

Ciro & Armand Charity Foundation - Help Children Now

England & Wales · Charity number 1157493

Details

Other names	ORSINI ASSANTE CHILDREN'S FUND, THE CIRO ORSINI AND ARMAND ASSANTE CHILDREN'S FUND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2014-06-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS, OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, OR STRESS AND OF HARDSHIP OF CHILDREN ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND HEALTH OF CHILDREN BY ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES

Activities: 1) To promote the relief of sickness, of mental or physical disability, or stress and of hardship of children anywhere in the world 2) To advance the education and health of children by encouraging and assisting the provision of opportunities and facilities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Bahrain
- Belgium
- Brazil
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Canada
- Cook Islands
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Falkland Islands
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Greenland
- Guernsey
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jersey

- Jordan
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Maldives
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norfolk Island
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Saint Helena
- San Marino
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- United States
- United States Virgin Islands
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£14,510	£1,157	-	-
2024-01-31	£43,720	£30,070	-	-
2022-07-31	£72,565	£71,836	-	-
2021-07-31	£0	£60	-	-
2020-07-31	£0	£1,750	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CIRO ORSINI	Chair	2013-03-11
ARMAND ASSANTE		2013-03-11
CIRO COPPOLA		2013-03-11
YVETTE HOYLE		2013-03-11

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/08/2021		31/07/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	15,531	-	-	15,531	-
Donations - Afghanistan and Pakistan Project	-	57,034	-	57,034	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,531	57,034	-	72,565	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,531	57,034	-	72,565	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	152	-	-	152	-
PR, Promo & Marketing	4,154	-	-	4,154	-
Travel Expenses re Poland/Ukraine	10,389	-	-	10,389	-
Grant Afghanistan Project	-	22,055	-	22,055	-
Travel Expenses re Pakistan	-	9,573	-	9,573	-
Grant Pakistan Project	-	25,406	-	25,406	-
Consultancy & Administration Fees	107	-	-	107	60
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,802	57,034	-	71,836	60
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,802	57,034	-	71,836	60
Net of receipts/(payments)	729	-	-	729	- 60
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	129	-	-	129	189
Cash funds this year end	858	-	-	858	129

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 in the Bank	858	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	858	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MR. CIRO COPPOLA	21.11.23

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
		Period start date			Period end date	
From	01	August	2021	To	31	July 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Basement 51 Beauchamp Place Knightsbridge London	
Postcode	SW3 1NY

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	Ciro Orsini		For the entire annual period	
2	Ciro Coppola		For the entire annual period	
3	Yvette Hoyle		For the entire annual period	
4	Armand Assante		For the entire annual period	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Corporate Fundraising	Joelle Rahme	
Child humanitarian Projects	Vincent Lyn	
Conflict Safety	Tony Schiena	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Heath Donnelly CEO

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	A constitution adopted 11 th March 2013 and as amended 10 th February 2020.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association charity.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New trustees are nominated and appointed annually by AGM. If a serving trustee, wishes to discontinue their term for retirement or health reasons or any other reason they must submit a trustees termination notice in writing to the charity trustee body - to accept.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- 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.

<p><u>CHARITY STATEMENT:</u></p> <p>Ciro & Armand Charity Foundation – Help Children Now is an unincorporated charity. The trustees of the Ciro & Armand Charity Foundation – Help Children Now present their annual report and accounts for the year July 31st 2022 and confirm and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland SORP (FRS102)' as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).</p> <p><u>POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR INDUCTION:</u></p> <p>During this annual period the charity maintained its status as a registered active member with the FSI, thereby granting full access for its trustees to use an open helpline and advisory service and complimentary ongoing training. As part of all trustee appointments a formal induction process was provided equipping all trustees with the necessary information to effectively fulfil their duties. It's worth noting for the selection and nomination of all new trustees, is vested in the hands of the board of trustees. No new trustees were appointed within the confines of this annual timeframe.</p>

THE CHARITY STRUCTURE:

THE CHARITY IS A UNINCORPORATED CHARITY:

- TRUSTEES – There are four trustees. All are professionals with various skills and expertise who have all volunteered in the charitable sector for twenty years or more. The trustees form the governing body.
- CEO - is responsible for implementing day to day operations.
- VOLUNTEERS - are unpaid and volunteer their time to support the charity in delivering its aims of aid.
- ADVISORY BOARD – professional individuals who offer their time, skills, and passion to support the charity's aims and humanitarian projects and services.
- BENEFICIARIES - The individuals are young people and children or charity groups that meet the charity's objectives and aims, ie: children in emergency need, disaster, victims of conflict displacement, famine or mental health and education.
- DONORS – individuals, corporations and foundations that provide financial donations or aid to the charity.
- INTERNATIONAL AND CHARITY PARTNERS - are non-profit partners and global charities who we collaborate with and NGO's for cross border initiatives, distribution of aid, shelter and support.

TRUSTEES' CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR RISKS:

The Charity Trustees conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all significant activities undertaken by the charity especially those susceptible to risk as an integral part of the activity assessment and implementation process. In the course of the evaluation, any major risks are diligently identified. If a particular risk is classified as high, the charity's trustees collectively cast their votes to decide whether to discontinue the proposal or proceed with further evaluation. Subsequently all major risks are categorised by the trustees as low, medium, or high risk and the exposure to the charity or its personnel particularly when providing aid in a conflict region. Charity safeguarding measures are established and implemented alongside necessary procedures and actions to mitigate the identified risk.

HIGH RISKS IDENTIFIED ARE:

- Operational activities that are assessed as high risk to personnel or volunteers.
- Financial sustainability, including stability and security of income.
- Realistic achievement of aims and objectives that meet the expectations of our beneficiaries.

The trustees continuously evaluate all risks and were satisfied with the presence of effective systems and procedures for risk management.

Noted - include risks assessed during the annual period: The trustees showed heightened concern for the potential risk faced by our British volunteers to support Ukrainian children both before and during the border mission in Poland. The trustees received assurance that strategic measures were fully assessed and in position.

In the event of an unexpected, heightened risk to our volunteers providing aid at the operational border refuge site, where civil unrest and conflict occurs at a neighbouring border: The trustees were assured and confident that emergency evacuation mitigating systems were in place to reduce significant exposure to its volunteers and the charity.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

THE CHARITIES OBJECTS ('THE OBJECTS') ARE:

- 1) To promote the relief of sickness, or mental or physical disability, or stress and hardship of children anywhere in the world.
- 2) To advance the education, and health of children by encouraging and assisting, the provision of opportunities and facilities.

CHARITY AIM:

To support children and young people anywhere in the world who seek advancement in education and training -The Advancement of Health - Saving of Lives Disability and The Prevention or Relief of Poverty Overseas Aid and famine relief.

WHAT WE DO TO HELP

We make grants to Individuals and other charity organisations and provide aid. The charity delivers its charitable aims:

- Through direct delivery of aid overseas in areas where we can facilitate immediate aid and support ground operations.
- Through grants and donations to charitable partner organisations or individuals.
- By partnering with charity organisations, where our charity has no infrastructure internationally. Or where it is useful to manage staff and operations or if it provides a more economical approach. We

also utilise local charities in regions especially where English is not the first language to assist us in the delivery of our emergency aid.

CHARITY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

From August 2021 to July end 2022 the charity objective was to ignite and raise the charity's profile to progress to a more consistent fundraising level that would enable the charity to support more global projects for children and young people suffering immediate hardship. Following the instability globally post covid and recent arising global conflicts the Charity needed to concentrate on fundraising. The charity chose to use and engage social media specialists, to promote the charity on social media platforms and campaigns to create awareness that would enable the charity to fundraise and help more children. The unprecedented increase in conflict in Afghanistan and Ukraine and the unlawful breach of human rights conditions meant that a greater number of children and young people were no longer in education, suffering hunger, trauma, mentally and physically.

Our primary aim was to become effective and maximise our support for children and young people. To achieve this, we chose to enlist more volunteers in the UK. The volunteers played a crucial role in helping the charity to further its objectives in providing aid for victims, fleeing their home countries, due to being exposed to war, conflict and heightened levels of suffering, hardship, trauma, and hunger. We identified young victims in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Ukraine. We also chose to facilitate temporary ground operations at the Polish Ukrainian borders and establish charity partners within Pakistan to improve our aid impact within those territories.

Late August 2021 American and British troops withdrew from Afghanistan leaving behind many vulnerable children who needed urgent care and assistance. The charity founder and trustees appointed volunteer CEO Heath Donnelly to advise and direct the chosen charity projects and charities direction for the next twelve months.

The activities selected and carried out during this annual period of August 2021 to July end 2022 for the benefit of children were as follows:

- The giving of aid, food, water, medical supplies, soft play, and shelter for children suffering stress and hardship due to circumstances outside their control or parental control.
- The giving of grant donations to projects
- Education and play
- Humanitarian emergency aid
- Counselling facilities support
- Campaigning and public awareness.

In setting out programmes we facilitated the following missions:

PAKISTAN MISSION

In November 2021, we made the decision to provide aid and assistance to displaced young people and child refugees from Afghanistan forced to flee their homeland. Families with children fled to Pakistan in fear of their lives having endured harrowing accounts of persecution and hunger. Under Taliban rule, girls in Afghanistan were being denied an education, causing

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

them to live in constant fear for their future, which had taken a toll on their mental health. Our founder Mr. Ciro Orsini had been a long-standing personal donor and contributor to an orphanage in Kashmir, Pakistan. He became aware through a charity advisor of the dire circumstances faced by Afghan children, who were suffering hunger and uncertainty seeking shelter and aid support in Pakistan.

The American withdrawal from Afghanistan placed the entire country into uncertainty and turmoil. In response as a charity, we were called upon to extend our assistance to a group of Afghan refugee children who had recently arrived in Pakistan. Many children had parents who were accused of not complying with Sharia law or from religious minority groups all of whom facing an imminent threat of arrest under the Taliban rule. Due to the dire shortage of food supply, children were experiencing severe malnutrition and there were distressing reports circulating of parents resorting to selling their young daughters for marriage in local markets in exchange for sustenance. Recognising the urgency of the situation we categorised it as an emergency humanitarian crisis. Subsequently, the charity trustees and founders held a meeting and reached a unanimous decision and agreed to support the Afghanistan project. We initiated collaboration with other Charities, organisations (ILO's) and non-governmental organisations (NGO's) with extensive experience in the region in handling crisis at this magnitude.

Our primary focus revolved around channelling our charity resources and commit to pledging grants for the provision of food, bedding, medical aid, and shelter with the aim of delivering essential services for Afghan children. By leveraging the support of experienced charities within Afghanistan and in Pakistan, and the US Aight Foundation, Future Brilliance, and Nurturing Learners we aimed to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children and young people affected by the humanitarian crisis.

In the United Kingdom we received a request by charity advisor Joelle Rahame and Sue Mitchell, a BBC correspondent, to assist a group of young female cyclists who were not only denied their fundamental right to engage in sport but also faced an imminent threat to their lives. These young girls were unfairly persecuted under the Taliban's interpretation of Sharia law leaving them in a state of fear and desperation. The girls no longer had a future and were unable to continue cycling or their education in Afghanistan, both were forbidden especially in the aftermath of the tragic beheading of a young sportsgirls in Kabul. In response our charity committed to funding safe passage, refuge, safe shelter, medical assistance, and aid in Pakistan. These provisions were channelled through the charitable organisation 'Future Brilliance' safe house and 'Nurturing Learners' both of which maintained safe houses. Concurrently, we took the initiative to reach out to the British government, appealing to the Home Secretary, to consider resettlement for these young female athletes. The decision to fund this project as a one-off was unanimously agreed by the charity trustees, founding members and CEO.

The charity founders and its advisors took steadfast action by fundraising through corporate donations and social media campaigns. Our aim was to urgently galvanise support and mobilise the young vulnerable refugees who were ensnared by brutality and human rights abuses.

UKRAINE MISSION

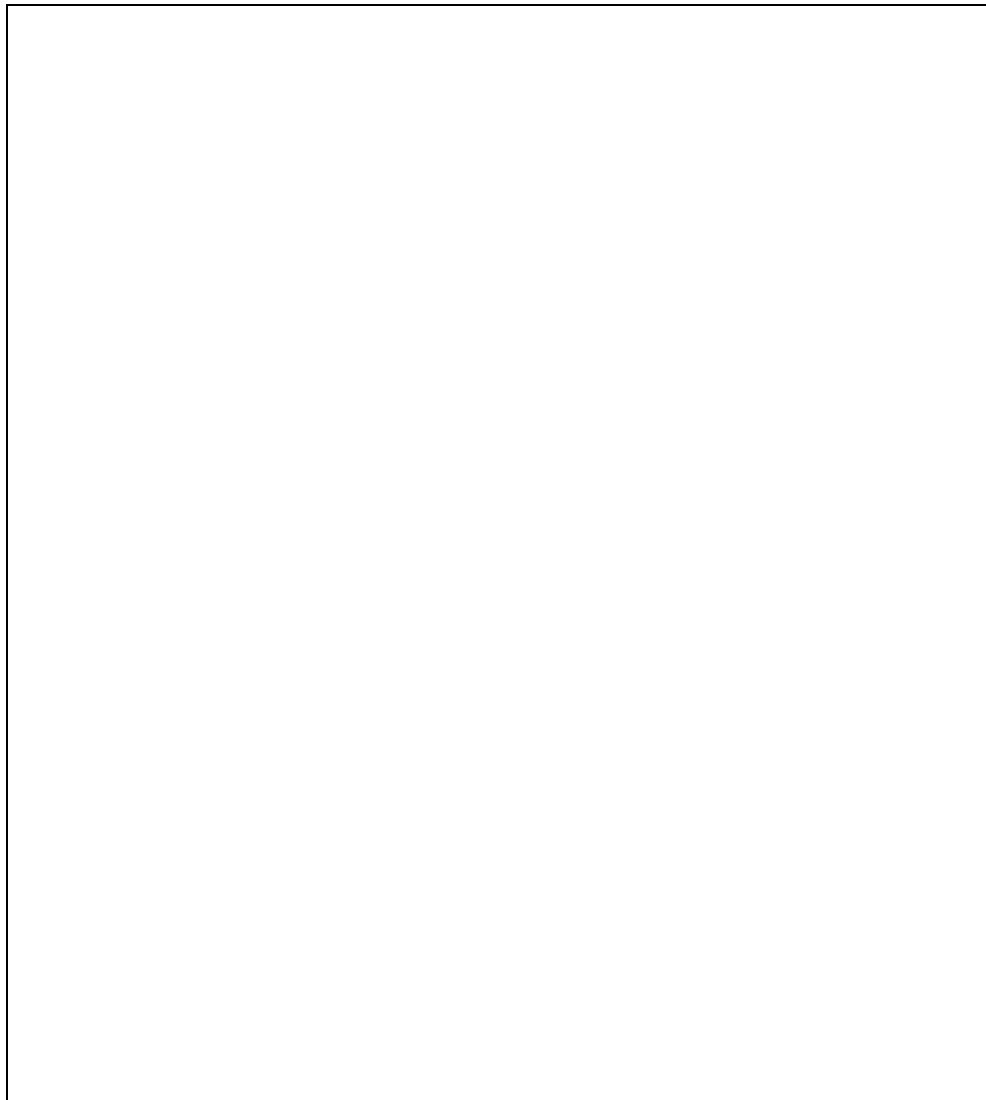
On the 24th of February 2022, the war, in Ukraine erupted, demanding immediate attention for the welfare of child refugees. Many young children were travelling alone, or with their mothers towards the Polish border.

In response to the dire situation the charity founders, trustees and our CEO convened and unanimously agreed to dispatch a small team of three personnel to Ukraine. Their primary mission was to provide emergency aid and support to vulnerable displaced children travelling alone or escaping Ukraine with their mothers, desperately seeking refuge at the 'Merkaya' Polish border. The mission inception involved raising awareness and collecting donations, clothing, medical, food and water supplies through a social media fundraising campaign.

The volunteer group departed on the 20th of March 2022 to Warsaw and Metkaya at the Polish- Ukrainian border. On site in the UK under the leadership of our CEO Heath Donnelly equipped a motor home with winter coats, essentials food, clothing, water, and raised medical supplies for the children's hospital 'Ohmadyt' in Ukraine. On site the team also distributed medical supplies to those facilitating medical aid at the refugee camps. At the 'Metkaya' refugee camp' the team provided food and the founder prepared fresh pizzas cooking them a local pizza oven and supplied much needed bottles of water to those in urgent need. Notably, a generous charity volunteer Mr Zebedee Sibiga donated his motor home to transport the aid from London to Poland and, also volunteered as the driver of the vehicle. He contributed in delivering aid and doubled as a talented musician to provide musical entertainment at the refugee camp. Additionally, the team purchased art and building supplies to build a child's soft play area creating makeshift art and drawing tables for traumatised children arriving at the refugee camp under extraordinary challenging circumstances. The soft play area allowed children to draw pictures and express themselves in their own time.

To maximise our mission and make a significant impact we planned a series of press interviews and fundraising campaigns to achieve our objective and contribute where possible. As the number of children fleeing Kyiv, continued to grow daily, and the demand for essential necessities we continued our social media awareness campaign in London and decided to collaborate with another charity at the border, 'Be human kindness' a charity based in the US. Together we provided a safe and nurturing environment for young people and newly arrived children at a temporary safe house. Our team provided support in facilitating their stage of relocation including their refugee registration paperwork and when necessary, served as translators to help officials complete the paperwork for relocation onto a safe country. Our team also engaged in buildings beds and essential sleeping arrangements for displaced children and mothers, as well as, purchasing and building creative areas for child-friendly soft play activities and sports.

During the early stages of the Ukraine war. It became evident that an unprecedented number of children, young people and mothers who were urgently seeking refuge and requesting ongoing assistance in the midst, of having fled their homes due to war. The charity team observed and recognised the acute need for counselling and chose to partner with the 'Mindy Foundation' a Ukrainian Charity who worked alongside a team of qualified professional psychologists willing to provide free support for traumatised mothers and children. The counsellors offered ten free counselling sessions for all children and young people and mothers. To help them cope with the hardships and shock of war, aiming to stabilise their lives during this turbulent period.



Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

POLICY ON GRANT MAKING:

The trustees consider grant making as an effective means of delivering humanitarian financial aid. That aligns with the framework of our objectives and collaboration with partner charities, and NGO's who have accessible facilities, expertise, and staff resources to facilitate the delivery of aid, including food and shelter.

Applications for grants are not solicited but identified by our advisors who then recommended the development of grant initiatives and delivery for the year. Upon acceptance of a grant application, we evaluate whether it is most effective to deploy our own staff and resources or to locate a local service, not for profit organisation, or charity partner within the local area to deliver aid and services and at a more cost-effective rate, thereby, maximising our aid impact. Unconditional grants are conferred and awarded where local partnerships and assessment are established. Our grant making policy undergoes an annual review each year to align our grants with our aims and core objectives, ensuring the successful giving of aid programmes and charitable humanitarian priorities.

POLICY PROGRAMME RELATED INVESTMENT.

The charity has no programme related investment.

CONTRIBUTION MADE BY VOLUNTEERS.

The trustees express their eternal gratitude to fifty or more volunteers, including the Charities Advisors and Ambassadors who contributed throughout the year. Who dedicated their efforts in fundraising and collecting food aid for distribution, as well as administrative tasks, campaigning and providing their time and expertise especially those who have tirelessly donated and continue to donate food, IRR Ali Malik and Kort. A special recognition goes to those who continuously contributed their time, raising and donating blanket, food, clothes, and medical aid throughout the annual period. The charity greatly depends on its volunteers and the giving of their valuable time and expertise to minimise costs and maximise the charities' ability to fulfil its core aims and objectives particularly in support of young people and children in suffering acute hardship due to war or conflict.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees were pleased with the progress and achievements of the charity throughout this annual period. The engagement of the press and the international dissemination of updated news reports on Sky, BBC and Fox News channels by founders Mr Orsini and Mr Assante significantly contributed to the overall success of the campaigns, as well as the on-ground activities, especially in Ukraine pertaining to fundraising and the distribution of emergency aid. These efforts have not only raised the charity's profile but have also enhanced its capacity to make a positive impact on children and young people suffering hardship.

UKRAINE - OUTCOME

The trustees were satisfied with the overall outcomes and objectives achieved for the Ukraine mission especially in the team's execution of delivering aid, winter coats, clothing, food, water, and medical supplies. The strategic partnering with 'Be Human Kindness' and the 'Mindy Foundation' for ground operations at the Ukraine and Polish border maximised our ability to deliver aid and offer refuge and counselling to traumatised children. The displaced children responded positively to the opportunity of drawing and soft play, providing a welcome distraction from the horrors of war. The team worked tirelessly to ensure their needs were met. In the early months of the Ukraine war, we leveraged and utilised the celebrity profiles and skills of the Founders, Armand Assante a land mind activist and American Actor and Ciro Orsini a well-known London business entrepreneur to engage with celebrities. The founders both participated in interviews on Sky news to assist in creating further awareness of the plight of Ukrainian displaced young people and children needing urgent aid.

PAKISTAN & AFGHANISTAN - OUTCOME

The trustees were pleased with the overall outcomes and achievements of the Pakistan Mission. The charity mission was resolute and successful in supporting young people and children by providing food, bedding, medical aid, and emergency shelter in Islamabad. The Charity founder and CEO travelled to Islamabad to meet with the shelter management and refugees as well do complete their due diligence in the execution of the project. We reached out to other charities, IRR and Kort for further medical aid and food donations to maximise our giving resources. The trustees deduced that the release of campaigns and press releases and partnership with the charity 'We Save the Children' raised public awareness and greater attention to children suffering in Afghanistan, resulting in a combined positive impact, and giving of emergency aid, exceeding the charities expectations. Our campaigning efforts spearheaded by Yvette Hoyle and our communications and affairs team, included lobbying parliament and UNHCR to request support for the young Afghan girls who were also denied the right to an education or to participate in sports. Helped change a few lives significantly.

OUR CHALLENGES

As a small charity run by volunteers, we faced challenges in comparison to bigger charities who received the bulk of the public donations. We continued in unprecedented times to create awareness via social media and press media interviews. Our focus remained in supporting essential

food, medical donations, as well as soft/child play. Further challenges arose during the appeal for the Afghan young cyclist to be offered governmental asylum. To address this, we engaged pre-bono advice and support from human rights lawyers Jason McCue and activist. Who wrote to the UK government, in addition to the charity correspondence. Due to the Ukraine war and Afghanistan withdrawal, it was unprecedented times for children and young people in desperate need of support and aid.

The charity emphasised the challenge of fundraising for victims of Afghanistan, during the Ukraine crisis, particularly in comparison to larger charities with big marketing budgets. We elected to discuss the charity's fundraising needs at small gatherings and discussion groups as well expanding our team of volunteers to improve our output and giving resources, thereby, maximising our overall humanitarian impact.

OVERALL OUTCOMES

The trustees were satisfied with the charity's overall outcomes and objective and were pleased to have advanced the charity following the global pandemic, while optimising aid for children and young people identified most at risk.

The charity's unwavering commitment demonstrated by the charity volunteers offering aid at the Warsaw and Medyka Polish borders for the most vulnerable children and young people suffering from trauma and, hunger, due to the Ukraine war proved to be a success. The trustees believe that the charity efforts to intensify and alleviate the suffering of vulnerable children and young people facing the dire consequences of conflict was highly successful, contributing to their relief from sickness and hardship and mental health challenges. Ultimately bringing transformative change to their lives. In particular, the trustees were satisfied that the charity's decision to partner with other charities and NGO's with a wider infrastructure, helped to facilitate emergency aid and provided greater support to vulnerable children, resulting in a positive outcome that maximised the charity's overall impact. The trustees observed the meticulous planning by its senior executive volunteers in forming partner alliances in conflict regions and borders, which enabled emergency aid, clothing, food, and medical supplies to reach young people and children more quickly and safely.

TRUSTEE'S CONCLUSION

Specifically, the trustees were satisfied with the charity's effective border distribution at the refugee camps. They were also assured that our volunteer teams' rapid delivery of essential nourishment and necessities for children and young people along with providing opportunity for soft play, helped to stabilise their overall health and emotional well-being. This included the prevention of, mental health, hunger, and sickness due to unexpected displacement from fleeing a conflict region at short notice.

The trustees concluded that the charity's overall outcomes for the one-off projects approved during this period were steadfast in delivering its humanitarian aid to support vulnerable children and young people devastated by war and conflict. The strengthening of partnerships with intelligent strategic alliances enhanced the charities, distribution logistics and overall performance. We felt it was our duty, to shepherd young people and children afflicted by war and conflict towards a safer future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

RESERVES POLICY.

It is policy of the Ciro & Armand Charity Foundation that unrestricted funds which have not been delegated for a specific purpose should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six month's expenditure. The trustees believe that maintaining reserves at this level will guarantee the ability to sustain the activities Ciro & Armand Charity Foundation in the event of a significant drop in funding, while exploring further strategies to raise additional funding. We endeavoured and made consistent to uphold a reserve policy throughout the year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable (none)

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- 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 CHARITIES PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF FUNDING.

The charity principal source of funds was received by corporate donors and private individual donations responding to social media campaigns.

HOW OUR EXPENDITURE SUPPORTED - KEY OBJECTIVES.

The Charities prudent expenditure has been instrumental in advancing its key objectives to provide aid to the most vulnerable children and young people suffering hardship, hunger, poverty or displaced due to war and conflict. By strategically allocating our resources to delivering essential aid initiatives, the charity has effectively delivered successful emergency relief and services to those most in dire need, which directly supports the charities key objectives. Simultaneously, our targeted expenditure in social media and awareness campaigns and collaborations, successfully raised the charity's profile, garnering greater public support and recognition. Despite being a small charity, this synergistic approach has not only fulfilled the organisations humanitarian mission but also expanded its reach and impact on a global scale, making a meaningful difference in lives of those it serves young people and children.

No investments were made during this period.

Section F

Other optional information

NOT APPLICABLE

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>C. Orsini</i>	
Full name(s)	CIRO ORSINI	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRPERSON	
Date	5/11/2023	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Ciro & Armand Charity Foundation – Help Children Now

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/07/2022	Charity no (if any)	1157493
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R1 to R2, and TAR 1 to TAR 13
(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 31/07/2022.

**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 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.

Signed: 

Date: 24/11/2023

Name: Colin D Ford FCA

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None