

Charity number: 1119600

Malawi Relief Fund UK

Trustees' report and audited financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1119600
Address	63-65 Victoria Street Blackburn Lancashire BB1 6DN
Trustees	Faruk Ibrahim Bharucha Ahmed Bobat – Passed away on 04/10/2024 Ismail Valli Yusuf Mahomed Mangera – Resigned 14/10/2023 Zunaid A Saeed Chunara Qari Ismail
Secretary	Mohammed Yusuf Mangera
Chairman	Faruk Ibrahim Bharucha
Auditor	Ilyas Patel (Accountants) Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Soloman House Belgrave Court Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR2 9PL
Bankers	Natwest Bank Pic King William Street Blackburn Lancashire BB1 TD

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 December 2023. This report is prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and reporting by the Charities and complies with applicable law.

Status and administration

The charity started its operations in 2004 and is constituted under a 2007 constitution and registered with The Charity Commissioners under charity number 1119600.

This year MRF was registered as an NGO in Malawi.

Charity objects

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance, support and deliver humanitarian relief aid in Malawi (central Africa) to help relieve poverty and respond to natural disasters.
- To support, and improve access to education and healthcare, and clean water and sanitation.
- Develop and support livelihood and sustainability programmes.

Activities and Achievements

The charity is run by volunteers. Members offer their services as trustees and committee members.

The programs are focused on alleviating poverty and our priorities are:

- Providing Humanitarian Aid
- Improving Access to Education and Healthcare and clean water
- Improving skills and promoting empowerment and economic development initiatives
- Providing decent homes

The charity has been successful in developing effective working partnerships with organisations (NGO's) based in Malawi with similar objectives as ourselves to deliver a range of projects and programs or by way of providing funds to them to further their work in achieving our objectives.

Shukran Academy Jali Complex- *New Academy and Community Development Hub Opened- 84 Children at the Academy.*

Shukran Academy was established in 2012 in Zomba and continues to develop into a well-managed and successful academy to meet the needs of the children, in particular orphans.

Our flagship Jali complex opened in August 2023. The children from Zomba were relocated to Jali providing quality boarding accommodation, early years and primary schooling, Islamic studies and other ancillary facilities. The centre also includes a community hub with excellent facilities for the local community including, women development centre, early years child development centre, an education block and a place of worship.

Our local management board have the responsibility for the effective management, supervision and financial accountability of the orphanage as well as ensuring the children receive valuable care, support, and first class physical social and emotional development.

Livelihood Programs: *295 beneficiaries*

Through our sustainability program we continue to deliver a range of educational and vocational initiatives which play a key role in supporting households and communities achieve food and nutrition security, generate income, and improve rural livelihoods and their overall well-being.

Access to Healthcare- *Clinic: New Clinic Opened in Nkhotakota*

MRF is committed to improving access to healthcare, in particular for those living in rural areas where people have to travel 20-30 KM to access health care. The opening of our new health clinic in Chia Nkhotakota was a significant moment in our strategy. Plans have been drawn up for similar facilities and maternity units in other locations.

Gift of Sight Program: *Delivered 5,780 Cataract Operations*

Our flagship Gift of sight program has this year maintained our amazing schedule delivering 5,780 cataract operations screening over 43,000 patients. Of these 41,000 received some form of treatment and MRF remains one of largest providers of free cataract operations in the country. Along with the cataract operations also provide Glaucoma operations in the various hospitals. The screening process identifies a range of other eye conditions, and our teams provide basic treatment to thousands of people. Many presenting with more serious conditions eye referred to hospitals for treatment.

ENT Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital: *Provided 82 million Kwacha Equipment*

The ENT unit is the only one in the country providing lifesaving ENT related operations. MRF working closely with ENT Consultants from the UK and the Hospital, have donated much needed equipment for the operating theatre including, 2 Autoclaves, a Diathermy, a Glostavent anesthesia system Valley lab Force 2 electrosurgical Unit., 8 beds, etc. The equipment was donated to the hospital to ensure the theatre is fit for purpose.

Wheelchairs: *Distributed 120 Wheelchairs*

Talha Scholarship: Through the Talha Scholarship Program we have provided scholarships for 275 Students at various universities in Malawi studying different discipline, **including**, optometry, dentistry, midwifery, radiography, nursing, etc. We believe they will be able to secure employment and help meet the acute shortage in health sector workers and make a positive impact on the local economy.

Maone Vocational Training Centre: *Trained 264 students.*

Through our Maone Vocational Training Centre 264 students have benefitted from the TEVET formal training program, equipping them with new skills and preparing them for work in the construction industry. Our training is focused on four disciplines namely, Joinery and Carpentry, Brickwork, Plumbing and Electrical. The students are also offered work placement in leading industry companies where many of them secure employment. Works have also started on a new wing which will provide state of the art teaching facilities including ICT and Library and space for new courses and kitchen dining areas.

Rural Vocational Training: *3 centres 106 beneficiaries*

This year we have introduced new informal vocational training programs which are delivered in rural areas. The aim is to provide access to vocational training to those who do not have the entry qualification on the formal program. The innovative program has been welcomed by TEVET, the examining body. Currently we offer Bricklaying, joinery and tailoring. We are exploring the options to expand the training offer. We currently have three centres, and a feasibility study is underway seeking to expand into 3 other localities. Last year 106 students completed the program

Teacher Training Scholarship: *150 beneficiaries sponsored at teacher training college*

To help alleviate the problem with teacher shortage, MRF sponsors 150 students at the teacher training college. The newly graduated are now hoping to secure employment in government schools.

Early Years Childhood Development (ECD) – *300 children at 6 centres*

Research has shown that the first eight years of life are crucial for optimal development. It is therefore imperative that children are provided with early learning in a safe environment to fully develop their physical, socio-emotional, cognitive, spiritual and moral potential. We opened 2 new centres in Zomba this year, making a total of 6 ECD centres in rural areas that help prepare the child for primary schooling. A further 3 new ECD's are scheduled to open in 2024.

Direct Support Programmes- 400 beneficiaries supported every month

The direct support program has also provided targeted vital aid to 400 individuals who are vulnerable and living in acute poverty with little or no income and no other support. The beneficiaries are provided with packs every month including food and daily essentials and at times money to help them survive. The beneficiaries are the elderly, sick widows and the disabled.

Access to Clean Water: 170 water points providing water for over 30,000 people

Through our access to water program, we have managed to improve access to clean water to 170 locations serving many small villages thereby providing clean water to thousands of people in remote rural villages who would otherwise have to travel several miles every day to access clean water.

Food Packs: 56,000 food packs distributed and over 300,000 cooked meals provided

Food security is a major challenge in Malawi. In an attempt to mitigate hunger due to food shortage, we provided food packs to over 56,000 families reaching some of the most remote and hard to reach areas of the country. We also provided cooked meals during the blessed month at over 250 centres providing a hot meal to between 40 to 100 people every night.

Shelter Housing Project: 612 new homes built with washrooms and toilets

Our ambitious Shelter program has continued at pace. In response to Cyclone Freddie, we reached new remote areas devastated by the cyclone and this year we built 612 new homes. All homes included the addition of WC and Washrooms which is part of our objective to improve access to sanitation and clean water. The homeowners were also provided with basic household items including mattresses mats, blankets, utensils, etc.

Risk Management

The current account funds are held with a leading bank to minimise disruption to activities and reduce risk.

All investment decisions are made to achieve a reasonable return from acceptable sources according to Islamic Jurisprudence whilst minimising the risk.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 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 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

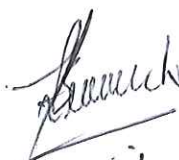
On behalf of the board

Ismail Valli
Trustee

Date:


8/11/24

Faruk Ibrahim Bharucha
Chairman


08/11/2024

Auditors Report

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Malawi Relief Fund UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Malawi Relief Fund UK for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 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 Charity's affairs, of 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 Charities Act 2011

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 Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity 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 Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the trustees 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 they 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 Charity'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 Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

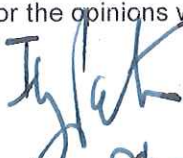
Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees 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 Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed:



Date:

8th November 2024

Ilyas Patel (FCCA) Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Ilyas Patel (Accountants) Ltd — Registered Auditors

Chartered Certified Accountants

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Belgrave Court

Preston

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	75,298	3,555,274	3,630,572	3,657,401
Total incoming resources		75,298	3,555,274	3,630,572	3,657,401
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable Activities	3	0	3,907,434	3,907,434	3,890,492
Support Costs	4	95,681	0	95,681	72,077
Total resources expended		95,681	3,907,434	4,003,115	3,962,569
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers		(20,383)	(352,160)	(372,543)	(305,168)
Net Movement in Funds		(20,383)	(352,160)	(372,543)	(305,168)
Total Funds Brought Forward		204,132	557,801	761,933	1,067,101
Total Funds Carried Forward		183,749	205,641	389,390	761,933

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Tangible assets	6	114,441		114,441	132,603
Total Fixed Assets		114,441	0	114,441	132,603
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors	7	57,061	12,000	69,061	72,639
Cash at bank and in hand		19,707	193,641	213,348	560,671
Total Current Assets		76,768	205,641	282,409	633,310
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	7,460	0	7,460	3,980
Net Current Assets		69,308	205,641	274,949	629,330
Net Assets		183,749	205,641	389,390	761,933
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>					
Restricted funds	9		205,641	205,641	557,801
Unrestricted funds		183,749		183,749	204,132
Total Funds		183,749	205,641	389,390	761,933

Signed by two of the trustees on behalf of all the trustees:


Faruk Ibrahim Bharucha


Ismail Valli

Date: 08 / 11 / 2024

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

1. Principal Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts and in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- and with the Charities Act 2011.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2019.

(b) Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

(c) Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2. Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt. Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Investment

Depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

- Office Equipment 25% Straight line
- Plant and equipment 10% Straight line
- Vehicles 10% Straight line

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency balances have been translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Admin	18,237		18,237	16,962
Aqiqah		1,346	1,346	1,776
General		287,159	287,159	572,084
Gift Aid	57,061	12,000	69,061	72,639
Iftari/ Fitra/ Fidyah/ Kafara		66,958	66,958	24,395
Interest		129,140	129,140	10,855
Qurbani		27,271	27,271	24,490
Sadka		182,606	182,606	152,533
Zakat		2,848,794	2,848,794	2,781,667
	<u>75,298</u>	<u>3,555,274</u>	<u>3,630,572</u>	<u>3,657,401</u>

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
General		471,695	471,695	544,856
Iftari/ Fitra/ Fidyah/ Kafara		21,685	21,685	2,300
Interest		102,074	102,074	67,904
Qurbani		29,717	29,717	25,125
Sadka		187,158	187,158	114,475
Zakat		3,095,105	3,095,105	3,135,832
	<u>0</u>	<u>3,907,434</u>	<u>3,907,434</u>	<u>3,890,492</u>

4. Support Costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy Charges	500		500	500
Admin Charges	818		818	0
Audit Fee	3,480		3,480	3,450
Bore Hole Consumables			0	490
Bank Charges	3,321		3,321	1,477
Casual Wages	2,908		2,908	1,720
Depreciation	19,447		19,447	19,432
Exchange Rate Differences	1,679		1,679	(3,812)
Insurance	642		642	598
Internet & Domain	1,462		1,462	661
Office and Admin Support	36,375		36,375	41,250
Paypal Fees	551		551	312
Printing, Stationery & Advertisement	2,926		2,926	2,203
PR, Marketing for Fundraising	10,596		10,596	0
Repairs & Renewals	980		980	351
Sundry Expenses	300		300	300
Travelling Expenses	9,696		9,696	3,145
	<u>95,681</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>95,681</u>	<u>72,077</u>

5. Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses

Trustees are not remunerated for their services but their out of pocket expenses were paid this year.

5.2 Fees for Audit of the accounts

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts	3,450	3,450
Other fees paid to the independent examiner or auditor	500	500
	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,950</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Vehicles £	Plant & equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 31 December 2022	2,110	75,478	113,575	191,163
Additions	1,285			1,285
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,395</u>	<u>75,478</u>	<u>113,575</u>	<u>192,448</u>
Depreciation				
At 31 December 2022	1,844	22,643	34,073	58,560
Charge for the year	542	7,547	11,358	19,447
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,386</u>	<u>30,190</u>	<u>45,431</u>	<u>78,007</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,009</u>	<u>45,288</u>	<u>68,144</u>	<u>114,441</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>266</u>	<u>52,835</u>	<u>79,502</u>	<u>132,603</u>

7. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Other debtors	57,061	12,000	69,061	72,639
	<u>57,061</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>69,061</u>	<u>72,639</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accruals	7,460		7,460	3,980
	<u>7,460</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,460</u>	<u>3,980</u>

9. Restricted funds

Restricted funds comprises of donations given by the general public for the sole purpose of supporting the poor Muslims and the destitute Muslims of Malawi and Interest Received which cannot be used by the Society other than to help the poor.

10. Related Party Transactions

There is no related party transaction.