

SOUTH SINAI FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31st MARCH 2021

Charity Registration Number 1128955

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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

South Sinai Foundation is a registered charity, whose date of registration was 1st April 2009.

Objects of the Charity

For the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively the local Bedouin communities in South Sinai and the surrounding area by:

1. Relief of Poverty
2. The advancement of education.
3. The promotion and protection of good health.
4. Supporting the Charitable work of the Community Foundation for South Sinai.

The period covered by this report was momentous worldwide as the coronavirus pandemic swept the globe. Covid-19 was late to arrive in South Sinai, but the region did not escape its effects. For the South Sinai Foundation and our team on the ground it was a year of continually revised plans as priorities shifted almost from month to month.

The year began in the aftermath of disastrous storms and flooding that left countless houses damaged or destroyed, wells blocked and roads and paths swept away. As Covid restrictions started to bite this was particularly hard on those who had lost their homes and were sheltering with relatives. Widespread fear of the virus meant many such families found themselves homeless again. Livelihoods fell apart: the year's fruit crop was ruined by the storms just as flights were banned and tourism hit rock bottom. Camels – the most precious capital asset of most Bedouin who own them – had to be sold, and Mohammed, our manager, reported that while many people were hungry, some were starving. Compounding the problems, the Governorate's public hospitals were all closed simultaneously for reconstruction or refurbishment, leaving anyone in need of treatment with no choice but to make costly journeys to distant facilities.

Amid this maelstrom of misfortune our contribution could only ever be limited. However, though limited it was not insignificant. Following on from our successful social media project that equipped our community link volunteers with smartphones and taught women to use them, livestock, property and possibly lives were saved as the spread of flooding was relayed from area to area through women's networks. This enabled many people to move their animals and escape the the water. Years of work establishing contacts, networks and donors proved their worth when our team leveraged twice the value of SSF's UK appeal for Ramadan food and goods from sources in Egypt. Due to Mohammed's acknowledged expertise we were able to work in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, providing greenhouses and water pipes to help people make a living. Our livestock bank and herd managed by Deaf people gave timely help, and the women from the chicken co-op provided cash and food for people in hardship. We re-established our Emergency Medical fund as well as helping to restore ten houses and saving sixteen families from eviction due to rent arrears caused by loss of work.

Our Women's Team have also played an important role in supporting the community through Covid. Seeing up to ten women a day, five days a week, in their Centre in St Katherine, they provided advice, reassurance and practical help. Working with community volunteers they have helped people register for a Covid vaccine, which – despite widespread poverty and illiteracy –

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can only be done online. (Sinai is not a priority area, and vaccines became available in Sharm only from September 2021.) Working with the trainee nurses supported by one of our funds, our Women's Team ran workshops teaching women not only how to deal with symptoms of Covid and reduce transmission, but also concerns such as dealing with bereavement. They also ran sessions in Nuweiba and el Tur. The nurses themselves meanwhile were able to go out to remote communities, administer straightforward treatments, check children's health and give advice. With so little information and so much fear, especially in desert areas, their training could not have been put to better use.

The Haddana is our volunteer-run play and learning centre for Deaf and hearing children in a remote desert area whose local tribe has high rates of profound congenital deafness. It has run successfully since 2014, but last year was badly affected both by Covid and funding restrictions and operated patchily for much of the year. It nevertheless supported 32 children, both deaf children and their hearing siblings. Some twenty children have now made the transition from the Haddana into mainstream education. At least five of these children are deaf, but their ability to read and write has enabled them to attend school. As far as we know this is a first, as no specialist education is provided for deaf Bedouin children, and they normally receive none at all.

As so often, we were indebted to the Global Fund for Community Foundations for their support for our team in this financial year. Our plan - with the aim of building sustainability - was to help establish two new crops – saffron and pistachios – to go with the olives whose production and marketing we already support through our small social enterprise, which we had hoped to expand and register. All of these plans fell foul of everything described above: catastrophic weather, which ruined existing crops, and Covid restriction which made new ones unobtainable. Meanwhile further tightening of the laws governing NGOs made registration of the social enterprise inadvisable.

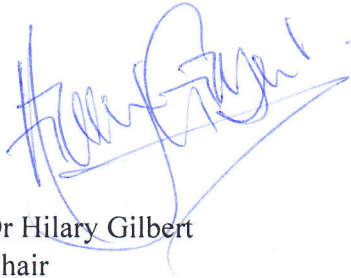
Thanks also to the support of the Evan Cornish Foundation, our team continued throughout the year to support critical cases with advice, advocacy and funding, much of it sourced from within the country, and often from within local communities in South Sinai itself. It did so in the face both of Covid, and a massive project to redevelop St Katherine in its entirety. For months now the formerly quiet Bedouin town - with no consultation of its residents - has been transformed into a building site of round-the-clock noise and dust, incorporating cement factories and bulldozers to clear any building – including many homes – that stand in the way of 'progress'. By this time next year the work will be complete, and I shall report on its impacts. In the meantime, our role at SSF becomes ever-clearer: to provide our team, sustainably, with the wherewithal to keep doing what they do so well. Our efforts to do that are starting to bear fruit, and I shall be able to report on that too next year.

This month marks fifteen years since we registered our partner organization, the Community Foundation for South Sinai – the first community foundation ever registered in Egypt. In spite of revolutions, natural disasters and pandemics, it continues to make life better for people whose lives seem often to be in continual turmoil. So I conclude with heartfelt thanks to those without whom this ongoing adventure would not be possible: our funders – in this year, the Evan Cornish Foundation, our Nurses Training funders and the Global Fund for Community Foundations whose faith in us means so much; all our donors, many of whom have supported us from the very beginning; our great Board of Trustees for their support, ideas and help; the people of South

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Sinai, for trusting us to work with them; and especially to our wonderful team - Mohammed, Halima, Jemi'a, Hoda and 'Amal, Faraj, and all our forty-plus community volunteers. May all the good they do come back to them.



Dr Hilary Gilbert
Chair
29/11/21

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Sinai Foundation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

M. Newey

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6/12/2021

Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

2020			Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2021
Total			Fund	Fund	Total
£			£	£	£
6331	Opening Balances		2956	4180	7136
Receipts					
15674	Grants	note 1	15824	0	15824
10483	Donations and Fundraising		10053	0	10053
0	Sundry		0	0	0
3	Interest		2	0	2
26160			25879	0	25879
Payments					
24836	Direct Charitable costs		17085	4180	21265
519	Costs of managing the Charity	note 2	759	0	759
25355			17844	4180	22024
805	Surplus/(Deficit) for year		8035	-4180	3855
7136	Closing Balances		10991	0	10991

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

2020		2021
£		£
7136	Balance at Bank	10991
	Less Creditors	
0	Grants received in advance	0
<u>7136</u>	Net Assets	<u>10991</u>



PP. Treasurer

13.12.21
Date



Chair

13.12.21
Date

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Note 1

Grants	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Evan Cornish Foundation	0	0	0	5000
Global Fund for Community Foundations	15824	0	15824	7489
Seeds of Justice	0	0	0	456
University of Nottingham	0	0	0	2729
	15824	0	15824	15674

Note 2

Costs of managing the Charity in the UK

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank charges	409	519
Accountancy charges	350	0
	759	519

Note 3

Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance £
Evan Cornish Foundation	4180	0	4180	0
Global Fund for Community Foundations	0	0	0	0
	4180	0	4180	0