestricted Funds \$2,269,685 are designated meaning that the charity has committed these funds to future projects.

13b Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted \$	Designated \$	Restricted \$	Total funds \$
Investments	2,535,137	–	–	2,535,137
Fixed assets	2,599	–	–	2,599
Net current assets	352,714	1,369,685	981,282	2,703,681
<b>Net assets at 31 August 2023</b>	<b>2,890,450</b>	<b>1,369,685</b>	<b>981,282</b>	<b>5,241,417</b>

14a Movements in funds (current year)

	At 1 September 2023 \$	Income & gains \$	Expenditure & losses \$	Transfers \$	At 31 August 2024 \$
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Mada Al-Carmel – Core Funds	7,000	110,982	(113,000)	50,000	<b>54,982</b>
Galilee Foundation – UK Funds	–	223,937	–	(223,937)	–
Scholarship Program – (Arab Cultural Association, Ferial & Mohamed Abuali Scholarship, Open Society)	–	123,386	(531,127)	407,741	–
Alumni Programme (Open Society)	43,191	–	(39,791)	–	<b>3,400</b>
Al-Quds Youth Economic Empowerment	877,795	–	(631,318)	–	<b>246,477</b>
Hewar Daycare – reallocated to Mada Al-Carmel – Core Funds	50,000	–	–	(50,000)	–
Building Project – Arab Cultural Association	–	1,916,589	(1,000,000)	–	<b>916,589</b>
Baladna – Association for Arab Youth	3,296	70,534	(69,991)	–	<b>3,839</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>981,282</b>	<b>2,445,428</b>	<b>(2,385,227)</b>	<b>183,804</b>	<b>1,225,287</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated fund</b>	1,369,685	–	–	797,516	<b>2,167,201</b>
<b>General funds</b>	2,890,450	1,506,751	(643,769)	(981,320)	<b>2,772,112</b>
	<b>5,241,417</b>	<b>3,952,179</b>	<b>(3,028,996)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6,164,600</b>

Purposes of grants made – restricted funds

Mada Al-Carmel: Arab Centre for Applied Social Research – to support core funding for partner

Galilee Foundation UK – Support costs of the charity within the UK

The Arab Culture Association – to support the Scholarship & Alumni Programmes.

Alumni Programme – supported by Open Society to develop alumni links

Al-Quds – to support the Youth Economic Empowerment Programme. An amount previously accrued as income in 2022–2023 has been written back as a bad debt due to uncertainty of it being paid.

Hewar Daycare – The building of the daycare center is no longer progressing, and Doha Institute have instructed that the funds should be applied against Mada Al-Carmel core funds.

Building Project – Arab Cultural Association

Baladna – to support studies preparation of students

Purposes of grants made – unrestricted funds

Mada Al-Carmel: Arab Centre for Applied Social Research – to support PHD Program

International Medical Education Trust 2000 (IMET2000) – to support the Prosthetic Limbs Project

Hanoon Foundation (was FMQS) – Supporting Gazan Medical Students impacted by the war on Gaza

Adalaha Legal Centre: to support Law Students Conference

Friends of Bethlehem UK, Palestine Vision venue costs

**Designated funds** represent the value of future commitments to scholarship students & other projects which do not meet the accounting criteria for inclusion as a liability, but which the charity is likely to need to pay out to existing students & projects.



14b Movements in funds (prior year)

	At 1 September 2022 \$	Income & gains \$	Expenditure & losses \$	Transfers \$	At 31 August 2023 \$
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Mada Al-Carmel – Core Funds	7,000	395,000	(395,000)	–	<b>7,000</b>
Galilee Foundation – UK Funds	–	106,253	–	(106,253)	–
Scholarship Program – (Arab Cultural	–	274,413	(676,744)	402,331	–
Alumni Programme (Open Society)	–	82,982	(39,791)	–	<b>43,191</b>
Yaffa Youth Movement Association	–	82,964	(82,966)	2	–
Al-Quds Youth Economic Empowerment	–	1,061,536	(183,741)	–	<b>877,795</b>
Hewar Daycare	–	–	50,000	–	<b>50,000</b>
Baladna – Association for Arab Youth	21,478	51,809	(69,991)	–	<b>3,296</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>28,478</b>	<b>2,054,957</b>	<b>(1,398,233)</b>	<b>296,080</b>	<b>981,282</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>	1,914,000	–	–	(544,315)	<b>1,369,685</b>
<b>General funds</b>	2,497,671	477,814	(333,270)	248,235	<b>2,890,450</b>
	<b>4,440,149</b>	<b>2,532,771</b>	<b>(1,731,503)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>5,241,417</b>

15 Operating lease commitments

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods:

	<b>Property</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Less than one year	<b>525</b>	507
One to five years	–	–
	<b>525</b>	507

16 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £100.