



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	April	2024	To	31	March 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ACTION WITH AWARENESS REGARDING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Other names charity is known by

AWARE FOUNDATION (AF, 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 2024 to March 2025) was marked by complete recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as AWARE had committed to support children who lost one/both parents to the pandemic, this was the last year of support. 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.

- With regards to the first objective of mobilising funds, AWARE Foundation (AF) is happy to report having mobilised £ 172K which after deduction of expenses to organise the events, (£148K) which includes release of grants to projects in India (£103K) and adding previous bank balance as on 31/3/2025 (£13K), resulted in a net surplus of £ 34K at the end of the financial year '24-'25 (audited a/c. submitted).
- This year 2 events were organised to mobilise funds in the U.K. namely golf day and a fundraising walk, we also receive regular donations from associated businesses and families. We use CAF platform to receive regular donations, and they are our nominated platform to receive gift aid from these donations, some of donations are made directly to our bank account.
- 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.
- 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

**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)**

supported 43 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 with the help of over 100 volunteers conducted the following activities in Manipur, a N-E state in India, wherein two communities have been at loggerheads and violence has affected thousands for over two years now. Vishwagram worked in relief camps for both the communities. (AWARE offered crucial bridge funding support to Vishwagram and most of the other funds were mobilised or voluntarily contributed by other sources):
  - Workshops with children: Over a span of 21 days, 109 camps were organised with the help of over a hundred volunteers reaching out to 6,732 children in relief camps.
  - Math and science workshops for teachers: Over a three-month period, and 33 2-day workshops, 1773 participants were reached by expert teachers from Gujarat.
  - Distribution of sports kits: the group provided a sports kit to each of the 49 relief camps.
  - Small Libraries: 16 small libraries were set up in as many camps for children to read in their spare time.
  - Film-making workshops: During 3 workshops in Imphal, 170 children learnt to conceptualise, plan, shoot and edit films to let their expressions an outlet.
  - Medical camps: The work was spread over 57 visits in 16 camps covering 1364 patients.
  - Community Health Volunteers' (CHV) training: In two different phases, the CHV training prepared a cadre of 37 CHVs. In the second phase, local doctors trained the CHVs. All put together, from 123 relief camps 262 participants underwent this health training.
  - Vocational training: nine youth trained in auto-mechanic training in Gujarat whereas 29 women were trained by SEWA in Manipur.
  - Music festivals: Two folk singers, one from M.P. and another from Bengal, presented at 15 camps at different times with a sizeable audience to enjoy the folk music.
- Swapath Trust:
  - Under its School Retention Programme (SRP), 102 children in the insurgency affected regions, were supported for their schooling
  - Higher Education Support Programme (HESP): Under HESP, 31 students at universities were supported and mentored during their higher studies.
  - Covid-19 affected children: 184 children who lost their parents to the pandemic were supported and mentored for the fourth consecutive year (apart from this direct aid from AWARE Foundation, 350 other students were

supported by Vishwagram through other sources). A total of 534 students were supported.

- Sex workers' and HIV positive parents' children in Surat: 225 children from this category were financially aided and guided for their career in Surat.
- Bal Wadi Project (Education component of the government managed Kindergarten in Dang villages): In 16 villages, under 20 Bal wadis, around 400 children were educated (the numbers of these children of 3 to 6 years fluctuates)
- Seasonal Hostels Project: AWARE supported three seasonal and one permanent hostel in Dang villages sheltering and educating 214 children whose parents migrate for sugarcane cutting for six months. (Apart from direct AWARE support, Swapath mobilised funds for five other hostels sheltering another 200 children in five other villages). Thus, a total of 414 children were offered hostel facilities in the Banphul project of Dang District.

Thus, 1156 children were directly supported through AWARE funds in different ways by Swapath Trust.

Apart from this, Swapath managed a 44-day campaign against Child Labour reaching out to about 1500 families through 9 partner organisations creating awareness about child labour abolition.

- Shaishav's Aranyak project: Under the Amli Timli programme, which engages intensively with 267 children every day at two Ashram Schools whereas under the Ashram Shala project, which visits Ashram Schools once a week, 1720 children were reached out.
- Ganatar: Under the Tarun Shala (School of life skills training) 42 drop out boys were trained in life skills and at the same time are prepared for the Board Exams.

**Thus, 1249 children were directly supported by AWARE funds and over 5,000 were reached through various activities by the five partner organisations.**

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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 and mostly in the state of Gujarat. Unless and until a regional or global level agenda evolves on its own, it has no immediate plans to spread to other countries/regions. By end of December 2025, AF will terminate its collaboration with CARDTS, Bengaluru as the two have been working together for over ten years now.
- 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

During the F. Y. 2024-25, AWARE Foundation supported or reached out to 1249 children directly and another 200 children with funds from other resources. The break-up is: 51 children were supported in 2 shelter homes for HIV affected(42) and infected (9) children; 425 children of migrant families were sheltered at the seasonal hostel facilities for the 7 months of the migration season; 400 children in the age group 3 to 6 years benefitted by the Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) through 20 Balwadis (Kindergartens); 31 students were supported at the university level; 184 children who lost parents to the Covid-19 pandemic received educational aid for the final 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 42 drop-out boys were 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 raised £ 172K through dedicated work of its trustees and volunteers from the civil society to help raise funds. The financial year of 2024-25 closed with an unspent balance of £ 34K to support more children in the coming year.

## 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

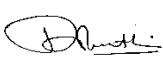
### A REQUEST TO THE CHARITY OFFICE:

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	12/01/2026	







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 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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	171,600	-	-	171,600	87,582
Direrct Debit in BMM Account	1,110	-	-	1,110	1,684
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	172,710	-	-	172,710	89,266
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	172,710	-	-	172,710	89,266
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Fund Raising Events	20,011	-	-	20,011	14,558
Donations Made	103,123	-	-	103,123	148,664
NGO Reimbursement	13,000	-	-	13,000	4,900
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	133	-	-	133	134
Charity Insurance	320	-	-	320	310
Administration	11,800	-	-	11,800	7,800
Other	-	-	-	-	27,560
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	148,387	-	-	148,387	203,926
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	148,387	-	-	148,387	
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	24,323	-	-	24,323	
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 3,000	-	-	- 3,000	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	13,099	-	-	13,099	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	34,422	-	-	34,422	-

## 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 01/04/2025	34,422	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>34,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		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
			<b>Mr Prashant Patel</b> <b>Trustee</b>	29/12/2025

## **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: 12/01/2026