

Trustees' Annual Report for Saarah's Fund 2024-2025

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, Sarah's Fund, once again, focused on the fourth objective by fundraising for and granting funds to provide 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 has provided four conventional incubators across two countries, in partnership with leading humanitarian organisations:

- 2 in Sudan, in partnership with Human Appeal
- 2 in Yemen, in partnership with Human Relief Foundation

In addition, Saarah's Fund funded 20 low-cost incubators in Syria and 80 for Gaza, in partnership with Embrace Global.

Sudan: In October 2024, Saarah's Fund partnered with Human Appeal to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Sudan, launching an appeal to fund two neonatal incubators for Dongola Maternity Hospital in Northern State.

The incubators have increased the hospital's neonatal care capacity by 40%, significantly strengthening its ability to manage critical cases and reducing the need for emergency referrals. To date, 240 babies have benefited.



*Dongola
Maternity
Hospital,
Dongola,
Sudan*

Yemen: In March 2025, two incubators - the facility's first ever - were installed at Al Qate'a Health Complex in Aden, Yemen, bringing improved neonatal care to a community of nearly 8,000 people.



Al Qate'a Health, Aden, Yemen

Syria: In partnership with Embrace Global, Saarah's Fund funded 20 low-cost incubators for Syria - part of Embrace's wider deployment of nearly 200 incubators across multiple provinces, including Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, and Tartous. Distributed to trusted health facilities, these devices are helping to rebuild neonatal care infrastructure after years of conflict and devastation.

Over a 12-month period, the 20 incubators funded by Saarah's Fund are expected to help save the lives of up to 480 babies - based on Embrace Global's estimate that each incubator will be used by at least two babies per month.

Gaza: Saarah's Fund has also funded a further 80 low-cost incubators for Gaza, which Embrace will deploy once conditions on the ground allow for safe distribution.

6. Financial Review

Summary of Income and Expenses:

Income

Unrestricted Funds	£	2,418
Unrestricted Funds - Gift Aid Received	£	7,516
Restricted Funds	£	46,744
Total income	£	56,679

Expenditure

Card Processing Fees	£	(51)
Restricted funds projects	£	(64,746)
Total Expenditure	£	(64,797)

Deficit

£	(8,118)
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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 Sarah'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 nor 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: 28th April 2026

	01-Jul-24	
Opening balance		
Unrestricted Funds carried forward	£	29,806.95
Income		
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	30th June 2025	
Closing balance	£	21,689



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Saarah's Fund

On accounts for the year
ended

30-Jun-2025

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 / 2025**.

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: 27/04/2026

Name:

Yasir Yasin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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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