



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Charity name: NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY FUND (NERF)

Charity registration number: 1162850

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Objects:</p> <p>The relief of financial need and suffering among victims of natural or other kinds of disaster including but not limited to the earthquake of 25 April 2015 in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal and its after effects, in the form of money (or other means deemed suitable) for persons, communities, and/or organisations affected.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	NERF has raised funding through efforts focused in the United Kingdom for the purpose of making grants to registered non-governmental organisations in Nepal in line with its Objects stated above and in accordance with its Grant Making Policy.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees understand and have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>NERF has a Grant Making Policy which requires adherence to certain principles and for the Trustees to be in unanimous agreement before funds can be released.</p> <p>There is no fixed limit to grants but Trustees seek to ensure that there is sufficient funding remaining for other projects and to ensure that the reserves remain intact.</p>

		<p>Trustees pay particular attention to the following:</p> <p>a) the amount of unrestricted funding available or restricted funding which may suit the project run by the recipient;</p> <p>b) whether the potential recipient already receives a considerable amount of large-scale public support;</p> <p>c) whether the objects of the potential recipients fit within the particular areas of interest of NERF;</p> <p>d) whether the size of grant which NERF can make available is such as to make a significant difference to the recipient; and</p> <p>e) whether a Trustee has direct knowledge of the work of the recipient.</p> <p>Thematically NERF's grant-making operates in three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health which currently includes the Psycho-Social Support Programme, (PSSP) and the Menstrual Health Programme, (MHP); 2. Volunteer Trek Projects where volunteers raise monies through sponsorship to fund the projects that they help with whilst trekking in Nepal (VTP); and 3. The Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), providing landslide and flood protection.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>NERF has continued to provide and oversee grants made to Nepali organisations that support disadvantaged and marginalised groups and communities.</p> <p>Other activities include the expansion of the Menstrual Health Programme, (MHP), continued support for a school with shoes for students, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and providing extra income for traditional</p>

		artisans badly affected by the earthquakes.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers have been essential in continuing NERF programmes. Although we have had no use for volunteers this financial year.</p> <p>All volunteers are provided with the 'Volunteer Code of Conduct' and required to read and sign a copy when in-country. NERF also provides an information pack for reference, including the constitution.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In 2022 – 2023 NERF's NERF made one grant to Nepal Gaja Development Foundation in order to fund a water source construction project in Lekhani VDC.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	NERF finished the year with a decrease in revenue from £3,073 to £1,706 and a slight increase in spending from £480 to £540. Within this budget however we were able to build a new website and launch it and we also achieved better pricing on our internal software systems.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity has maintained its policy of a minimum cash reserve of £2,000.</p> <p>This is a comfortable margin as the entire running costs of NERF in the year 2022 - 2023 (including the cost of running events not borne by the trustees) was only £540.</p>

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	NERF's reserves at the end of the year was £30,132 leaving reserves of £28,132.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity received most of its funds from online donations and individual donors during the last period.</p> <p>One grant were made during the period in the amount of £2,628 as noted above.</p> <p>Trustees have sought to keep running costs to a minimum through pro bono contributions from volunteers and attaining best value for expenditure in all situations.</p> <p>NERF is not seeking to make any investments. However, where NERF has been required to purchase materials for example to use for fundraising events it has always sought to obtain these from ethical sources.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Risks</p> <p>The Trustees are continuing to take advice on the risks involved while working in rural, remote, deprived and vulnerable communities. This includes risks relevant to personal injury, programme integrity and the well-being of beneficiaries. This advice is sourced from industry professionals, peer educators and experienced organisations.</p> <p>NERF funded programmes which are implemented by NERF's partners do involve students of varying ages. Consequently, safeguarding has been discussed extensively among the Board and Trustees ensure that all partner charities operating in Nepal have effective safeguarding measures before projects are funded.</p> <p>Our field trustee, David Morrall, who has the majority of face-to-face contact with NERF's partner organisations has completed an up-to-date enhanced Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check and continues to develop his training through courses offered by different professional, academic and charitable sector</p>

		bodies. In addition, David also works with two other UK based charity organisations and adheres to their training and safeguarding policies.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by consensus of the Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New and existing trustees are required to familiarise themselves with 'The Essential Trustee' booklet published by the Charity Commission. In addition trustees review, recommended and share other relevant guidance published by the Charity Commission and other appropriate bodies, for example the Department for International Development ("DFID") "Disaster Ready".
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	NERF is dependent on its partner organisation in Nepal. NERF is also a member of BRANNGO: http://www.branngo.org.uk/ . Apart from these relationships NERF is completely independent.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nepal Earthquake Recovery Fund
Other name the charity uses	NERF
Registered charity number	1162850
Charity's principal address	56 Bernard Street St Albans Hertfordshire AL3 5QN

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	Geraint John-Skinner	Chair of Trustees	Whole Year	N/A
2	Amanda Weisbaum	Trustee	Whole Year	N/A
3	David Morrall	Trustee	Whole Year	N/A
4	Jacob Strange	Trustee	Whole Year	N/A

There are no other Trustees.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Geraint Michael John</i>	<i>David Morrall</i>
Full name(s)	Geraint John-Skinner	David Morrall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	28.06.2021	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 9/1/2022	To	Period end date 8/31/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
BACS Donations	560	-	-	560	2,661
Amazon donation	36			36	41
Paypal Giving Donation	-			-	
Easy Fundraising	17	-	-	17	8
Facebook fundraising		-	-	-	
Paypal donations	928	-	-	928	553
Payroll Giving	100	-	-	100	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Refund	10			10	
Interest	55			55	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,706	-	-	1,706	3,263
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,706	-	-	1,706	3,263
A3 Payments					
Admin	540	-	-	540	480
Fundraising admin	-	-	-	-	-
Psycho-social support programme	-	-	-	-	-
Water tank project (Lekhani)	2,628	-	-	2,628	
Menstrual health programme	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases of products for charity shop	-	-	-	-	
DRR project	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,168	-	-	3,168	480
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,168	-	-	3,168	480
Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-		2,783
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	594	2,783

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
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B1 Cash funds

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Primary bank account balance	30,132	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	30,132	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

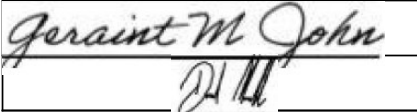
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Geraint John-Skinner	17.08.2023
	David Morrall	17.08.2023