

## **Sahara Desert Mission**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the year ending February 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

The Sahara Desert Mission was registered as a Charity in England and Wales no 1130454 in July 2009. The Trust was set up to continue the support of the Mission Évangélique Saharienne in Niger.

The trustees are:-

John Richard Hall

Re- elected May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Nick Woodford      Secretary

Re- elected May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Eric Taylor

Re- elected May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Naomi Mawhinney      Treasurer

Re- elected Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

Jeff Higgins

Elected Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Trustees are elected for a period of five years and then can stand again for re-election.

#### Objects and Public Benefit

The Objects of the Trust are for the benefit of the public in Africa and especially Saharan Africa through the advancement of the Christian Faith, relieving hardship, and advancement of education. This is achieved through grants of money, goods and services.

#### Activities

The main activity of the Trust is to raise awareness of the needs in Niger and receive donations for the support of Mission Évangélique Saharienne in Niger. The donations received this year are set out in the accounts.

As trustees we are confident that the funds we raise and send to Rev. Stephen Baggott are used for charitable purposes. We believe this because of our personal knowledge of Stephen himself, the monthly prayer news and the annual Mission Évangélique Saharienne Field Report prepared by Stephen, the Superintendent. The activities he records are what we expect of him as a Christian Missionary.

A newsletter "Streams in the Desert" is produced and sent out three times a year to all supporters. Many supporters also receive a monthly email directly from Rev Stephen Baggott,

There were no deputation meetings undertaken this year.

#### Finances

Monies are sent out to Niger when requested by Rev Stephen Baggott.

During the year we received £56,747 in donations and sent £43,910 to Niger. Publication and circulation of "Streams in the Desert" cost £704, leaving a balance in the UK of £22,137 at the end of February.

#### Reserves policy

We do not have a reserves policy because all monies are held in the UK for the Director in Niger to call on as and when he requires them. Only a small amount would be required to cover local expenses - any outstanding bills for the Streams newsletter.

Nick Woodford  
Secretary

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10.10.24





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Sahara Desert Mission**

No (if any)  
**1130454**

**CC16a**

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
**01.03.2023**

To

Period end date  
**28.02.2024**

### 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>					
General Fund	33,759	-	-	33,759	18,023
Rev S. Baggott	-	10,035	-	10,035	11,810
Mrs Mougrouf	-	8,100	-	8,100	5,900
Pastor Maman	-	-	-	-	-
David Edens	-	-	-	-	1,000
Relief Fund	-	3,122	-	3,122	4,190
Education Fund	-	932	-	932	1,396
Akhmad's Surgery	-	700	-	700	-
Other Specific Gifts	-	100	-	100	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,759</b>	<b>22,989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,747</b>	<b>42,319</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,759</b>	<b>22,989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,747</b>	<b>42,319</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Streams News and Sundries	-	704	-	704	1,224
General Field Expenses	20,782	-	-	20,782	23,498
Spares sent to field	-	-	-	-	-
Rev S Baggott	-	10,115	-	10,115	11,080
Mrs Mougrouf	-	7,955	-	7,955	5,100
Pastor Maman	-	-	-	-	-
David Edens	-	-	-	-	1,000
Relief Fund	-	4,026	-	4,026	2,896
Education Fund	-	932	-	932	1,446
Akhmad's Surgery	-	-	-	-	-
Other Specific Gifts	-	100	-	100	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,782</b>	<b>23,832</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,614</b>	<b>46,224</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>20,782</b>	<b>23,832</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,614</b>	<b>46,224</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,977</b>	<b>- 843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,134</b>	<b>- 3,905</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,003</b>	<b>13,908</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,137</b>	<b>10,003</b>

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SECRETARY

10.10.24

## 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>				
		5,723	4,280	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Sahara Desert Mission

On accounts for the year  
ended

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1130454

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **28/02/2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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(3)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*R.A.*

Date:

05.09.2024

Name:

RODNEY AIKEN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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