

2023

TRUSTEES REPORT

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1. Trustees

Trustee appointment is determined by the Board of Trustees, and the Trustees have professional careers and work with the charity's cause and operations with their skills and knowledge.

2. Constitution, Objects, and Policies

2.1 The Al-Ansari Foundation is a registered charity constituted by Trust Deed. The Trust Deed defines the charity's objectives as being general charitable purposes as defined by charity law in the United Kingdom. The charity is based in the UK and operates with a satellite office in the UK so that it can keep its costs to a minimum.

2.2 It is supported by committed volunteers some of whom include accountants and graphic designers and other supporters. The Trustees have professional careers, and each contribute with their skills and knowledge to promote the cause of the charity and its day-to-day operation.

3. Public Benefit Statement

3.1 Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and confirms compliance in line with the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives and have complied with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit in pursuance of its objectives and activities.

4. Development, Activities, and Achievements

4.1 The charity continues to receive high levels of support and trust from the general public as shown by the significant levels of donations received with a steady climb in its growth. The charity has yet to operate at deficit. Thus far it has operated with a 100% donation policy using any gift aid collated from donation to pay salaries for staff in Zanzibar.

4.2 However, over the next three years, the charity envisages that its expenditure will grow with the establishment of its independent and much needed offices in Zanzibar to manage a growing number of volunteers and employees there. In May of 2022, the charity officially registered in Zanzibar as an international NGO and began operations independent to its former delivery partner.

5. Charitable activities

5.1 This growth in the charity's income has been supported by fundraising efforts by Trustees in ventures such as the annual dragon boat race via the Al-Noor Foundation in conjunction with some other 80 charities, raising approximately £15,000 from the summer event.

5.2 The charity's Zanzibar Dragons team not only raised significant sums for water wells but also won silver in the national event, which has helped project the charity brand further into the limelight, as the event was covered by Emaan TV, which is a major community TV channel.

6. Partnerships

- 6.1 Finally, its partnership with crowd funding platform LaunchGood has helped the charity gain significant credibility and ground in fundraising and extended reach beyond the shores of the UK to other countries. This has significantly increased income from non-UK donors.
- 6.2 In addition, Trustees have formed partnerships with organisations to bring in significant income such as the charity's partner Hope and Knowledge, which helped fundraise to build a community mosque in Pemba Island. This collaboration has engaged more than 100 new fundraisers over the course of one year.

7. The Spend

7.1 The charity has spent in the following areas: -

- Construction of schools/madrasah's.
- Masjid builds;
- Sponsoring of teachers;
- Orphanage support and orphan home builds;
- Income generation projects;
- Small business support;
- Water wells;
- Food distributions.

- 7.2 The charity has built on its existing partnerships to create strong working relationships with local organisations in Zanzibar to support its efforts to distribute aid. It is looking to increase its networks of partner organisations throughout Zanzibar.
- 7.3 A note must be made of the hard work of those Trustees, volunteers and staff members without who the charity could not continue to operate. Most work without pay, especially in the UK as Trustees have spent their own time and often money to go overseas to ensure that the funds raised reaches places where it was needed. The charity is indebted to the service they have provided.

8. Sponsorship

- 8.1 The charity continues to focus on its sponsorship programmes. Its orphan sponsorship programmes have now extended to orphans in Pemba Island. The charity will continue to develop support programmes for orphans which will cater for their social wellbeing and educational needs. The orphans are supported with school fees as well as medical needs being paid for. Currently, the charity has been able to initiate more than 60% bank accounts on behalf of the children to receive their sponsorship money directly into an account.

9. Water for life

- 9.1 The charity's water for life programme has kept the charity extremely busy as the work along with more and more donors which wish to donate deep borehole wells has grown. Its water wells currently serve over 90,000 Zanzibaris on a daily basis who benefit

From clean and fresh water. The Government of Zanzibar has formally acknowledged the charity's efforts in providing thousands access to water.

- 9.2 However, as the charities water drilling rig ages, the charity has incurred costs in maintaining the machine and this year the Trustees have decided that the charity desperately needs to buy one or two additional machines from China to meet with current demands.

10. Financial Review

- 10.1 The charity had a balance of £3,867 from the last financial year 2021/2022, which it brought forward. It received £465,746 in funds in this current financial year, together with gift aid, charity prizes and bonuses. This was a significant increase of 20% in the funds received from the previous financial year.

11. Volunteers

- 11.1 The Trustees are very grateful to the numerous volunteers who have helped the charity during the year with their spare time and the skills they have brought to the charity. The Trustees would also like to thank the members of the public who have donated so generously.

12. Risk management

- 12.1 The Trustees review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis. The Trustees regularly consider the Compliance Toolkit issued by the Charity Commission, Protecting Charities from Harm, and ensure that the operational and business risks faced by the charity and established systems which continue to mitigate the significant risks. The Trustees are committed to and are continuously striving to have stronger and more robust systems and controls which all provide even more transparency and accuracy and ensure that the donors to the charity can give confidently, and the assets of the charity are safeguarded.

13. Charity Policies

- 13.1 The Trustees have embarked upon a major policy appraisal, reviewing, and drafting a significant number of policies to bring its practices up to date to safeguard donors' money from fraud (via Anti-Bribery and Corruption to Anti-Money Laundering policies) and to protect children and vulnerable adults it works with.

14. The Vision

- 14.1 The charity intends to continue to grow and be able to provide a personal service it has due to its small size. The charity envisages the next financial year will see additional assets to strengthen its water for life programme, which has been one of its successful flagship campaigns.
- 14.2 The challenge for the charity is to directly address the underlying causes of poverty and tackle them in the most effective, ethical and efficient way possible, and consequently this year the charity has started support programmes for poor teachers and partnered up

with teachers to provide education and teach children English to increase their chances to secure jobs to climb out of the poverty trap.

14.3 Overall the charity will continue to meet its stated objectives over the next few years and will increase its focus on key development projects, and as such, will continue to focus its attention in Zanzibar, in East Africa. Given the scale of poverty in this particular region, the Trustees have decided to increase the aid and development operations over the coming years by also tapping into international funds.

15. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

15.1 The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

15.2 The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material
- departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

15.3 The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

The report was approved by the Trustees on28.01.2024and signed on their behalf.

Javed Ansari

Javed Ansari

Trustee

Amina Begum

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Trustee

The Al-Ansari Foundation	1146862
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start 1st april 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowmen t funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Balance B/F	£0.00	£3,868	£0	£3,867.56	£3,868
Money receipt	£0.00	£413,605	£0	£413,605.28	
Gift Aid	£0.00	£48,273	£0	£48,273.23	
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£0.00	£465,746	£0	£465,746.07	£3,868

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0.00	£0

Total receipts	£0.00	£465,746	£0	£465,746.07	£3,868
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A3 Payments

Money spent in Zanzibar on projects	£0	£412,902	£0	£412,902.29	£0
Other expences related to administration costs in UK	£0	£13,038	£0	£13,038.08	£0
Bank Charges	£0	£518	£0	£518.00	£0
UK Wages	£0	£7,300	£0	£7,300.00	£0

Advertising	£0	£11,203	£0	£11,203.30	£0
			£0	£0.00	£0
			£0	£0.00	£0
Sub total	£0.00	£444,961.67	£0	£444,961.67	£0

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	
	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	
Sub total	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0

Total payments	£0.00	£444,962	£0	£0.00	£0
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Net of receipts/(payments)	£0.00	£20,784	£0	£20,784.40	£3,868
A5 Transfers between funds	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
A6 Cash funds last year end	£0.00	£0	£0	£0.00	£0
Cash funds this year end	£0.00	£20,784	£0	£20,784.40	£3,868

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

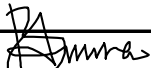
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank on 31st march 2023	-	£20,784.40	£3,867.56
		-	£0.00	£0.00
		-	£0.00	£0.00
	Total cash funds	-	£20,784.40	£3,867.56
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	£0.00	-
		-	£0.00	-
		-	£0.00	-
		-	£0.00	-
		-	£0.00	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/A		£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			£0.00	-
	N/A		£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-
			£0.00	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	N/A		£0.00	
			£0.00	
			£0.00	
			£0.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Amina Begum	28.01.2024
	Javed Ansari	Javed Ansari	28.01.2024

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

The Al-Ansari Foundation

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no

1146862

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:


- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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:



Date:

28/01/2024

Name:

Ruhul Amin Khan

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A