



The Kachin Relief Fund

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Charity Registration No. 1148586, Registered in England & Wales

Annual report for year ending 31st August 2023

The Kachin Relief Fund is a charity organization, registered number 1148586, in England and Wales. It was founded in 2011 by a Kachin community in United Kingdom and granted charity status on 16th August 2012. All trustee members constitute Kachin exiles in the UK that have a good local network and can ensure the rapid delivery of humanitarian aids to the right people and locations with a transparent, very efficient and effective way.

The Kachin Relief Fund is very grateful to those individuals and organisations for their support throughout these very hard times.

Objectives

- To relieve hardship, sickness and distress, and advance education among internally displaced Kachin people
- To advance public education in difficulties experienced by refugees as well as deprived and disadvantaged Kachin people
- To promote fundamental human right education based on the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights and documentation of human rights abuses.

The Kachin relief fund focuses on emergency relief, education development including physical education, health and human right and advocacy. The trustees set a strategy and approach when granting funds or aids base on transparency and accountability, rapid response and target the most needed areas, and no extra burden for local partners.

Background

Burma or Myanmar is known as the longest civil war-torn nation in the world. The Kachins are one of the long-standing resisting ethnic groups since 1961. After three decades of civil war, in 1994 the Kachin Independence Organisation (KIO) signed a ceasefire agreement with the Burma regime that lasted for 17 years. In 2010-2011, tensions between the government and the KIO began to grow and escalated into open conflict on June 9, 2011. The hostility led to putting an end to a 17-year-long cease-fire and causing massive displacement of the local population in Kachin and Northern Shan States. Within months; more than 320 villages have been destroyed and over 120,000 Kachin civilians which made up to 10% of the entire Kachin population became Internally Displace Persons (IDPs) within their territories in over 135 IDPs sites due to violent direct attacks from the Burmese military and its government. The new Kachin generation become victims of unspeakable torture, and witnessing the brutality of war crimes and crimes against

humanity in their lifetime. Some hundreds of elderly people, women and children died during their run in the jungles towards the shelters (IDPs camps), because difficult childbirth or due to preventable diseases living in the crowded campsite. Many are yet to recover from their hush and traumatic experiences without proper treatment.

Over a decade of conflict-affected people experiencing multiple displacements; Kachin IDPs are suffering constant fear and anxiety in their daily life. Leaving behind their land and properties for so many years with lives in the camps has been unbearable with decreases causing humanitarian crisis. Uncertain hope to return to their homeland with dignity and their greatest concern for their children's future become increasingly deemed over the years. And to make it worse the devastating effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current nationwide civil war has refuelled and double burden to already suffering civilians all over again following military coup on 1st February 2021. According to the latest report from local Civil Societies Organizations (CSOs) and UN agencies; there are more than two million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) for the last two years including pre-existing IDPs across the country. Since the coup, Kachins have been accommodating some of the students, activists and other important figures into their liberated area, so does The targeted military attacked has been increased in recent years creating more IDPs in Kachin State and Northern Shan State which make new 186 IDPs sites which is 20 more campsites than previous two years in the Kachin regions alone.

The Kachin conflict has been a neglected crises with some very limited help, the situation of the Kachin IDPs remains unchanged, and the international agencies have not gotten access to most of the IDP camps over the last 12 years. Local NGOs, religious organizations and including Kachin Relief Fund have played a crucial role in providing humanitarian assistance to the IDPs as they have been for many years as providers of humanitarian aids.

Trustee members

1.	Mr. Goontawng Lashi	Chairman (Key Controller)
2.	Mr. Hkanhpa Tu Sadan	Secretary (Key Controller)
3.	Ms. Maureen Ja Bu Lagra	Treasurer (Key Controller)
4.	Mr. Hkun Htoi Layang	Trustee (Member)
5.	Mrs. Seng Pan Maran	Trustee (Member)
6.	Mr. Kyang Bawm Lagwi	Trustee (Member)
7.	Mr. Brang Aung	Trustee (Member)
8.	Mrs. Bulu Mahkaw	Trustee (Member)
9.	Mr. Rindu Lachyung	Trustee (Member)

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Activities reports- 2022- 2023

1. Emergency Relief and Covid-19 Responses

Despite a challenging situation due to intensive civil wars and travel restrictions, KRF continued working with local NGOs, churches and respectful individuals, to delivered very needed basics food rations, medicines to wars affected areas such as Southern Kachin State and Sagaing Region, Northern Kachin State, Southern Kachin State in Bhamo area. The provisions comprised rice, cooking oil, salt, beans, garlic and onions.



Local receiving food rations from KRF, Northern Shan State.



Internally Displaced People from Norther Shan State receiving financial support from KRF.



Delivering Aids was a very challenging task, very remote, Northern Kachin State.

2. Human rights advocacy, promoting civil liberty by supporting Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) by promoting Human rights

KRF continued raising funds and to support Healthcare workers and teachers who were participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) in Kachin and Norther Shan States, Myanmar due to the military coup

KRF continued to sponsor a local human right coordinator for human rights documentations and advocacy by engaging with the UN agencies and other non-government organizations.

KRF trustees and members of Kachin community in UK continue to advocate for human rights and humanitarian situations in Kachin and other ethnic communities in Burma.



Presenting current situation by Hkanhpa Sadan, Secretary, KRF in Norway. July 2023

3. IDP children Development and Physical Education

Since 2014 KRF has been sponsoring Myusha Gintawng- Kachin Karate Instructors, and sport instructors for physical education for IDP children partner with BRIDGE- a local NGO. The project has been highly affective and now over 1,500 children were benefiting from such activities.



Photo: A Karate Class in Ngum La, Northern Kachin State.



Physical education, school sport day was lead by KRF sport coordinator, Maija Yang.



Physical Education programme for IDP children in Maija Yang, Kachin State.

4. Educational aids including teacher training

KRF partnered with the Jinghpaw Education Project (JEP), a UK charity to sponsor numbers of teacher training program in Kachin State in 2022 and 2023 again.



Teacher Training, Kachin State, 2022.

KRF also supported emergency hardship fund to numbers of university students who were studying in South East Asia Countries.

KRF delivered teaching aids, foods and medicines for the Ngum La High School and its hostels, very remote northern Kachin State. KRF continued providing sponsorship to a librarian and bought more new books for Ngum La library. It was very challenging to deliver aids to such very remote area.



Ngum La School 2023.



Ngumla High School and medicines for students.

5. Fund raising activities and KRF 12th year anniversary event

'Walk for Kachin IDPs' event was successfully on held on 3rd June 2023 mark 12 years anniversary of resumed war in Kachinland. KRF was delighted to see so many people turned up and show solidarity with Kachin IDPs.





ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

All of the member of KRF staff are contributing on a voluntary basis. All public relations, secretarial and financial accounting work are carried out by volunteers.

The trustees are striving to keep the operating costs of the charity to a minimum.

The trustees are responsible for preparing Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and well judged;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, any outgoing items disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- And prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operation.

Independent Examiner

David Turner of CP Finance was appointed as the charities' independent examiner during the year and they have expressed their willingness to assist in that capacity. A resolution proposing their appointment was approved at the AGM on 29th May 2017 and their re-appointment is confirmed at each subsequent AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Chair

Mr. Goontawng Lashi

Dated: 26 /06/2024



Secretary

Mr. Hkanhpa Tu Sadan

Dated: 26/06/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KACHIN RELIEF FUND

We have examined the financial statements of the Kachin Relief Fund, also known as KRF, for the period ended 31st August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 9, on pages 17 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with s145 of the Charities Act 2011. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

As more fully explained in the Trustees' Responsibility Statement, set out on p14, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The charity's trustees consider and audit is not required for this year under s144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under s145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011, and to state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of an Independent Examiner's Statement

An examination includes the 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 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 herewith.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respects, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act 2011 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011, have not been met. In addition there are no matters, in our opinion, to which attention needs to be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D H Turner', is written over a horizontal line.

CP Finance

Dated 26/06/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Incoming Resources					
Donation received		69,807		69,807	53,159
Gift Aid Tax refunds		0		0	0
Total Incoming Resources		69,807	0	69,807	53,159
	Note				
Resources Expenditure					
Office Equipment - Depreciation	1	0		0	0
Direct charitable expenditure	2	53,375		53,375	52,321
Costs of generating funds	3	3,791		3,791	2,525
Other expenditure	4	1,638		1,638	1,012
Total Charitable Expenditure		58,804	0	58,804	55,858
Net Income before charges		11,003		11,003	(2,699)
Bank charges		(353)		(353)	(127)
Net income for the year		10,650	0	10,650	(2,826)
Funds Brought Forward at 1 September 2022		14,957		14,957	17,783
Funds Carried Forward at 31 August 2023		25,606	0	25,606	14,957

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 20223

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed Assets			
Office Equipment	1	1,807	
Accumulated Depen		<u>(1,807)</u>	0
			0
Current Assets			
Debtor	5	0	1,200
Bank- Current accounts		23,366	12,792
PayPal Account		<u>2,260</u>	965
		<u>25,626</u>	<u>14,957</u>
Current Liability		20	0
Net Assets	6	<u>25,606</u>	<u>14,957</u>
Capital & Reserves			
Reserves		14,957	17,783
Net Income/Expenditure		10,650	(2,826)
		<u>25,606</u>	<u>14,957</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1.Fixed Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Office Equipment	1,807	1,807	1,807
Less: Depreciation @25%	(1,807)	(1,807)	(1,807)
	0	0	0

2.Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Education Welfare and development	16,109	16,109	10,089
Emergency Humanitarian Response	14,834	14,834	12,800
Human Rights & Advocacy	11,318	11,318	12,723
Sport Education & Activities	10,164	10,164	14,992
Travelling	950	950	1717
	53,375	53,375	52,321

3.Costs of Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fund raising events	<u>3,791</u>	<u>3,791</u>	<u>2,525</u>

4.Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Promotion and public relation	551	551	112
Office Running costs	0	0	0
Refreshments	457	457	457
Internet & Phone	102	102	0
Software & Computer	106	106	24
Subscriptions	144	144	259
Printing & Stationery	118	118	0
Independent Examiner Fee	160	160	160
	1,638	1,638	1,012

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

5. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
KCUK2020 donations	0	0	1,200
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>

6. Creditor

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Accruals	1,220	1,220	0
KCUK2020	(1,200)	(1,200)	0
	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>

6. Employees Remuneration

There were no employees during the year.

7. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid during the year and no reimbursement is due at the year end.

8. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31st August 2023.

9. Taxation

The Kachin Relief Fund is a registered Charity and is exempt from taxation in respect of Income and Capital Gains under Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.