

2024

TRUSTEES REPORT

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1. Trustees

Trustee appointments are determined by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees bring professional expertise and apply their skills and knowledge to support the charity's cause and operations.

2. Constitution, Objects, and Policies

2.1 The Al-Ansari Foundation is a registered charity, constituted by Trust Deed. The Trust Deed outlines the charity's objectives as 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 to minimize costs.

2.2 The charity is supported by a dedicated group of volunteers, including professionals such as accountants, graphic designers, and other supporters. The Trustees have professional careers and contribute their skills and expertise to further the charity's cause and ensure its smooth daily operations.

3. Public Benefit Statement

3.1 The Trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and confirm the charity's compliance with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. This includes giving due regard to public benefit in the pursuit of its objectives and activities.

4. Development, Activities, and Achievements

4.1 The charity continues to receive significant support and trust from the public, as evidenced by the substantial donations it has received. The charity has maintained a steady growth trajectory and has consistently operated without a deficit. Most projects operate with a 100% donation policy, utilizing Gift Aid from donations to cover staff salaries in both Zanzibar and the UK, as well as administrative costs.

4.2 Over the next few years, the charity anticipates an increase in expenditure, particularly with the establishment of an independent office in Zanzibar to manage the growing number of volunteers and employees. In May 2022, the charity officially registered as an international NGO in Zanzibar and began operating independently of its previous delivery partner.

5. Charitable Activities

5.1 The charity's growth in income has been supported by fundraising efforts, including the annual Dragon Boat Race organized in collaboration with the Al-Noor Foundation and 80 other charities, raising approximately £25,000 during the summer event.

6. Partnerships

6.1 The charity's partnership with the crowdfunding platform LaunchGood has significantly enhanced its credibility and broadened its fundraising reach, extending beyond the UK to attract international donors.

6.2 The Trustees have also forged key partnerships with organizations such as Hope and Knowledge, which played a vital role in fundraising for the construction of an Orphan Village in Pemba Island. This collaboration engaged over 280 new fundraisers over the course of one year.

7. The Spend

7.1 The charity has allocated funds to the following areas:

- Construction of schools/madrasahs
- Masjid builds
- Sponsorship of teachers
- Orphanage support and orphan home builds
- Income generation projects
- Small business support
- Water wells
- Food distributions

7.2 The charity has built strong partnerships with local organizations in Zanzibar to support its aid distribution efforts. It aims to expand its network of partner organizations across Zanzibar.

7.3 The Trustees, volunteers, and staff members have made significant contributions to the charity's continued operation. Many Trustees work without pay, often dedicating their time and personal funds to travel overseas and ensure that raised funds reach those in need. The charity deeply appreciates their invaluable service.

8. Sponsorship

8.1 The charity's Orphan sponsorship programmes, have extended to orphans in Pemba Island. The charity will continue to develop support programs that address the educational and social needs of orphans. These children receive school fees and medical care, and more than 78% now have bank accounts to receive sponsorship funds directly.

9. Water for Life

9.1 The charity's Water for Life programme has seen significant growth, with increasing numbers of donors contributing to deep borehole wells. The water wells currently provide clean, fresh water to over 115,000 Zanzibaris daily. The Government of Zanzibar has officially recognized the charity's efforts in improving access to water.

9.2 Due to the aging drilling rig, maintenance costs have increased. However, the Trustees have commissioned a new drilling rig from China to meet the growing demand for water provision.

10. Financial Review

10.1 The charity had a balance of £20,784 brought forward from the previous financial year (2022/2023). It received £361,534 in funds for the current financial year, in addition to Gift Aid, charity prizes, and bonuses.

11. Volunteers

www.al-ansarifoundation.org

11.1 The Trustees extend their sincere gratitude to the numerous volunteers who have contributed their time and skills to the charity. Special thanks also go to the public for their generous donations.

12. Risk Management

12.1 The Trustees regularly review the major risks faced by the charity. They consider the Charity Commission's Compliance Toolkit, "Protecting Charities from Harm," and ensure that systems are in place to mitigate significant operational and business risks. The Trustees are committed to strengthening controls to ensure transparency, safeguard donor confidence, and protect the charity's assets.

13. Charity Policies

13.1 The Trustees are undertaking a comprehensive policy review to update and implement new policies, including those to safeguard donor funds against fraud (e.g., Anti-Bribery, Anti-Corruption, and Anti-Money Laundering policies), and to protect the children and vulnerable adults the charity works with.

14. The Vision

14.1 The charity intends to continue growing while maintaining its ability to provide a personal service. It aims to strengthen its Water for Life programme, one of its most successful campaigns, in the next financial year.

14.2 The charity's challenge remains to address the underlying causes of poverty effectively, ethically, and efficiently. This year, the charity has introduced support programs for underprivileged teachers and collaborated with educators to provide English language instruction, thereby enhancing children's chances of escaping poverty through employment.

14.3 The charity will continue to pursue its objectives in the coming years, with a stronger focus on development projects in Zanzibar, East Africa. The Trustees have decided to increase aid and development operations by tapping into international funds to address the region's severe poverty.

15. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

15.2 Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position and activities for the year. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees must:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Follow the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, with any material departures disclosed and explained;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the charity will continue.

15.3 The Trustees are responsible for maintaining sufficient accounting records to disclose the charity's financial position accurately. They must 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. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

The report was approved by the Trustees on22.01.2025and signed on their behalf.



Amina Begum

Trustee



Javed Ansari

Trustee

The Al-Ansari Foundation	1146862
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start 1st april 2023	To	Period end date 31st March 2024
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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	-	£20,784	£0	£20,784	£20,784
Money receipt	-	£318,262	£0	£318,262	
Gift Aid	-	£43,272	£0	£43,272	
	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	£382,318	£0	£382,318	£20,784
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	£0	£0	£0	
	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total receipts	-	£382,318	£0	£382,318	£20,784

A3 Payments					
Money spent in Zanzibar on projects		£320,000	£0	£320,000	£0

Other expenses related to fundraising in the UK		£7,014	£0	£7,014	£0
Bank/Portal Charges		£794	£0	£794	£0
UK Wages		£5,450	£0	£5,450	£0
Advertising		£20,423	£0	£20,423	£0
Donation Adj		£2,693	£0	£2,693	£0
		£0	£0	£0	£0
		£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total		£356,374	£0	£356,374	£0

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

Total payments	-	£356,374	£0	£0	£0
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Net of receipts/(payments)	-	£25,945	£0		£20,784
A5 Transfers between funds	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	£0	£0	£0	£0
Cash funds this year end	-	£25,945	£0	£0	£20,784

Section B Statement

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank on 31st march 2024	-	£25,944.29	
		-	£0.00	£0.00
		-	£0.00	£0.00

Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	£25,944.29	£0.00
	OK	Agreement Error	OK



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Amina Begum	22.01.2025
	Javed Ansari	22.01.2025

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 2024

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 Acthave 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:

30.01.2025

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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