

Trustees' Annual Report for Saarah's Fund 2023-2024

1. Reference and Administrative Details

- **Registered Name:** Saarah's Fund
 - **Registered Charity Number:** 1143322
 - **Address:** 1 Murdoch Place, Oxford, OX2 9SR
 - **Trustees:** Dr. Raghieb Ali OBE, Talib Ali, Mohammed Rahman, Professor Najib Rahman
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2. Structure, Governance and Management

Sarah's Fund is a charitable trust managed and administered solely by its trustees. The four current trustees are all 'first trustees' who hold office until retirement.

Talib Ali serves as Chair, leading on fundraising activities and developing partnerships with other charitable organisations. Mohammed Rahman is the Treasurer. Dr Raghieb Ali and Professor Najib Rahman provide medical insights where needed. All decisions about fundraising activities and grant-making are made collectively, either in person or by email.

No trustees received remuneration or expenses from the charity. There are no employees.

3. Objectives and Activities

Our objective is to support sick newborn children, sick children, and children with special needs and their families, through charitable means as the trustees see fit. This includes:

- Supporting the charitable work of the Oxford Children's Hospital and the John Radcliffe Hospital, particularly by assisting with equipment provision for the Neonatal Baby Unit.
- Advancing education for pupils with special needs at Wheatley Nursery School by providing and assisting with facilities.
- Supporting the charitable work of Riding for the Disabled Abingdon Group, particularly through assisting with facilities and equipment.
- Providing financial assistance to sick newborns or children with special needs from overseas to enable them to receive necessary care and/or education.

This year, Saarah's Fund focused on the fourth objective by fundraising for and granting funds to provide low-cost incubators to sick newborn babies overseas.

4. Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their duties and carrying out the charity's aims and activities.

5. Achievements and Performance

Saarah's Fund, in partnership with Embrace Global, provided 180 low-cost incubators in the following locations:

- 160 in Gaza
- 20 in Yemen

In total, these incubators are expected to help save the lives of over 4,300 babies during a 12-month period (based on Embrace Global's estimate each incubator will be used by at least two babies per month).

Gaza: In November 2023, we launched our Gaza Incubator Appeal, our most successful fundraising campaign to date, funding 160 incubators. The incubators were distributed through Embrace Global partnering with UNRWA.



International Medical Corp's Deir Al Balah field hospital in central Gaza

Yemen: In May 2024, Saarah's Fund funded 20 incubators in Yemen, working with Embrace Global and CARE Yemen. The incubators were deployed to referral hospitals as requested by the Ministry of Health.



Northern Syria: Following the February 2023 earthquakes, we launched the Syria and Turkiye Incubator Appeal. In partnership with Embrace Global 50 incubators were deployed to Northern Syria through the Syrian American Medical Society and UNICEF.

Talib Ali subsequently ran the Oxford Half Marathon in October 2023. The majority of funds (sponsorship) had already been raised and all the incubators had been funded, during the financial year 2022-2023, in advance of the race.



Feedback recently provided to Embrace Global:

"Before receiving this incubator, we relied on cotton and tin to wrap the baby before transporting him/her outside the hospital to maintain an appropriate temperature, especially in the winter. Please allow me to thank your team for providing this valuable donation." — Syrian-American Medical Society

6. Financial Review

Summary of Income and Expenses:

Income

Unrestricted Funds	£	4,068
Unrestricted Funds - Gift Aid Received	£	3,808
Restricted Funds	£	71,543
Total income	£	79,419

Expenditure

Card Processing Fees	-£	424
Restricted funds projects	-£	71,909
Total Expenditure	-£	72,333

Surplus

£	7,086
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Notes:

1. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
2. Although we have minimal operating costs, the trustees have agreed to maintain unrestricted reserves of between £5,000 and £10,000 to ensure financial stability and to allow Saarah's Fund to react quickly to emergencies.

7. Key Funding Sources

Our main income sources are donations via the platforms Wonderful.org and PayPal Giving Fund, neither of which charges platform fees or card processing fees. We also receive some regular donations through KindLink, which charges standard card processing fees but no platform fees.

8. Future Plans

While we typically raise funds on an appeal-by-appeal basis, we aim to increase the number of regular donors to build our reserves, enabling faster responses to future emergencies. We will continue partnering with Embrace Global, Human Relief Foundation and Human Appeal to deliver medical equipment and services where most needed.

9. Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the charity's governing document.



Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Talib I. Ali

Chair of Trustees

Date: 29th April 2025

01-Jul-23

Opening balance

Unrestricted Funds carried forward	£	22,721
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30th June 2024

Closing balance	£	29,807
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Saarah's Fund

On accounts for the year
ended

30-Jun-2024

Charity no
(if any)

1143322

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 06 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Signed:

Date: 28/04/2025

Name:

Yasir Yasin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

(if any):

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

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

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