

**Grassroots Enterprise for Social Inclusion and Poverty Relief**

**Report and Accounts**

**4 December 2020**

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Period start date			Period end date		
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From

To

## Section A Reference and administration details

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**Other names charity is known by** GESIPR

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**Safeguard vulnerable people:** Some of the beneficiaries of project activities were considered as vulnerable due to their circumstances. The charity's project ensured safeguarding actions such as completing risk and needs assessment for each beneficiary. The charity had in place safeguarding policies for vulnerable adults and children which was used in our work with the beneficiaries. Data protection, confidentiality and information sharing was prioritized.

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

government health and safety guidelines on COVID-19 and as result help to reduce the spread of the virus.

**Increased and strengthened Partnerships:** The charity has developed new partnerships with 5 new organizations and 8 new funders and other service providers and has strengthened its relationship with existing partnerships and funders giving it more credibility and recognition.

**Organizational Capacity Building:** The capacity of the organization with regards its human resource, financial health and viability and governance have been strengthened over the past year resulting to a more resilient organization. We have been able to support 15 volunteers and 5 trustees with training programmes, strengthened our governance and financial control systems which has resulted in the organization realizing an 80% increase of its annual turnover from the previous financial year.

## Section E

## Financial review



**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The development of a reserve policy is under consideration by the charity's trustees.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details**

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal sources of funds: Local Authority and Grants from other Philanthropic organizations. Income from our Fundraising activities between 2019 to 2020 enabled us to deliver 8 projects which contributed to meet our charitable objectives.

Our fundraising activities was mainly through bidding for grants from local authority and other philanthropic organizations. The development of an investment policy is under consideration by the charity's trustees.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position

Date

Mary Nelson	
Chair	
15/03/2021	

# GRASSROOTS ENTERPRISE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND POVERTY RELIEF-GESIPR

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	To	05/12/2019	04/12/2020
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### Receipts and payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Restricted funds £	2019/20 Total funds £	Last Year Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Donations	1,000	-	1,000	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	3
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Grant	200	46,800	48,800	20,320
Other grants	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>46,800</b>	<b>48,800</b>	<b>20,320</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest	-	2	2	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>48,602</b>	<b>49,802</b>	<b>20,323</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>48,602</b>	<b>49,802</b>	<b>20,323</b>

## Receipts and Payments Account (cont'd)

For the year from	To	05/12/2019	04/12/2020
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### Receipts and payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Restricted funds £	2019/20 Total funds £	Last Year Total funds £
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Wages	-	4,300	4,300	-
Rent/Venue Hire	-	1,800	1,800	-
Training costs	-	1,000	1,000	-
Utilities	-	550	550	-
Insurance	-	348	348	-
Cost of charity activities	-	3,971	3,971	-
Printing and photocopying	-	210	210	-
Internet	-	24	24	-
Advertising & Publicity	-	1,803	1,803	-
Telephone	-	200	200	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	14,205	14,205	-
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>				
Travel & Subsistence	-	1,430	1,430	-
Professional fees		1,600	1,600	-
Motor Expense	-	1,144	1,144	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	2,320
<b>Sub total</b>	-	4,174	4,174	2,320
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	-	18,380	18,380	2,320
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	9,000	9,000	15,000
<b>Total payments</b>	-	27,380	27,380	17,320
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	1,200	21,223	22,423	3,003
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	2	3,000	3,002	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,202	24,223	25,425	3,003

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Restricted funds £	2019/20 Total funds £	Last Year Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank current account	1,202	24,223	25,425	3,003
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>24,223</b>	<b>25,425</b>	<b>3,003</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Motor vehicles	-	3,000	3,000	-
Office Equipments	-	25,500	25,500	15,000
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	1,200	1,200	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>

**Contingent liabilities and future obligations**

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

Signature


Print Name

Date of approval


# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

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**On accounts for the year  
ended**

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**Charity no  
(if any)**

1156503

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:**

15 March 2021

**Name:**

Olushola Olalekan Shokunbi FCCA

**Relevant professional  
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position

Date

Mary Nelson	
Chair	
15/03/2021	

# GRASSROOTS ENTERPRISE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND POVERTY RELIEF-GESIPR

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	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Motor vehicles	-	3,000	3,000	-
Office Equipments	-	25,500	25,500	15,000
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	1,200	1,200	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>

**Contingent liabilities and future obligations**

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

Signature


Print Name

Date of approval


# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Grassroots Enterprise for Social Inclusion and Poverty Relief - GESIPR

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

4 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1156503

**Set out on pages**

2 to 13

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:**

15 March 2021

**Name:**

Olushola Olalekan Shokunbi FCCA

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

ACCA

**Address:**

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From

Period start date  
05 12 2019

To

Period end date  
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## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Grassroots Enterprise for Social Inclusion and Poverty Relief

**Other names charity is known by** GESIPR

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1156503

**Charity's principal address** 2 Kerry Hill

Horsforth

Leeds

**Postcode**

LS18 4AY

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mary Nelson	Chair	25/10/2013 to present date	Board of Trustees
2	Akinbombola Akinmade	Deputy Chair	01/04/2019 to present date	Board of Trustees
3	Ojinika Emenike	Treasurer	01/03/2014 to present date	Board of Trustees
4	Samantha Esterine	Director Community Service	01/04/2019 to present date	Board of Trustees
5	Zainabu Mukwanga	Secretary	01/09/2018 to present date	Board of Trustees

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Charitable Incorporated Organization
How the charity is constituted	CIO
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by the Charity's Trustees

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed [for a term of [three] years] by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. [(3) Nominated Trustee[s] (a) [GESIPR] ("the appointing body") may appoint [12] charity trustees. (b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body.

(c) Each appointment must be for a term of [three] years.

(d) The appointment will be effective from the later of: (i) the date of the vacancy; and (ii) the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment.

(e) The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body.

(f) A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty under clause 9(1) as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

The Charity's organizational structure was structured as follows: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. All other members including Trustees worked in the capacity as volunteers. The charity has established relationship with the Local Authority in Leeds and other line agencies and organizations that contribute to the delivery of the charity's objectives such as FareShare Charity, The Leeds Community-Led Housing Association and HAMARA.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The prevention or relief of poverty in the United Kingdom and Africa by providing items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

The prevention or relief of poverty [or financial hardship] in UK and Africa by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

To prevent or relieve poverty through undertaking and supporting research into factors that contributes to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society, being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

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### **Additional details of objectives and activities**

- policy on grant making;
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<b>Investment assets</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Motor vehicles	-	3,000	3,000	-
Office Equipments	-	25,500	25,500	15,000
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	1,200	1,200	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>

**Contingent liabilities and future obligations**

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

Signature


Print Name

Date of approval


# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Grassroots Enterprise for Social Inclusion and Poverty Relief - GESIPR

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

4 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1156503

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:**

15 March 2021

**Name:**

Olushola Olalekan Shokunbi FCCA

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

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