



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	April	2023	To	31	March	2024

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

ACTION WITH AWARENESS REGARDING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Other names charity is known by

THE AWARE FOUNDATION (TAF, in short)

Registered charity number (if any)

1119897

Charity's principal address

"URMILA",

TESTON ROAD,

OFFHAM, KENT

Postcode

ME19 5NB

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jayesh R. Patel	Managing Trustee	Whole Year	Board of Trustees (BoT)
2	Rajesh Bhat	Founder Trustee	Whole year	BoT
3	Prashant Patel	Treasurer	Whole year	BoT
4	Amit Patel	Trustee	Whole year	BoT
5	Rakesh Patel	Trustee	Whole year	BoT
6	Allan Blaydon	Trustee	Whole year	BoT

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees) Not Applicable

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address


## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	TRUST DEED
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Charity Trust
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment by the Board of Trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

1. Policy to appoint trustees who commit time/ideas/skills/other resources
2. Policy to train/sensitize the trustees by visits to field projects and interacting with the field staff and other local resource persons
3. AWARE encourages partner organisations to mobilise local and other funds, using AWARE's funding as a leverage. Most partners have multiple funding and AWARE's funds are used mostly on expenses on activities towards achieving the objects of the project
4. Internationally/ locally recognised individuals are invited to be Patrons with the aim of enhancing the credibility of the Trust in various countries and communities. Currently, Mr. John Wright (New Zealand), and Mr. Paul Kenyon (U.K.) are the Patrons of the AWARE Foundation.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- (1) To mobilise funds for projects related to underprivileged children in other countries, esp. India.
- (2) To mobilise resources for calamities
- (3) To organise events to generate awareness on specific developmental issues, especially related to children
- (4) To collect regular contributions by "pay roll paying" or "Direct Debit"
- (5) To partner with organisations for better services
- (6) To identify partners/projects/programmes for support
- (7) To build up capacities of partners

- (8) To monitor/review projects, if & when required
- (9) To advocate for policy changes
- (10) To conduct campaigns/ research etc.
- (11) To organise seminars, workshops etc.

The period covered by this report (April 2023 to March 2024) was marked by complete recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and thereby, a period to consolidate and reorganise with full strength and renewed energy. AWARE Foundation (AF) collaborated with five project partners and supported nine projects, all focused on the education and rehabilitation of some of the most vulnerable children in India.

- (1) With regards to the first objective of mobilising funds, AWARE Foundation (AF) is happy to report having mobilised £ 87K which after deduction of expenses to organise the events, (£176K) which includes release of grants to projects in India (£148K) and adding previous bank balance as on 31/3/2023 ( £110K), resulted in a net surplus of £13K at the end of the financial year '23-'24 (audited a/c. submitted).
- (2) This year AF managed to hold only 1 event which was golf to raise funds in UK in circa of 25K, all other donations were received by personal donations via CAF platform and Gift aid.
- (3) AF had collaborations in India with five organisations (and nine projects) during the year. The collaborating organisations this year were five: (i) Citizen's Alliance for Rural Development & Training Society (CARDTS), Bengaluru, which manages two shelter homes, one for HIV-affected children at a village 120 kms south-west of Bengaluru and a second one for HVI-infected children at Mangalore (ii) Vishwagram is a Mehsana-based Trust and was managing a shelter home for male Street Children at a village near Mehsana in North Gujarat but is now working with children of conflict-torn state of Manipur in the N-E part of India; (iii) Swapath Trust manages educational programmes for some of the most vulnerable children in Gujarat and supports students in conflict areas of Kashmir. Swapath Trust also is the secretariat for a state-level network called Child Rights Collective Gujarat (CRCG) (iv) Shaishav Trust manages a programme called Aranyak (The Forest Dwellers) with the children of disadvantaged Tribal children. (v) Ganatar (meaning 'life-skills') is a pioneering VO on child rights and currently works for children who have not done well at schools with regular curricula.
- (4) As mentioned above, during the financial year 2023-24, AF directly supported nine projects in India through 5 organisations. Brief details follow:
  - The first project supported by AF was "Samaadan"- a shelter home for **HIV affected children** at a village called Girigowdanapalya near Kunigal about 120 kms south of Bengaluru and a shelter home called Samvedana at Mangalore for HIV infected children. This year, Samadaan supported 42 boys whose parents were HIV infected, whereas Samvedana supported 9 HIV infected girls. Thus, CARDTS was responsible for taking care of 51 children in all.
  - Vishwagram, this year, launched a new initiative for peace and justice in the through working with children in relief camps of conflict-torn Manipur in the N-E part of the country. Close tp 12,000 of children were reached by volunteers from Gujarat to

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

relieve the agony of these children. This was done by using games, libraries, D-I-Y workshops, music and sports.

- Swapath Trust:
  - Under the “School Retention Programme” (SRP), Swapath supported 102 children in conflict affected state (now, a Union Territory) of Kashmir.
  - Higher Education Support Programme (HESP): This financial year, 31 university-level students were offered educational aid. The support covered students in faculties like Agriculture, teacher’s training (M. Ed.), Physical Education, management, Chemistry, Nursing, and master’s courses in languages like Gujarati and Hindi.
  - Under the Special Rehabilitation Programme (SpRP), in Dangs, one of the poorest districts in the country, AWARE Foundation supported four seasonal hostels (SHs) out of the total nine for the children of migrant labourers. This year, Swapath sheltered 183 children through four SHs. (Another 200 were offered hostel facilities using funds from another local corporate donor)
  - Under SpRP in Surat, AWARE supported 225 children of sex workers and HIV-infected parents.
  - AWARE Foundation also supported Child Rights Collective, Gujarat (CRCG) – a state level network of around 75 organisations working with/for children. CRCG works on networking and advocacy on child rights and children’s right to education. Between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 12<sup>th</sup> June, a 44-day campaign against child labour was conducted by Swapath Trust. Nine partner organisations of the CRCG carried out the campaign in different parts of the state using six different tools like posters, plays, pamphlets etc. Hundreds of children were made aware of the causes and the perils of child labour and were convinced not to give up schooling for labour.
  - For the third consecutive year, AWARE Foundation offered educational aid to 184 children who lost their parents to Covid-19. They are spread over 5 districts. These children were also mentored during the year by designated volunteers, mostly teachers.
  - AWARE supported 20 Balwadis (Creches) in Dang district to facilitate Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) of 460 children in 17 villages.
- The fourth organisation partnering with AF was Shaishav Trust for a project in the tribal area of Dediapada. A total of 265 children (141 boys and 124 girls) of ages 6-14 from two Aashramshalas (Rural residential schools) were engaged in a project to improve mathematics through games. A total of 1310 children (678 boys, 632 girls) from 10 Aashramshalas of ages 10-15 were engaged under the Adolescent Empowerment programme on a weekly basis.
- The most recently added partner of AF is an organisation called Ganatar, which runs, with AWARE’s support, a school for children who have fared extremely badly in the formal education’s Board exams. AT Tarun Shala, the focus is on life skill and vocational education relevant in the present times. Currently, the School near the small desert of Kutch, has 19 adolescents enrolled for a two year course.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- Contribution made by volunteers.

- AF's policy is to select partners very carefully so that all the four basic rights (as defined by UNCRC) of the children are protected/promoted.
- For educational support, a need-based approach (rather than a merit-based one) is adopted
- AF believes in working in partnerships and aims at evolving a network of organisations working with common objectives and converging activities.
- Currently AF plans to concentrate its partnerships in India. Unless and until a regional or global level agenda evolves on its own, it has no immediate plans to spread to other countries/regions.
- AF encourages partners to use its funds as a leverage and mobilise more local and international funds.

## Section D

### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

AWARE Foundation during the recouping phase in 2023-24, supported or reached out to 2811 children directly and another 550 children with funds from other sources for the same projects. The break-up is: 51 children were supported in 2 shelter homes; 183 were offered hostel facilities for the 7 months of migration season; 460 children in the age group 3 to 6 years benefitted by the Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) through 20 Balwadis (creches) 31 students were supported at the university level; 184 children who lost parents to the Covid-19 pandemic received educational aid for the fourth consecutive year; 1575 children were reached through training/workshops/camps/ other activities. In the relief camps of Manipur, 12,000 children participated in activities during the two vacation periods; 102 students were given educational aid in Kashmir whereas 19 drop-out boys are studying at the Tarun Shala (an experimental life skill school).

Two projects worth highlighting this year were (a) the Manipur project which reached out to the children deprived of their basic human rights due to an internal conflict and (b) the 44-day campaign against Child Labour. Both these projects mobilised substantial resources apart from AWARE's in terms of the time, money, energy and skills of volunteers and collaboration organisations.

In the UK, AWARE raises funds through dedicated work of its trustees and volunteers from the civil society to help raise funds. The financial year of 2023-24 closed with an unspent balance of £13K to support more children in the coming year. Further pledges of donations has been received to continue supporting all partners in India.

This year level of support required by all our partners had increased, particularly to SWAPATH as they lost local support from UNICEF and their American Partners. In Summary, Shaishav received donation in circa of 20K, Swapath in circa of £80K, CARDTS in Circa of 27K, Ganatar in circa of 18K and Wishvagarm in circa of 5K.

## Section E

### Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

As AF plans to raise most of its funds from donations by individuals or companies. AWARE will use funds judiciously and will generally try and utilise 80% of the funds raised in the following three years' time. There is no corpus being accumulated by AWARE Foundation.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

1. AF's principal source of funding is contributions by individuals and private companies. Most donations are collected at fund-raising events inviting ongoing / new supporters, well-wishers, and corporate companies.

**Section F****Other optional information****A REQUEST TO THE CHARITY OFFICE:**

AWARE Foundation would welcome suggestions and recommendations from your good office on the matter of raising more funds through other international charities, bilateral organisations like the UNICEF and the UK Government itself. AF can submit proposals for the same. This has become necessary as AF's credibility and teams in the existing projects in India have opened up new avenues and need more resources, which may not all come only through fund raising events and small donors.

**Section G****Declaration\**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mr Prashant Patel

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

15/01/2025



Charity Name Action With Awareness Regarding Education Foundation	No (if any) 1119897
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation Receipt including Gift Aid	87,582	-	-	87,582	145,426
Direrct Debit in BMM Account	1,684	-	-	1,684	1,541
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	89,266	-	-	89,266	146,967
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	89,266	-	-	89,266	146,967
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising Events	14,558	-	-	14,558	27,931
Donations Made	148,644	-	-	148,644	97,854
NGO Reimbursement	4,900	-	-	4,900	10,100
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	134	-	-	134	266
Charity Insurance	310	-	-	310	237
Administration	7,800	-	-	7,800	7,150
Other	-	-	-	-	27,560
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	176,346	-	-	176,346	171,098
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	176,346	-	-	176,346	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 87,080	-	-	- 87,081	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 10,000	-	-	- 10,000	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	110,179	-	-	110,179	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	13,099	-	-	13,099	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Opening Balance 01/04/2024	13,099	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Mr Prashant Patel Trustee	03/01/2025



## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of AWARE Foundation**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the AWARE Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 30 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: Nirav Patel

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ICAEW (membership number 2260748)

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Date: 12/01/2025