



# Withy Trees Welfare & Education

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Registered Charity Number: 1138788

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### Report | Year Ending 2021

#### Introduction

1. Although we were established in 2011, our overall activities have increased in the last 3 years, in particular from the year 2020.
2. We currently do not have any paid employees; all the work is done via volunteers and trustees.
3. We also do not employ or use any paid or professional fundraisers. Our donations are largely via word of mouth, including from the live feedback we send from the ground.
4. We use the premises of 157 Garstang Road as our correspondence address, with a small office for administrative work.
5. We have a 100% donations policy. All administrative, office and project delivery costs are met from Gift Aid.
6. Gift Aid is a very important income stream, and we encourage all eligible donors to fill in a Gift Aid for, or simply email us with your full name, address, postcode and a declaration that you are a UK taxpayer for Gift Aid purposes. Even a donation of £10 is significant, as these small donations with their Gift Aid soon adds up.

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**100% DONATION POLICY**

## What we do – Projects in the U.K.

We work both in the UK and abroad.

Our UK activities are largely funded through grants and Gift Aid. These monies are kept in a separate account. Gift Aid is also utilized to support administration costs of projects outside the UK.

In the UK we have two primary objectives:

- a) “Hygiene Bank” to support those who are struggling due to a drop in income. This project commenced from around July 2020, via a Covid support grant. Approximately on a 6-month average, 20 families a month benefit. This project currently is inactive due to a lack of funding.
- b) We also have a “Hardship Fund” for specific requests. Examples of some individuals we have supported are:
  - Syrian Refugees
  - Single Parents
  - Requests for white goods
  - Request for footwear
  - Requests for help with school uniforms

Referrals are made by social services, council workers, partner organizations, Imams, faith leaders etc.

## What we do – Projects Abroad

These projects are largely funded by donations from the Muslim community, largely in the month of Ramadhan (the month of fasting).

Muslims who meet certain criteria give 2.5% of certain assets to charity. This is known as Zakat.

Zakat donations are used to support projects in poor countries / regions such as:

- Rohingya Refugees (Bangladesh).
- Rural communities in Bangladesh and India.
- Day labourers in India (across several regions).
- Nepal (first project in March 2022).
- Sri Lanka (small first project in 2022).

As most of our Zakat donors are from South Asia, our projects are primarily focused on these countries.



## Regions we worked in India

- 1) Slums of Delhi.
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Thana Bhavan (U.P.)
- 6) Hyderabad
- 7) West Bengal
- 8) Gujarat
- 9) Tamil Nadu

Total relief spent in India: £66,183.18

Total relief spent in Bangladesh: £6324.50

Total relief in U.K.: £2487.74

### Important:

Funds are allocated to a region / area / country based on the donor's preference.

## Afghanistan humanitarian crisis

From February 2022 we have established small projects in Afghanistan, where there is a dire need for humanitarian aid.

- a) The country is suffering its worst drought for over 25 years.
- b) The economy has almost collapsed.
- c) Poverty levels are thus rising.
- d) Most people are literally on the verge of famine.
- e) Malnourishment in children is the highest in the world.

On a longer-term basis, we are sponsoring children to attend school and get an education. This project will hopefully get children off the streets, into learning and allow them to earn a respectable living when adults.

Two trips have been made in 2022 to support the poor and needy of this impoverished and war-torn region.

**24 million**

people in Afghanistan in need of vital humanitarian relief

**800,000**

people newly displaced within Afghanistan in 2021

**3.5 million**

people internally displaced by conflict in Afghanistan by 31 December 2021

**5.7 million**

Afghans and host communities in five neighbouring countries in need of su

Source: <https://www.unhcr.org>

Accessed on: 28.10.22

## Project delivery

1. Although we work with local charities abroad, we ensure that our key projects are delivered in our presence.
2. This ensures funds are spent correctly and gives confidence to our donors, as we send live reports on WhatsApp (videos).
3. The costs of these trips are met via Gift Aid, allowing us to ensure that 100% of the donation reaches the poor and needy.

## Future

1. We want to totally separate our UK and foreign operations, in a manner where the foreign projects run under a separate charitable entity. The name of “Just Relief” has been proposed.
2. The reason for this is to ensure our UK operations attract grant funding, and we can clearly demonstrate that we are only working in the UK. Currently the Zakat donations received gives an impression that we have a “strong and healthy” stream of income, when this is not the case for our UK operations.
3. As part of our UK operations, we want to support the local community, especially with the “cost of living crisis”.
4. We also wish to sponsor more children in Afghanistan who can attend school. Our target is to have 100 children, whose approximate cost is £40,000 per annum.
5. We also want to recruit a part-time paid employee to help further our objectives, in particular give us a presence on social media and help with day to day running.

You can see various updates (Afghanistan, Delhi, Bihar, and Nepal) on our Instagram page:



To donate:

Account name:

WITHY TREES WELFARE & EDUCATION

**Sort Code: 16-20-16**

**Account number: 10 25 64 36**

BIC: RBOSGB2L

IBAN: GB33RBOS16201610256436

Reference:

A suitable reference is essential.

Examples:

ZakIndia  
ZakAfghan  
ZakPakistan  
SadaqBang  
LillahAfghan

*If you are a UK taxpayer, email us your Gift Aid declaration (full name and address).*

Updated: 28.10.2022

Withy Trees Welfare & Education  
Profit And Loss Account  
For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
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	Interest receivable	32	23
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		<u>49,219</u>	<u>55,527</u>
Expenses	Accountancy fees	(1,000)	-
	Equipment expensed	(100)	(632)
	Light and heat	(1,208)	(200)
	Repairs and maintenance	(380)	(13,236)
	Stationery and printing	(167)	(142)
	Sundry	(96)	(95)
	Travel and subsistence	(4)	-
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