KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1163294

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-08-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Unit 8 Lake End Court Taplow Road Taplow Maidenhead SL6 0JQ
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO RELIEVE PERSONS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE RESIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR ABROAD, WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS AS A RESULT OF LOCAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL DISASTER OR BY REASON OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO THE NEEDS OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES.

Activities: Khalsa Aid International is a UK-based humanitarian relief charity providing support around the world to victims of natural and man-made disasters such as floods, earthquakes, famine and war.Our team is often one of the first on the scene to help distribute food, water, clothing, medical and sanitation supplies. We fund and build semi-permanent shelters. We have active teams across the globe.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Albania
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Botswana
- Central African Republic
- Cyprus
- Eswatini
- India
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Moldova
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Poland
- Spain
- The Gambia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Throughout England And Wales

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,367,145	£4,177,535	£13,092,235	19
2024-03-31	£3,798,356	£4,535,854	£14,051,897	17
2023-03-31	£4,328,258	£4,431,830	£14,734,528	14
2022-03-31	£7,388,164	£4,029,148	£15,133,510	10
2021-03-31	£5,039,999	£1,662,230	£11,766,097	9

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Balvinder Sohal		2017-07-01
Chamkor Singh		2025-02-13
NISHARN SINGH SIDHU-BRAR		2025-04-27
Paramvir Singh Choat		2025-02-13
Sukhvinder Kaur Dhanjal		2023-06-23
Sukhvir Singh Mannan		2025-02-13

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Accounts



Khalsa Aid International

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024/25

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KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

www.khalsaaid.org

This report has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). It sets out our objectives and activities, achievements and performance during the year, our financial review including reserves and investments, principal risks and uncertainties, and our structure, governance and management. It also provides a forward-looking plan for 2025/26.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Khalsa belongs to Waheguru (eternal creator) and victory belongs to Waheguru

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is our privilege to present this year's Annual Report, reflecting on the achievements and progress of this past year-ended 31st March 2025. This was our 25th year of delivering aid across the globe.

Khalsa Aid International is an organisation committed to serving humanity regardless of race, religion, or nationality. Our work is guided by the Sikh ethos of "Recognise the whole human race as one", and we strive to uphold transparency, accountability, and compassion in every initiative. This report reflects our unwavering dedication to the principles of selfless service (seva) and humanitarian aid. Over the past year, Khalsa Aid International has continued to respond to crises across the globe—providing emergency relief, clean water, food security, education, and long-term development programs to communities in need.

OUR COMMITMENT

- Deliver timely humanitarian assistance in disaster and conflict zones.
- Promote sustainable development through education and livelihood programs.
- Ensure integrity and accountability in all operations and financial management.

LOOKING AHEAD

As global challenges intensify—from natural disasters to displacement crisis—Khalsa Aid International remains steadfast in its mission to alleviate suffering and restore dignity. We will continue to expand our reach, further develop partnerships and innovative solutions that bring hope to the most vulnerable.

The achievements outlined in this report are a testament to the tireless efforts of our volunteers and staff, supported by donors worldwide. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of them for their generosity and dedication to make this work possible.

Thank you for your unwavering support and confidence in our leadership.



Jaswinder Singh Bahra
(passed on 28th March 2025)



Balvinder Kaur Sohal
General Secretary



Rajpal Singh Wilkhu
Trustee



Chamkor Singh
(appointed 13 February 2025)



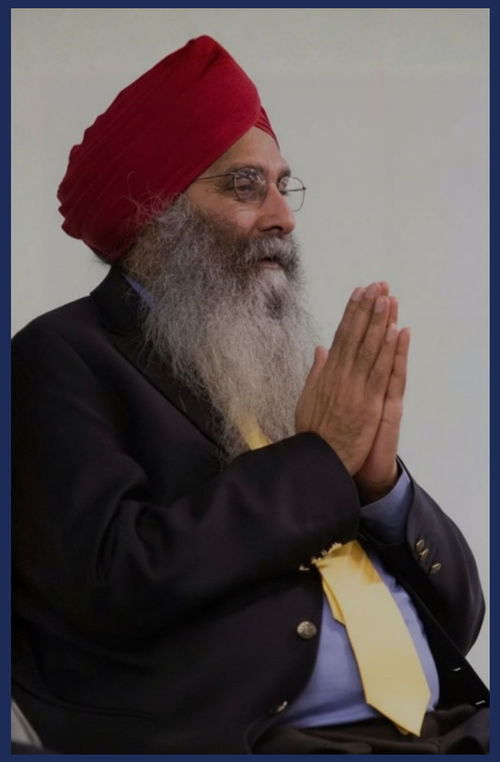
Sukhvir Singh Mannan
(appointed 13 February 2025)



Paramvir Singh Choat
(appointed 13 February 2025)



Sukhvinder Kaur Dhanjal
Trustee



26TH KHALSA AID ANNIVERSARY DEDICATION

TRIBUTE TO SARDAR JASWINDER SINGH BAHRA

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of a dear friend, **Sardar Jaswinder Singh Bahra**, our respected board member and Treasurer at Khalsa Aid International. He was a shining example of selfless service , humility, and unwavering commitment to humanity.

Sardar Jaswinder Singh Bahra helped manage our finances with exceptional integrity and foresight, ensuring that every effort was directed toward helping those in need. He was much loved and his leadership and dedication over 20 years strengthened our mission, inspiring countless volunteers and supporters around the world.

Beyond his professional role, he embodied the true spirit of **seva** (selfless service). His compassion knew no boundaries, and his tireless work touched lives across communities and nations. His legacy will continue to guide us in our humanitarian work, as we strive to uphold the values he cherished. We miss him dearly.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE / FOUNDER

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh
Khalsa belongs to Waheguru (eternal creator) and victory belongs to Waheguru

As we reflect on our 25th year of humanitarian service, I want to reaffirm our founding purpose. Khalsa Aid exists to support people in crisis, guided by the Sikh principle that the whole human race is one family. This belief has remained at the heart of everything we have done this year.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our volunteers, staff, trustees, international teams and supporters. Your commitment and teamwork enabled every mission and response. We continued to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of both our volunteers and the communities we serve, ensuring our work was carried out responsibly and with compassion.

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza remained one of the most distressing challenges of the year. Widespread displacement and severe shortages of food, clean water and hygiene facilities left millions of people struggling to survive. We were keen to help but strict access restrictions prevented many organisations, including our own teams, from entering the region for long periods. The lack of aid reaching those in need was very challenging to witness.

There were also moments of hope and unity. Our annual Snowdon Hike saw more than 900 participants, young and old from all walks of life, our largest turnout to date. Beyond the funds raised, the event reinforced solidarity and reminded us how strongly people believe in our mission.

In the UK, Langar Aid continued supporting individuals and families facing hardship, strengthening partnerships with local authorities and community organisations. During periods of severe winter weather, the team operated a Warm Space with Coventry City Council, providing hot meals and a safe environment for vulnerable people, while maintaining regular community food support throughout the year.

Our international affiliates in Canada, the United States, Australia, India and Iraq continued to support vulnerable people locally while contributing to our global humanitarian work. Their efforts enhanced our ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies worldwide.

As the year ends, I want to acknowledge the resilience of the communities who welcome us, from refugee camps in the Middle East to remote villages in rural Africa. In some regions, being visibly Sikh presents challenges; in others, our turbans are recognised as symbols of trust and reassurance. Hearing “We see what you do on social media” gives us strength.

I am inspired by the growing number of young people stepping forward with compassion and a commitment to serve. This year, we expanded partnerships, strengthened networks and deepened our presence in several countries.

As we look ahead to 2026, our priorities remain clear: strengthen emergency response capacity, deepen long-term development projects, empower our international affiliates and continue serving with dignity, compassion and unwavering humanity. Khalsa Aid International is more than a charity; it is part of a global family built on the belief that humanity must always come first.

Thank you for your trust and continued support.
Together, we will continue bringing hope to those who need it most.



Ravinder Singh Sidhu
CEO/Founder
Khalsa Aid International

OUR VISION

'Sarbat Da Bhalla' Welfare of all; Peace and prosperity for all.
A world where everyone experiences the fullness of life; a life lived with dignity, free from poverty; where global resources are equitably shared and sustainably used; and where the voice and agency of the vulnerable and marginalised are fully realised.

OUR MISSION

Inspired by our Sikh faith and guided by our values, we seek to respond in practical ways to support people and communities in need, hardship or distress because of natural disaster, war or social and economic circumstances. We provide humanitarian aid in crises and emergencies to create sustainable and lasting change. We seek to mobilise, educate and empower people as agents for change to become passionate lifelong humanitarians for the betterment of society.

OUR VISION AND STRATEGY

Khalsa Aid International's global strategy ("Global 2030 Strategy") sets out how the organisation delivers humanitarian aid and longterm development support around the world. It is rooted in the Sikh principle "Recognise the whole human race as one".

OUR VALUES

We are guided by the Sikh teachings of Recognising the Whole Human Race as One. Our five core values are inspired by the Sikh faith and closely align to the universal humanitarian principles.

- Compassion (Daya)
- Righteousness (Dharam)
- Courage (Himmat)
- Commitment (Mokham)
- Leadership (Sahib)

GLOBAL 2030 STRATEGY

The Overall Aim is to deliver compassionate, transparent humanitarian assistance while building resilient communities, strengthening global partnerships, and enhancing long-term development for vulnerable populations worldwide.

Global 2030 Strategy is built on five core strategic objectives:

01 Rapid response to Reduce the impact of natural disasters and conflict

02 Food Security & Nutrition

03 WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) & Climate Resilience

04 Strengthening communities

05 Volunteer Engagement and Capacity Building



1. Rapid Response to Disasters & Conflict

Providing fast, principled humanitarian relief during emergencies such as wars, floods, earthquakes, and other crises. This includes food, medical aid, hygiene kits, shelter materials, and early recovery support like restoring farmland or repairing water systems.

2. Food Security & Nutrition

Reducing hunger through hot meals, food parcels, community kitchens (eg Langar Aid), and agricultural support such as seeds, tools, and fertiliser to help farmers rebuild livelihoods.

3. WASH & Climate Resilience

Expanding access to clean water and sanitation via solar and hand pumps, boreholes, hygiene kits, and environmental projects like tree planting and biodiversity restoration to strengthen climate resilience.

4. Strengthening Communities

Supporting longterm stability by improving:

- Healthcare (clinics, medical funding, dialysis)
- Education (schools, scholarships, vocational training)
- Housing and welfare
- Livelihoods through self-employment tools and community infrastructure

5. Volunteer Engagement & Capacity Building

Developing a global network of skilled volunteers through training, leadership opportunities, structured deployment, and community engagement. Volunteers remain central to all programme delivery.

How The Strategy is Applied

Decisions on where to work are guided by poverty levels, disaster impact, partner capacity, long term commitments in key regions, and gaps in global assistance. This ensures operations are both targeted and effective.

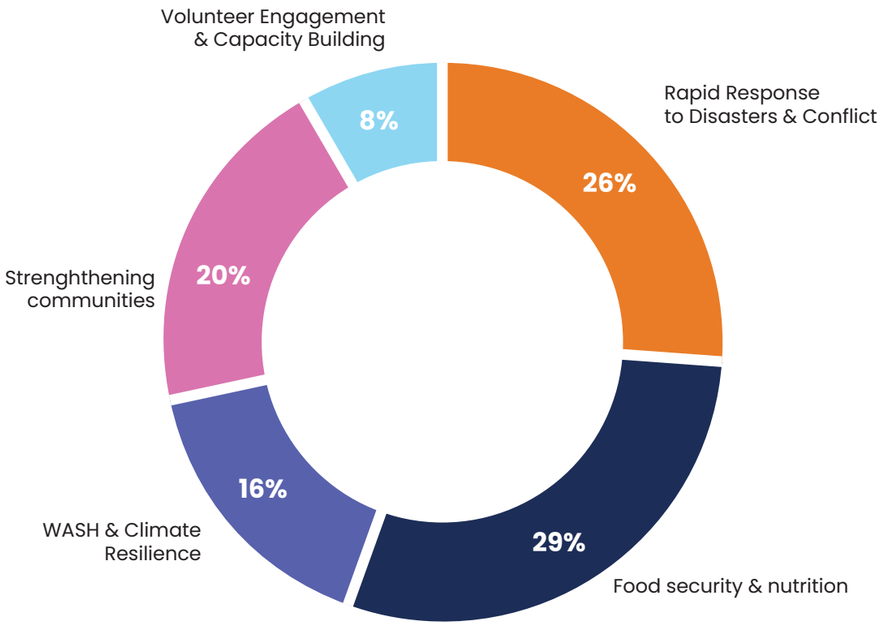
Our Activities and Projects

Our activities were in the following areas:

1. Disaster response – floods, cyclones, and earthquakes.
2. Conflict and war response.
3. Emergency response.
4. Refugee support.
5. Food support, Langar Aid.
6. Medical Aid.
7. Welfare support.
8. Educational Aid.
9. Water 4 Africa.
10. Female empowerment - Pad the Path.

Global Objectives Impact in The Current Year

Based on project expenditure



ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

Khalsa Aid had another very busy and impactful year as summarised below:

Rapid Response to Disasters & Conflict

(SDG 1 - No Poverty; SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities; SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities; SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions):

- **Emergency Response:** Delivered life-saving food, hygiene kits, blankets, medical items and essential equipment across Gaza, Turkey/Syria, Iraq, Kenya, Bangladesh, Tripura, Nepal, South Wales and Valencia.
- **Recovery & Rehabilitation:** Restored over 600 acres of farmland following floods in Panjab, repaired riverbanks and machinery, reinstated water systems in Pakistan, and supported post-disaster recovery in Nepal.







Food Security & Nutrition

(SDG 2 - Zero Hunger; SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production):

- Provided humanitarian food aid, agricultural support and community kitchens; Supported vulnerable societies globally through hot meal and food parcel programs.
- 1.52 million meals served via Langar Aid; food distribution facilitated across Gaza, Iraq, Turkey/Syria, Bangladesh, Morocco, Kenya and Nepal.
- Agricultural support for more than 3,000 farmers in Malawi and Zambia. Further agriculture support also provided across Panjab







WASH & Climate Resilience

(SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation; SDG 13 - Climate Action; SDG 15 - Life on Land):

- **Water Access:** Installed or rehabilitated over 68 water systems across The Gambia, Malawi, Zambia and Kenya.
- **Environmental Restoration:** Planted trees as part of Water4Africa and maintained the 8 acres of biodiversity forests restored last year in Panjab.
- **Hygiene Support:** Delivered menstrual hygiene kits through Pad the Path and hygiene packs during disasters and emergencies.





Strengthening Communities

(SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being; SDG 4 - Quality Education; SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth; SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities):

- **Health Services:** Provided essential medical services and supported healthcare initiatives to ensure access to quality healthcare for all. 2,912 patients supported at Patiala Health Centre, Panjab; 465 medical cases funded; 2,660 dialysis sessions subsidised.



- **Education:** Over 1,500 students and youth supported by providing scholarships, educational resources, and vocational training.

- **Livelihood and support programs:** Provided support to vulnerable families and communities–house rebuilds, self-support programs, and developed long-term sustainable programs. 64 families supported with self-employment tools and vocational materials.
- **Housing & Welfare:** 13 homes rebuilt; 79 families supported with essential welfare; 10,000+ people assisted via medical camps.
- **Community Infrastructure:** Built and improved essential infrastructure such as schools, healthcare facilities, and clean water systems to enhance the quality of life in rural and underserved areas.
- **Pad the Path** project empowers females to better manage menstruation and remain in education.









Volunteer Engagement & Capacity Building

(SDG 4 - Quality Education; SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals):

- **Education & Training:** Volunteers engaged and trained in safety, first aid and emergency response.
- **Leadership Development:** Volunteers led operations in emergency zones, Langar Aid and international missions.
- **Mobilisation:** Coordinated volunteer efforts to ensure a swift and effective response to community needs and crises; Hundreds deployed for emergency responses, public events, fundraisers, and student support hubs.







Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Achieved in the Year

details under Projects







Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

An annual review is conducted of the aims, objectives, and activities of the charity, looking at each key activity and the benefits that have been delivered to the communities being supported. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and work plan remain focused on our stated purpose.

Where the organisation runs projects is based on the following factors:

- World Bank data on relative levels of poverty for countries across the world.
- Incidence and assessment of the impact of natural or other disasters.
- Ongoing assessment of existing commitments and the benefits being delivered to local communities
- Alignment to the aims of the organisation
- World check compliance data on proposed partners and subsequent data received from these partners on underserved communities

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in setting our objectives and planning our future activities. The Trustees ensure that the charity delivers the maximum public benefit and achieves its strategic objectives, which fall under the purposes defined by the Charities Act 2011.

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

1.02 Million
Number of People Reached

31
Active Global Projects

15
Countries Worked in

21,039
Food Packs

391,800
Hot Meals Served

2,620
Blankets

3,300
Farmers Assisted

85
Water Borehole Pumps

250
Hand Pumps

2,000
Pad The Path Menstrual Kits















9,300
Hygiene Packs

3,407
Medical Cases Funded

2,660
Dialysis Sessions Funded

90
Villages Helped

15
Homes Rebuilt

122
Welfare/self-employment mini projects

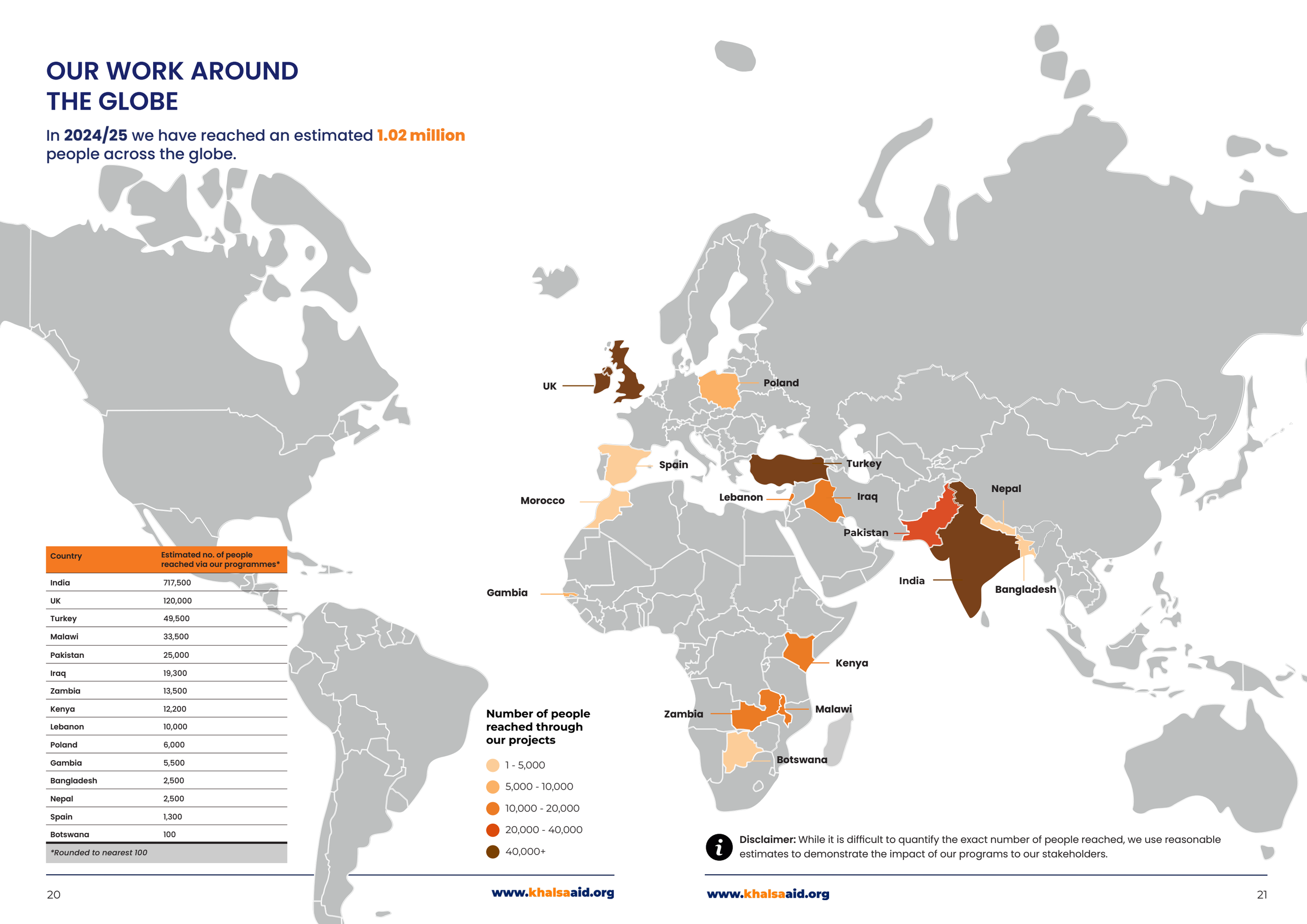
8,547
Students Assisted

185 million litres
Drinking Water Provided



OUR WORK AROUND THE GLOBE

In **2024/25** we have reached an estimated **1.02 million** people across the globe.



Country	Estimated no. of people reached via our programmes*
India	717,500
UK	120,000
Turkey	49,500
Malawi	33,500
Pakistan	25,000
Iraq	19,300
Zambia	13,500
Kenya	12,200
Lebanon	10,000
Poland	6,000
Gambia	5,500
Bangladesh	2,500
Nepal	2,500
Spain	1,300
Botswana	100

**Rounded to nearest 100*

Number of people reached through our projects

- 1 - 5,000
- 5,000 - 10,000
- 10,000 - 20,000
- 20,000 - 40,000
- 40,000+

Disclaimer: While it is difficult to quantify the exact number of people reached, we use reasonable estimates to demonstrate the impact of our programs to our stakeholders.

KHALSA AID

PROJECTS AND PERFORMANCE

1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

A summary of our wider projects in the year is presented here. Further details of our work can be seen on our communication channels including our website and social media .

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International does not provide cash funding directly to any charitable organisation unless stated. It is our standard policy to provide funding directly to suppliers or stakeholders providing goods/services in relation to our humanitarian aid projects.

IN FOCUS

EMERGENCY RELIEF: GAZA

Emergency Relief

SDG 1 – No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

In April 2024, Khalsa Aid's team was dispatched to Cairo and, working with the Egyptian Red Cross (ERC), facilitated a delivery of and hygiene kits for those displaced by the war in Gaza. After months of operational restrictions, ERC managed to deliver our consignment of 1,000 food packs and 1,000 hygiene kits into Gaza on 2 December 2024. We remain ready to provide further assistance in the region via the Egyptian Red Cross whenever we are permitted to do so safely.



PANJAB FARMER SUPPORT FOR MSP GUARANTY 2024

Emergency Relief

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

The Indian farmers' protests between February 2024 and March 2025 are well documented. The protests were in relation to demands for a guaranteed Minimum Support Price for crops. Much of the focus of the protests was at Shambhu and Khanaouri borders around Delhi, where police erected barricades forcing farmers to establish protest camps.

The Khalsa Aid India team provided practical support for the farmers including: establishing an emergency response team, supplying water bottles, water tankers, medical staff, and repair workshops at both locations - Shambu Border and Khanaouri Border.



PANJAB FLOODS - SECOND PHASE

Emergency Relief

SDG 1 – No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation | SDG 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

In July 2023, Northern India experienced devastating floods due to unprecedented heavy rainfall. The floods were some of the worst the region had seen in recent years, causing widespread destruction in both rural and urban areas. Himachal Pradesh, Panjab, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, and Haryana were the main states affected. Major rivers, including Sutlej, Beas and Ravi, swelled beyond capacity and water from dams had to be released as they neared capacity, exacerbating the flooding in low-lying areas.

As many as 1,058 villages in 14 districts of Panjab were affected by the floods. Khalsa Aid's India team along with volunteers from Khalsa Aid International (UK) team carried out needs assessments and assisted in several districts: Rupnagar, Mohali, Patiala, Jalandhar, Moga, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Sangrur, Ferozepur, Fatehgarh Sahib and Tarn Taran.

Activities in 2024/2025 included agricultural land levelling, riverbank restoration, tractor repairs, the provision of a reversible motor, and the distribution of seeds and fertiliser to farmers in 16 villages in the Jalandhar, Kapurthala, and Tarn Taran district. Over 200 farmers were supported with land levelling. Khalsa Aid's India team procured the machinery and diesel, covering the full cost of this activity and supporting farmers wherever possible to get back to farming their land again. Over 600 acres of farmland was desilted and leveled; 100 buffalos were also provided to farmers who had lost livestock due to the floods.





LEBANON

Emergency Relief

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation



Lebanon is once again in the throes of a deepening humanitarian crisis. Over one million people are estimated to have already been displaced, forced from their homes as the country tries to recover from the devastation. We identified 3 areas - Beirut, Soor (Tyre) and Nabatieh. Khalsa Aid distributed 900 food packs containing enough food for a family for 2-3 weeks, consisting of staple items such as rice, pasta, milk powder, flour, oil and other items. In March 2025, 900 hygiene packs were also distributed. Jointly, over 10,000 beneficiaries received support.



UK PROGRAMME: LANGAR AID
(FOOD SUPPORT & COMMUNITY)

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The MBE for volunteer groups

Recipient of Queens Award for voluntary services

Langar Aid is one of Khalsa Aid International's UK outreach programmes, launched in 2016. The project is based on the Sikh principle of Langar (Community Kitchen). Langar Aid strives to break down barriers and improve community cohesion by offering the opportunity for people of all religions, ages and genders to come together by sharing food. This project started in Coventry and has grown from a weekly service to running multiple community initiatives, with a dedicated base in the West Midlands (Langar Aid House), operating six days a week. Its objective is to support homeless, vulnerable, and isolated people within the local communities.

Langar Aid expanded support across the West Midlands and surrounding regions, strengthened partnerships with schools and community hubs, piloted student support in high-need cities, reduced food waste through surplus redistribution, and provided warm spaces during severe weather. Approximately **360,000 meals** were served during the year across evening feeds, parcels and events.





Food Support: Responding to Growing Need

This year, in response to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, we've seen a significant rise in demand for food support across the West Midlands, Warwickshire, and Nuneaton. To meet this growing need, Langar Aid has expanded its services and strengthened partnerships with local schools, charities, and community organisations—particularly supporting low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. The increasing cost of essentials like food, housing, and utilities has made our food support services a vital lifeline for many. We deliver food parcels and fresh produce regularly and also support breakfast clubs to ensure children start their day nourished and ready to learn. We made a strategic shift to serve prioritised beneficiaries, and offer other forms of support to reduce dependency and encourage self-reliance. Langar Aid is committed to providing a helping hand up, not a handout—supporting communities with dignity and helping individuals build resilience for a more secure future.



Supporting Home and International Students

In response to a growing number of support requests from international students, we expanded our efforts in Coventry by establishing dedicated food parcel collection points in cities with high international student populations, including Manchester, Wolverhampton, and Birmingham. Many of these students regularly attended the evening meal service, highlighting a pressing need for consistent food support. We continue to work closely with local colleges and schools to ensure home students also receive the necessary support during times of financial hardship or isolation. These hubs were specifically tailored to offer culturally appropriate food parcels, ensuring that students from diverse backgrounds could receive nutritious food.



Food Waste Reduction and Redistribution

Langar Aid is committed to reducing food waste while supporting communities in need. Our main contributor, Brakes UK, plays a vital role in this effort by donating over 9,000kg of fresh, produce every month. These generous contributions, which would otherwise have gone to landfill, are redistributed to local schools, community organisations, and used in our evening meal services. We are also grateful for the continued support from Trussell Trust and Coventry Food Network who provide bulk donations of surplus food and soft drinks. These contributions help us extend our reach and diversify the support we can offer. To ensure minimal waste, any fresh produce that cannot be used is passed on to a local Retreat Farm, which provides therapeutic activities for children with learning difficulties. This approach ensures that all surplus is put to meaningful use by either supporting individuals directly or benefiting community-led initiatives.







Providing a Warm Space for the Community (2024-2025)

During the winter months of 2024-2025, Langar Aid ran a warm space for 62 nights in collaboration with Coventry City Council and the Rough Sleeper Team, as part of the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP). Using a partitioned area within Langar Aid House, we were able to provide a safe and warm overnight environment for individuals experiencing homelessness or sleeping rough during periods of extreme cold.

Community Engagement

Langar Aid continues to build strong partnerships with local schools, colleges, and universities by offering structured work experience opportunities as part of academic courses and the Duke of Edinburgh Award. These placements give young people valuable insights into the working world while promoting a strong sense of community service. Through hands-on involvement in food support operations and outreach activities, students gain practical skills, develop empathy, and understand the impact of charitable work within their local communities. Through partnerships with Warwick Volunteers, we welcome both home and international students to volunteer as part of their accredited programs. We also remain grateful for the ongoing support from corporate groups such as Coventry Building Society, Cadent Gas, Severn Trent Selfridges, and Amazon, whose teams regularly join us in our mission. Volunteers from all walks of life are welcomed into the journey of seva (selfless service), helping to build stronger, more inclusive communities through collective action and shared humanity.



Celebrating 10 Years of Serving Humanity in 2025

Langar Aid proudly celebrated 10 years of serving humanity. To mark the beginning of this milestone year, we hosted our first ever Langar Event at the iconic Coventry Cathedral on New Year's Day. This special gathering welcomed people from all walks of life to come together and share a warm meal. The event offered not only food, but also a safe and welcoming space, free gifts, clothing, and fun activities for children creating a true sense of community and compassion. In addition, we proudly partnered with the University of Warwick to support their first ever Langar on Campus event. The success of this initiative was made possible by the university's belief in Langar Aid's mission and values, where many took part in seva and learnt the importance of Langar.





Emergency Flood Relief Support in South Wales

In October 2024, a dedicated team from Langar Aid travelled to Pontypridd, South Wales, to support communities affected by severe flooding caused by Storm Bert. As part of our emergency response efforts, volunteers delivered vital aid including 200 packed lunches, cleaning supplies, and dehumidifiers to assist residents in the cleanup and recovery process.

OTHER PROJECTS

TURKEY (SYRIAN REFUGEES PROJECT)

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck southeast Turkey and Syria on 6th February 2023 was one of the most devastating natural disasters in the country's history. During the emergency response phase, our teams noticed that the Syrian refugees living in Turkish camps had been disproportionately impacted. As a result, from early 2024, our focus shifted to providing ongoing support to this community. The purpose was to help and improve the quality of life for Syrian refugees affected by the earthquake.

This second phase of the Turkey earthquake project continued in the current year for Syrian refugees, where we assisted a total of 49,520 beneficiaries. We distributed 6,600 family hygiene packs, 7,200 family food packs and 1,520 blankets.

Our assistance for Syrian refugees will continue, headed by our Iraq team along with volunteers from the UK and other global chapters.





IRAQ

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 5 - Gender Equality | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

In 2024, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) continued to host a significant number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees with 157,714 people in camps in KRI. Most of the refugees were from Syria, with smaller numbers from Turkey, Iran, and other locations. Out of the total displaced population, about 30% live in designated camps, while the remaining 70% have integrated into local communities across the KRI.

Safety project in IDP camps in KRI:

Domiz Camp2 located near Duhok hosts over 38,000 refugees (mainly Syrian) and is one of the largest refugee camps in Iraq, managed by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) with support from NGOs. We repaired cabins within Domiz2, benefiting over 2,000 refugees in the area.

Our Iraq team responded to requests to clear out dry bushlands in and around the IDP camps in KRI; this entailed days of clearing of grass and bushes to reduce threat of fire in the arid region, helping over 5,000 individuals in the region.



Zero Hunger

Since 2015, Khalsa Aid International has provided monthly food packs to these displaced families fleeing to camps like Khanke and Shariya, initially assisting 500 families. As some have become self-sufficient, support now focuses on 100 families, with 1,200 food packs distributed annually to over 7,500 individuals.

In December 2024, Yezidi families from Lebanon arrived in Kurdistan; to assist these families settle in the new environment, we provided 300 blankets and 300 pillows.



Ramadan Food Packs

Our annual Ramadan food packs initiative continued to provide essential food supplies to vulnerable and displaced families, including orphans, widows, and those who have lost the breadwinners in their families. In 2025, we distributed a total of 1,000 food packs in the Duhok governorate and Mosul, each containing all the essentials needed to support a family for the entire month of Ramadan.

Education: Back-to-School

The Back-to-School initiative was launched by Khalsa Aid International in 2023; in September 2024, this initiative continued to make a significant impact in Al Nasir village, Domiz1 camp, and Gawilan camps by providing essential school supplies to 3,765 refugee students in over 17 schools. This effort was aimed at supporting students' educational needs, encouraging school attendance, and fostering a sense of hope and normalcy in communities affected by conflict and displacement.



Other Relief Projects

In a notable act of humanitarian assistance, Khalsa Aid International undertook a project to start self-sustaining projects for the Yezidi women. A Yezidi women that had previously been assisted in setting up a sewing shop had fallen on hard times due to ill health. Assistance was provided to reopen the sewing shop and enable her to be self-sufficient once again. Such projects are being expanded to help more Yezidi families become self-reliant.

Activities with children at Khanke orphanage continued to encourage them to explore different activities.



WATER4AFRICA
(SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA)

Development Programme

Water4Africa is our long-term development programme, aiming to achieve water security within the African continent. Water scarcity continues to be a problem for many African countries, which is amplified by severe droughts. Khalsa Aid International focuses on installing solar-powered and hand-powered water pumps for local villages, schools, and livestock in various countries in Africa.



Water Pumps

The programme continued to install and hand over solar-powered and hand pumps across The Gambia, Malawi, Kenya and Zambia, complemented by tree planting to enhance food security and climate resilience. Selected highlights are summarised below:

Country	**Systems installed/repaired** (FY24/25)	**Locations** (villages/schools)	**Estimated Beneficiaries**
The Gambia	13 solar powered systems	12 villages; 1 school	≈5,420
Zambia	4 systems; 10 rehabilitations; 1 new hand pump	11 villages; 4 schools	≈8,477
Malawi	48 new pumps	48 villages	≈25,500
Kenya	3 pumps	3 villages	≈5,200



Farmer Security

In Malawi, our Food Security Project supported over 2,000 farmers with seeds and fertiliser, yielding a successful 2024 harvest, alongside ongoing monthly food support to hospital patients and orphanages. Additional boreholes and trees were installed under our Water4Africa and Plant the Path initiatives.

In Zambia, a similar project was carried out with 1,000 farmers receiving seeds to sow.





Welfare Programmes

Our Water4Africa visits are not only about water and , but always include welfare programmes including:

- Providing food items to orphanages;
- Provision of safer beds and new mattresses at a local orphanage;
- Visiting a local hospital and providing food support to patients.
- In Zambia, 1,000 food packs were distributed - 520 meal bags were given to families in Nyawa, and 480 meal bags to families in Moomba.





PAD THE PATH

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 - Quality Education | SDG 5 - Gender Equality

Our unique 'Pad the Path' programme has been ongoing since 2019. Its aim is to launch a sustainable approach towards ending period poverty. The programme is active in sub-Saharan Africa and works alongside grassroots organisations to encourage female empowerment, the betterment of female menstrual health, and environmental sustainability. Aid delivery for this programme has three components:

- A menstrual health and hygiene workshop
- An educational booklet
- A sustainable menstrual hygiene management kit consisting of reusable pads and soap



Our hygiene management kits are locally sourced and purchased, supporting local businesses and boosting the economy. Each girl/woman is given a hygiene pack that consists of 3 reusable pads, 1 soap and 2 information leaflets in a cloth bag.

1,000 'Pad the Path' kits were distributed in various schools in Malawi and same number distributed over 2 visits in the Gambia.

KENYA FLOOD RELIEF 2024

Emergency Relief

Kenya's 2024 floods were among the most destructive in decades, affecting millions of individuals across 33 counties, causing hundreds of deaths, displacing hundreds of thousands, and resulting in massive damage to infrastructure, agriculture, education, and livelihoods. The crisis prompted a large-scale coordinated response from the government, KRCS, UN agencies, and international partners. Khalsa Aid partnered with Kenya Red Cross to provide 1,000 food packs to last families at least 6 weeks in conflict zones and those displaced by floods where aid was scarce. Over 7,000 beneficiaries received this aid.



BANGLADESH FLOOD RELIEF 2024

Emergency Relief

In September 2024, heavy rainfall combined with water gushing down from elevated areas up north caused severe flooding in northern Bangladesh. Particularly affected, were the districts of Lalmonirhat and Kurigram.

The impact of the floods was felt most severely in rural areas, where families rely on agriculture for their subsistence. Crops were destroyed, and livestock was swept away, leaving families without food or income. Many were forced to take shelter on embankments or in temporary accommodations, living in precarious conditions without access to clean drinking water, sanitation facilities, or food.

We delivered 500 hygiene kits and 500 food parcels to assist families for a month.



TRIPURA FLOOD RELIEF

Emergency Relief



On August 18, 2024, Tripura grappled with relentless rainfall that triggered severe flooding and landslides across multiple districts, leading to a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented scale. Thousands of families had been displaced and were residing in relief camps. Our team reached Tripura, and working with grassroot organisations, we provided household items to severely affected families, including cultural clothes, beddings, mattresses, tarpaulins, utensils and hygiene packs to over 300 families.

EUROPE EMERGENCY: VALENCIA FLOODS (SPAIN)

Emergency Relief

Following catastrophic flash floods in Valencia in late October 2024, our team was deployed in November to support clean-up and food distributions, providing cleaning equipment, PPE, and meals for affected municipalities. Essential materials such as shovels, buckets, brooms, squeegees, boots, gloves were purchased for volunteers arriving in the coming days. Our focus then shifted to providing hot food and drinks which we facilitated by working alongside a local organisation. We provided hot drink flasks to distribute tea and coffee to locals as well as emergency service workers. We also supplied food items to the flood affected areas and we assisted over 200 volunteers and some families.



NEPAL HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

Emergency Relief

A swollen river surged through Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, after the heaviest rainfall in over 50 years. The rain, which began on 27 September 2024, and lasted more than 72 hours, also caused extensive damage outside the capital. Nepal's 77 districts had been affected, and many areas were cut off, with bridges and roads swept away and powerlines and tele communication networks disrupted.

Relief provision continued post-disaster, working with local volunteers in remote districts to deliver household items to affected communities. 500 families received tarpaulins, mattresses, beddings, corrugated sheets and blankets.



PAKISTAN FLOODS

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger **SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being**

SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation

Following the devastating floods in August 2022, where 33 million people were displaced and one million homes were damaged, our second phase of rehabilitation support continued in 2024. Khalsa Aid International installed 250 hand pumps providing clean drinking water to a combined 25,000 beneficiaries.

As part of Khalsa Aid's support in Pakistan, a supply of food ration items to a local Gurudwara were delivered for 12 months.





BOTSWANA

Development Programme

Healthcare needs in smaller communities in Botswana are slow reaching, according to local healthcare professionals. Khalsa Aid was contacted regarding the provision of wheelchairs in a rural community, Nata. Khalsa Aid's team worked with the Nata Clinic, local doctors, the local Gurudwara and grassroot organisations, including the Rotary Club, to provide wheelchairs to 30 patients enabling better mobility. To ensure the quality of goods, they were ordered from a supplier in South Africa; local volunteers played an instrumental role in coordinating the delivery of the wheelchairs from Johannesburg to Francistown as well as providing storage. A nurse who spoke the local language gave a safety briefing on the wheelchairs to the patients.



"Seeing people's eyes light up and the smile on their face is the reason we keep going" - Jivan.

POLAND FLOOD RELIEF 2024

Emergency Relief

An extremely humid cyclone caused catastrophic flooding across Central Europe. The flooding began in Austria and the Czech Republic, then spread to Poland. By delivering essential supplies and hot meals to over 600 volunteers, we helped alleviate some of the immediate needs in flood-affected areas. Our team quickly assessed the situation in Wroclaw and other districts, responding to changing conditions as water levels decreased.



FOCUS PANJAB

Development Programme | Emergency Relief

The Focus Panjab Project focuses on key issues faced by farmers, marginalised families, the families impacted by the events of 1984 and others living in various parts of India.

This facilitates the provision of medical aid (including dialysis support), welfare and house rebuilds, education assistance and biodiversity planting across Panjab, responding to local emergencies as needed.



WELFARE SUPPORT

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 - Quality Education | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Khalsa Aid International and Khalsa Aid India teams collaborate to provide vital welfare support to thousands across Panjab and other Indian states, including financial aid in kind and practical assistance for those facing hardship.

In the financial year 2024-25, we supported **79 families**, with an expenditure of **£17,867** on various initiatives.
Our key areas of support included:

- Financial assistance for 38 weddings.
- Contribution of items required for 5 Bhog Barsi ceremonies(memorial services).
- Funding for 6 water boreholes. Also, provision of food rations to those in need.
- Assistance with purchasing support vehicles for individuals with disabilities.
- Housing: Completion of house rebuilds for 2 financially deprived families.
- Support of an orphanage in Kerala with monthly food supplies.
- Setting up a gym in a village as a health test project.



KHALSA AID HEALTH CENTRE – PATIALA

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Khalsa Aid Health Centre in Patiala was set up in September 2024. This offers a wide range of high-quality, affordable healthcare services to support underserved and low-income communities. The Centre provides comprehensive Dental care (including X-rays and dentures), Digital X-ray and CT scan facilities, Physiotherapy, a fully equipped Pathology lab, an onsite Pharmacy, and daily OPD consultations.

All services are delivered by qualified professionals to the highest clinical standards and are offered at a fraction of the usual cost, ensuring they remain accessible to all, regardless of income. The Centre continues to serve as a vital healthcare hub for the region, reducing the burden on overstretched public systems and bringing essential medical care within reach of the most vulnerable. Khalsa Aid assisted 2912 patients in this year.







MEDICAL AID

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Khalsa Aid International funds the medical treatment of patients from underprivileged backgrounds. Assistance is provided by funding treatment, from hospital charges to medicines and after-care fees. All requests for medical aid are assessed and verified by our medical aid coordinators with costs paid directly to the clinical facility. This year, we helped **465** patients who were from Panjab and other parts of India with medical treatment.

EDUCATIONAL AID

Development Programme

SDG 4 - Quality Education | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Educational development aid is essential for reducing poverty and inequality in developing countries. By providing access to quality education, Khalsa Aid International has been able to help improve the lives of thousands of young children and adults across Panjab and other states in India.



Dashmesh School

At the Dashmesh Public School, holistic and quality education is given to children from marginalised communities. The school is located in Kakra, Bhawanigarh district, where more than **491** children are studying and Khalsa Aid International paid **£42,249** financial year. Khalsa Aid International funds the free education of children from underprivileged backgrounds to help them get a better start in life.

EVENT SUPPORT

Development Programme

We actively participated in and supported numerous events, providing essential aid:

Water Bottle Distribution

Due to extremely hot weather, Khalsa Aid teams distributed **1,015,087 water bottles** at various significant locations, including Gurudwara Chilla Sahib Haryana, Takht Sri Damdama Sahib Bathinda, Fatehgarh Sahib Shaheedi Sabha, Anandpur Sahib Holla Mohalla, Takht Sachkhand Sri Hazur Sahib Nanded, Guru Nanak Ji Marriage Celebration Batala, Guru Amardas Ji 450th Commemoration Goindwal Sahib, Baba Budha Ji Ramdas, and Takht Sri Harmander Sri Patna Sahib.





Medical Camps

General Physician medical camps were organised at several events, benefiting **over 10,000 people.**

BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Development Programme

SDG 1 - No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 5 - Gender Equality

Maharashtra, Madya Pradesh & Telangana







Sikligar Sikhs were 'Lohars' (ironsmiths) who once specialised in the craft of making weapons. The term 'Sikligar' was bestowed upon this community by Guru Gobind Singh Ji (10th Sikh Guru). Due to the advancements in technology and education, the Sikligar Sikhs are now an almost forgotten community in India. They suffer from low literacy rates and cannot afford medical care, which has kept them in a cycle of poverty. Khalsa Aid International developed a focused programme to assist this community with access to education, health and employment skills. Food packages, enrolment for children into schools and financial assistance for studies are already ongoing, with plans to expand our support much broader going forward. We supported **106** Sikhligar students and paid **£11,863** school fees to Devi Rukmani Higher Secondary School, Khargone, M.P., Shree Aaijee English Medium School, Borlay and Brilliant Academy .

SARDAR HARI SINGH NALWA LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Development Programme

SDG 1 - No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 - Quality Education

Kashmir

In the 2024-25, Khalsa Aid International's Sardar Hari Singh Nalwa programme continued its steadfast support for local communities in Kashmir. Through a diverse range of projects, a total of 739 individuals received vital assistance. This included the distribution of food parcels to vulnerable families, the establishment of Gurmukhi schools, the sponsorship of children for education, the construction of 4 homes, and essential renovations in Sikh schools across the region.

The largest project was the distribution of food packs to 147 families, benefitting more than 550 individuals in various regions of Kashmir, prioritising those in dire need. Additionally, 7 Gurmukhi schools were established, providing a comprehensive curriculum for students aged 8 to 19, and fostering proficiency in the Panjabi language to 138 students. Khalsa Aid International's efforts also extended to the renovation of 2 Sikh schools, including the creation of playgrounds, the provision of computers, and the assurance of adequate water facilities. Furthermore, the programme sponsored 47 children, enabling them to access education despite financial constraints, and constructed 2 homes for underprivileged families, offering stability, particularly during harsh winters. Looking ahead to 2025, the programme will expand its support by providing vital medical assistance to those in need.





SUPPORT TO OTHER NGOS

Development Programme

SDG 1 - No Poverty | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

We extended our support to several other non-governmental organisations, amplifying their impact:

- **Singh on Duty Sewa Society Gurdaspur:**
  Assisted with ration distribution to disabled individuals and supported medical check-ups for over 300 people annually.
- **Rattan Sagar Public School:**
  Provided support in the form of books, sports items, and electrical goods, benefiting over 741 students.
- **Gurudwara Bhai Matidas Sewa Society:**
  Supported the installation of an RO system and chiller at Civil Hospital Bathinda, benefiting thousands of people.
- **M.G.N. Khalsa Senior Secondary School Jalandhar:**
  Helped construct a shed for school students, benefiting over 500 students.
- **Deep Sidhu Memorial Trust:**
  Helped construct the blood bank building by providing building materials.





SELF-EMPOWERMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

Development Programme

SDG 1 - No Poverty | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Khalsa Aid empowers marginalised communities through a variety of initiatives aimed at fostering self-sufficiency. In the last financial year, we supported **64 families**, investing **over £65,655** to provide crucial resources in the financial year.

We are providing e-rickshaws, livestock, boutiques, Agriculture equipment like Tractors, Electrical goods, Shop stock, Fabrication tools, Vocational training and Raw materials for shops to ensure that they get the necessary support and assistance to become self-sufficient.





FOUNDATION PANJAB

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 - Quality Education | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Foundation Panjab is a Union Public Services & State Level competitive exam training programme which we are doing in collaboration with SABAR Foundation. This programme provides exam preparation opportunities for financially deprived youth from rural Panjab.

The programme is a scholarship, and over 1000 native Panjabi students were selected for one year of online training provided by LBASNAA IAS . This project will help the youth gain employment in civil service jobs that are otherwise difficult to get into due to expensive entry fees.

HOUSE REBUILD

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 - Quality Education | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Like our medical support and Shaheed Parivar project, the house rebuilding project aims to support families affected by traumatic events or natural disasters. In the last year, we have rebuilt 13 homes in Panjab. This project helps families rebuild their homes and their livelihoods.





KIDNEY DIALYSIS

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

In 2024-25, Khalsa Aid International opened a subsidised kidney dialysis center in Fatehgarh Churian, Amritsar district. The cost of medical treatments is not within reach for many across Panjab; therefore, this project aims to support those from economically deprived backgrounds. At this center, Khalsa Aid covers 70% of the dialysis fee. In the year, 84 dialysis patients have received treatment and 2660 dialysis sessions have been completed.





MERA PIND 360

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 - Quality Education | SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

A pilot programme in collaboration with Friends of Panjab was developed to provide assistance to five villages, beginning with Lopon village in Moga district and Bassi Gujran and Rurewal, Ropar, Mour and Baloh Bathinda. The aim of the project is to support the village through a center that will give the community access to a library and an IT room where people can receive Computer Technology training. The local community will also be able to participate in regular cultural events. In addition, the center will help fund the costs for anyone requiring ID documents within the village.



PUBLIC EVENTS IN UK

25th Anniversary Akhand Paath

A 3-day event was held at Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Gravesend at their invitation on 15-17th March 2024, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Khalsa Aid International. Our work across the globe was showcased with a photographic exhibition and a video montage in their in-house theatre. Merchandise was available for supporters to purchase merchandise or make donations, generating a net income of over £6,000.





Snowdon Hike 2024

The 12th Annual Snowdon Hike took place on July 6th, 2024. Over 900 hikers took part raising £137,000 in net proceeds. As with each year, this event would not have been possible without the valued support of our volunteers who helped with coordinating transport, serving meals and assisting with the logistics of the day. All participants were given a commemorative t shirt and medal.

Annual Dinner

Thanks to the kind support of the Arora Group, our annual dinner took place again at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Heathrow. The hotel has supported Khalsa Aid over the past few years;, although there has been a change in ownership of the hotel, the new owners continue to provide very generous help in hosting this event. As in previous years, some of the overseas teams were also in attendance to highlight the work carried out across the world and in the UK. The event generated over £23,000 in net funds through generous donations and sales.



Other Events

Over the 12 months, a number of fundraising activities were organised, including the first-ever Khalsa Aid car rally, which raised £7,000; local Nagar Kirtans also generated £12,000. Bake sales held across the country contributed a net income of £4,000, while many supporters held their own fundraisers throughout the year through JustGiving and collectively raised over £14,000.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Khalsa Aid International is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) established under a constitution and registered on 25th August 2015. The Board of Trustees (minimum of four trustees) meets regularly and provides strategic oversight, approves policies and budgets, reviews projects and oversees governance and compliance. The trustees review the finances and appraise long-term projects before funds are committed in keeping with our fundamental principles and values. The Board has delegated day-to-day management to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) supported by a senior leadership team.

Global affiliates/chapters operate as independent organisations and are not included in these accounts. Khalsa Aid International UK works closely with all chapters and collectively supports many projects jointly.



Recruitment And Appointment of New Trustees

Each trustee within Khalsa Aid International is a volunteer, selected for their breadth of skills, knowledge, and experience to support the aims of the charity. Each trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened trustees' meeting. If a trustee is to remain on the board for a further 3 years, this must be agreed by the board.

The charity appoints trustees, who are of good standing and can actively promote and support the work of Khalsa Aid International. More trustees are being sought with skillsets in areas that could be beneficial to the development of the organisation.

There is an induction process for new trustees comprising a full overview of our strategic priorities, operational matters, policies & procedures. In addition, trustees visit our frontline operations, either in the UK or abroad, to better understand the impact of our humanitarian and development projects.

Volunteers

Khalsa Aid International is generously supported by a network of committed and passionate volunteers across the globe; from our trustees to experts in different fields, to those who are passionate about serving humanity. Our volunteers are key to our success; all projects involve teams of volunteers working for short to long periods to support our projects. Due to our volunteers' commitment and service, the Charity can work with a lean staff structure.

The charity maintains a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking facility for staff and volunteers in the UK with any disclosure made treated with confidentiality and managed by the Board of Trustees. These checks do not hold merit when volunteers and staff work abroad but all reasonable efforts are made to ensure staff/volunteers from outside of the UK are of good standing and references are sought before working with Khalsa Aid International.

Financial Review

During the year, unrestricted donation income of £ 2,292,936 and Restricted income of £542,979 was received and fully utilised in the current year, with reserves used to cover the deficit. The net deficit for the year was £959,662.

Though the charity saw a fall in donation income at the start of the year, projects were not compromised and with continued support from volunteers and donors, donations have begun to show a steady increase. The charity continues to conduct fundraising activities to reduce deficits in future.

Investment Policy

The trustees have a general power to invest in assets as they see fit. The trustees are committed to ensuring that Khalsa Aid's investment policy aligns with its mission and values.

As the charity needs to respond to disasters and emergencies quickly, it has a policy to keep funds in a combination of short-term and long-term deposits and investments, ensuring adequate reserve funds are available. The Charity uses renowned investment managers to manage portfolio investments, striking a balance between risk, return and having access to funds.

In making investment decisions, a range of social, environmental, and ethical considerations are considered; investments are made only in socially responsible companies with strong environmental stewardship, and in industries involved in ethical practices.

Reserves

Free reserves represent that part of general reserves that is not tied up in tangible assets and is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. At the year's end, the charity's free reserves were £ 13,092,235. This is 9.1% more than the reserves requirement of £12m (as set out in the charity's Reserves Policy) but the surplus is required to cover any deficit for the next financial year. Restricted reserves were nil.

The Trustees continue to review the free reserves through the Reserves policy to ensure reserves remain adequate to serve the charity's short and long-term objectives and mission and ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund its longer-term activities as well as medium-term going concern requirements. The Reserves policy stipulates how reserves will be used including:

- Scaling up the UK operations to expand worldwide missions and projects including upgrading systems and processes, to enable KAI to operate to internationally recognised standards of governance, codes of conduct, and humanitarian action.
- Implementing KAI's medium and long-term strategy plans, and forging stronger partnerships globally.
- Investing in organisational development across all departments including investing in more people, systems and processes.
- Responding to more crisis, and implementing post-disaster and development projects following such disasters to provide both short-term and medium support to such victims.
- Volunteer safety reserve: KAI's dedicated global volunteers continue to face risks during missions; a reserve for their safety is critical to respond to such risks.
- Risk reserves: As a global organisation, the risks related to the charity's work are also global; a risk reserve for risks related to disaster responses, project management, staffing host country instability and political changes, and other environmental and economic changes globally is crucial.
- Reserves for the purchase of property for expanding the charity's main premises, and in key focus areas and countries to hold stocks providing stability and security for the charity's future and its long-term projects.
- Going concern reserve: Due to fluctuation in donations, a reserve for continuing as a going concern and to cover operational and office costs for at least 2 years is also vital.

The use of the Reserves will be reviewed over a 5-7-year period, ensuring that growth is well-controlled and well-targeted to the charitable aims of the organisation and maximising public benefit.



RISK MANAGEMENT

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Khalsa Aid International is committed to providing humanitarian aid and relief to the most vulnerable and in-need areas around the globe. This commitment means the charity operates in countries affected by war, conflict, humanitarian and environmental disasters and general uncertainty. Operating in these environments gives rise to significant risks and uncertainties, which we have managed through our extensive experience in this field, supported by a framework of systems and processes.

Khalsa Aid International's overall approach to risk management is to identify and accept an appropriate level of risk working in the humanitarian response environment. The trustees and the management team review and assess the major risks to which Khalsa Aid International is exposed relating to the operations, income generation and finances.

The trustees identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

We operate in fragile environments where security, access, and regulatory constraints can change rapidly. Key risks include staff/volunteer safety, fluctuations in donations, cyber security, safeguarding, partner due diligence, and foreign exchange (FX) exposure. Controls include hostile environment training, dynamic security assessments, diversified income streams, strengthened IT and data protection, safeguarding policies, pre-award partner assessments, and FX management.

Key risks and their mitigation measures are as follows:

Staff/Volunteer Safety

Our staff work in parts of the world that are impacted by conflict and/or natural disasters. These environments present several risks to the safety of our staff. Safety and wellbeing are of paramount importance, and we have several procedures to manage these risks. Hostile Environment training is provided to all our field staff/volunteers alongside continual monitoring of the security situation in every single country we work in, ensuring we have adequate measures in place to keep our staff as safe as possible. In addition, our staff completed fire marshal and first aid training, further upskilling their abilities and knowledge.

Fluctuation in donations

As with all other charities in the current financial climate, our income by way of donations has seen fluctuations. To mitigate this risk, the charity continues to diversify its funding resources, build reserves, strengthen donor relationships, and strengthen awareness of our work and future plans through various means.

Key Personnel

The CEO has founded and headed the organisation for 25 years now and is the face of Khalsa Aid; his zest and leadership have made Khalsa Aid a credible and respected charity, and a change to this position poses a major risk. Trustees review Business Continuity plans to mitigate this risk, as well as the risk of loss of other key personnel.

Collaboration and Partnerships

Working across the world with new partners poses a risk of credibility and transparency of potential partners. To mitigate this risk, Khalsa Aid has subscribed to World Check, a recognised database of 'heightened risk' individuals and organisations, which is used to vet potential collaborators or partners for projects.

MANAGEMENT AND TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Board and Management Roles

To ensure our trustees understand their role and responsibilities, they are required to review the Charity Commission's guidance: The Essential Trustee (CC3) and the charity's governing document before joining the Board and then on an annual basis.

The Board's principal roles are:

- Approving the mission, strategies, and high-level policies
- Appointing and overseeing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Monitoring performance and risk management
- Reporting performance with integrity and transparency
- Ensuring compliance with UK law and Charity Commission regulations
- Managing its governance processes, including annual evaluation of Board, Committee, Chair, and individual trustee performance
- Representing the interests of Khalsa Aid International stakeholders.
- Providing strategic advice to KAI management
- Protecting the brand globally

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Fundraising compliance statement

We adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. Where applicable, this report includes our approach to fundraising, third-party monitoring, complaints received, and measures to protect people in vulnerable circumstances. We are committed to openness and accountability in all fundraising activities.

Future Plans

Our focus will remain on building a brighter future for the people Khalsa Aid serves, expanding its international chapters, and continuing to make a meaningful impact in the lives we touch. The charity aims to continue fulfilling its global objectives through:

- medium and long-term strategy implementation;
- expand projects through deeper and stronger partnerships and networks in more countries and continue to improve efficiency in how the charity carries out its work.
- Scale Water4Africa installations and maintenance across priority countries in Africa, integrating solar, filtration and community stewardship.
- Expand Langar Aid hubs and student support, deepen surplus redistribution partnerships.
- Continue disaster relief preparedness with credible in-country partners and plan multi-phased support.
- Expand Focus Panjab programmes in health, education, agricultural and livelihoods, with enhanced project management KPIs and beneficiary safeguarding.
- Invest in volunteer management systems, chapter governance frameworks, and cyber-security, aligned to best-practice charity governance.

We continue to be inspired by the work our volunteers and other similar organisations do and, from experience, have learnt that we need to push through more borders and barriers more swiftly, and respond to various post-emergency programmes simultaneously.

Statement on Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

Each person who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt our ability to continue as a going concern. The annual financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

This Trustees' Annual and Strategic Report, prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006, was approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th January 2026 and is signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

Mr Rajpal Singh Wilkhu
Trustee

Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Khalsa Aid International (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as of 31 March 2025 and its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year that ended.
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared following the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

The extent to which our procedures can detect irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below and we have considered:

- The nature of the charity and sector, control environment and operating performance.
- The charity's own assessment, including assessments made by key management, of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or of error.
- Any matters we identified having reviewed the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
  - Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance.
  - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
  - The internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- The matters discussed amongst the audit engagement team.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as the recognition of revenue. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act and tax legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulations. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report 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 audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



UHY Ross Brooke
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Suite I, Windrush Court
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Oxon
OX14 1SY

Date:
28.01.2026

UHY Ross Brooke is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	2,292,936	542,979	2,835,915	3,456,531
Investments	4	530,905	-	530,905	340,450
Other income	5	325	-	325	1,375
Total income		2,824,166	542,979	3,367,145	3,798,356
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	95,238	-	95,238	97,555
Charitable activities	7	3,333,800	748,497	4,082,297	4,438,299
Total expenditure		3,429,038	748,497	4,177,535	4,535,854
Net (expenditure)/income		(604,872)	(205,518)	(810,390)	(737,498)
Net gains(losses) on investments	10	(149,272)	-	(149,272)	54,867
Net movement in funds		(754,144)	(205,518)	(959,662)	(682,631)
Transfers between funds		(205,518)	205,518	-	-
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		14,051,897	-	14,051,897	14,734,528
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		13,092,235	-	13,092,235	14,051,897

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

The notes on pages 62 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		662,532		705,558
Investments	**12**		2,833,936		2,922,080
			3,496,468		3,627,638
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	18,969		26,561	
Current asset investments	**15**	8,932,125		8,018,492	
Cash at bank and in hand		742,573		2,559,813	
		9,693,667		10,604,866	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(97,900)		(180,607)	
Net current assets			9,595,767		10,424,259
Total assets less current liabilities			13,092,235		14,051,897
Funds					
Restricted funds	**17**		-		-
Unrestricted income funds			13,092,235		14,051,897
Total funds			13,092,235		14,051,897

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 28 January 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr Rajpal Singh Wilkhu
Trustee

Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**20**		(1,366,083)		(891,701)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**11**	(7,301)		(38,601)	
Net purchase of investments		(61,128)		(67,774)	
Investment income received	**4**	530,905		340,450	
Net cash used in investing activities			462,476		234,075
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(903,607)		(657,626)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			10,578,305		11,235,931
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**21**		9,674,698		10,578,305

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

Khalsa Aid International is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The address of its principal place of business is Unit 8 Lake End Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JQ and the nature of its operations are set out in the trustees' report.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £. The charity has global affiliates in various locations. These global affiliates are not consolidated into these financial statements because the charity does not control these entities.

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

It is the policy of the charity not to provide depreciation on land & buildings, this is a departure from the Charities SORP. The property is maintained to a high standard and the trustees consider that the life of the property is so long and that the residual value is so great that depreciation is not considered material.

1.7 Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of Fixed Assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Debtors

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.11 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required In settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates It will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods of services it must provide.

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

1.12 Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Pension benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and Judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will; by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

3. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	2,291,436	541,646	2,833,082	3,321,357	116,015	3,437,372
Grants	1,500	1,333	2,833	-	19,159	19,159
	2,292,936	542,979	2,835,915	3,321,357	135,174	3,456,531

4. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Income from listed investments	82,255	87,960
Interest receivable	448,650	252,490
	530,905	340,450

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Rent from Coventry	325	1,375
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Government grant income	-	-
	325	1,375

6. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Portfolio management	21,125	20,186
Advertising	26,853	22,638
Worldpay charges	5,413	9,476
Merchandise purchases	16,935	25,246
Fundraising expenses	24,912	20,009
	95,238	97,555

7. Charitable Activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2025 £	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £
Staff costs	692,771	567,969
Charitable expenditure	3,389,526	3,870,330
	4,082,297	4,438,299
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	3,333,800	3,976,530
Restricted funds	748,497	461,769
	4,082,297	4,438,299

7. Charitable activities (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £
Australia	10,621	-	1,880	-
Bangladesh	24,166	-	-	-
Dubai	4,183	-	-	-
Egypt	3,497	-	26,971	-
Europe	2,140	-	-	-
Focus Punjab-India	865,535	469,150	1,184,673	116,850
Gambia	121,076	-	99,248	-
India	292,493	-	478,541	-
Iraq	90,982	-	159,063	-
Kenya	43,897	-	-	-
Lebanon	43,774	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	-	10,644	-
Malawi	272,289	-	131,101	-
Moldova	-	-	-	-
Morocco	493	-	26,537	-
Nepal	24,086	-	28,079	-
New Zealand	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	58,806	-	120,011	-
Philippines	4,808	-	-	-
Poland	3,209	-	2,689	-
Botswana	10,074	-	-	-
Spain	3,975	-	-	-
Syria (via Turkey)	-	-	57,314	-
Turkey	275,480	-	382,034	301,422
Uganda	4,410	-	-	-
UK	446,449	279,347	562,530	43,497
Ukraine	-	-	29,885	-
USA	2,252	-	-	-
Zambia	68,083	-	58,261	-
Support costs	628,718	-	598,819	-
Governance costs - auditor's remuneration	28,304	-	18,250	-
	3,333,800	748,497	3,976,530	461,769

8. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year apart from the reimbursement of expenses, which are set out in note 19.

9. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	19	17

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	626,511	516,432
Social security costs	57,700	44,238
Other pension costs	8,560	7,299
	692,771	567,969

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total amount of remuneration received by key management personnel is £289,725 (2024: £ 284,094)

10. Net Gains/(losses) on Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Revaluation of investments	(161,740)	59,291
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	12,468	(4,424)
	(149,272)	54,867

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computers £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	570,000	68,795	113,527	104,120	856,442
Additions	-	-	7,301	-	7,301
At 31 March 2025	570,000	68,795	120,828	104,120	863,743
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2024	-	43,237	52,762	54,885	150,884
Depreciation charged in the year	-	12,412	21,175	16,740	50,327
At 31 March 2025	-	55,649	73,937	71,625	201,211
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	570,000	13,146	46,891	32,495	662,532
At 31 March 2024	570,000	25,558	60,765	49,235	705,558

12. Rathbones Investments

	Listed Investments £	Investment Portfolio Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	2,880,950	41,130	2,922,080
Additions	659,148		659,148
Valuation changes	(149,272)		(149,272)
Disposals	(585,488)		(585,488)
Cash movements		(12,532)	(12,532)
At 31 March 2025	2,805,338	28,598	2,833,936
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	2,805,338	28,598	2,833,936
At 31 March 2024	2,880,950	41,130	2,922,080

13. Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,805,338	2,880,950

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	18,969	23,393
Prepayments and accrued income	-	3,168
	18,969	26,561

15. Current Asset Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed term deposits	8,932,125	8,018,492

16. Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other taxation and social security	14,015	11,916
Trade creditors	43,934	122,349
Other creditors	13,810	22,012
Accruals and deferred income	26,141	24,330
	97,900	180,607

17. Restricted Funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers	At 31 March 2025 £
Khalsa Aid USA	-	469,150	(469,150)	-	-
Langar Aid	-	73,829	(279,347)	205,518	-
	-	542,979	(748,497)	205,518	-

Langar Aid, Khalsa Aid's flagship project based in the UK, is dedicated to providing food for the homeless and vulnerable across the country. Its work extends beyond the UK, providing crucial support to Khalsa Aid's international relief missions.

Funding from Khalsa Aid USA is to support Punjab Medical Support, Dashmesh Public School and UPSC.

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

At 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Tangible assets	662,532	-	662,532
Investments	2,833,936	-	2,833,936
Net current assets/(liabilities)	9,595,767	-	9,595,767
	13,092,235	-	13,092,235

At 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Tangible assets	705,558	-	705,558
Investments	2,922,080	-	2,922,080
Net current assets	10,424,259	-	10,424,259
	14,051,897	-	14,051,897

19. Related Party Transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following types of transactions with trustees and related parties.

Ravi Singh, the CEO who is the family member of a Trustee, received £47,509 (2024: £47,509) in remuneration for their services.

A close family member of a Trustee was employed by the charity from 1 December 2023. During the period, this individual received remuneration of £ 32,853 (2024: £10,000). Another close family member of a Trustee was employed by the charity from 1 September 2024 . During the period, this individual received remuneration of £18,141.

In the normal course of the charity's work, specifically for carrying out overseas missions, project funds were provided to and spent by certain Trustees and their related parties; they also received reimbursement of project expenses in fulfilling their duties. These are summarised in the table below

	Number of individuals 2025	Number of individuals 2024	Amount 2025 £	Amount 2024 £
Project funds	3	3	54,561	94,214
Salary paid to a relative of a trustee	3	1	98,502	10,000
Reimbursement of expenses	4	3	17,498	755
Total	10	7	170,561	104,969

20. Cash Generated From Operations

	2025 £	2024 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(959,662)	(682,631)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(530,905)	(340,450)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Investment (gains)/losses	149,272	(54,867)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	50,327	48,018
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	7,592	110,407
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(82,707)	27,822
Cash generated from operations	(1,366,083)	(891,701)

21. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Current asset investments	8,932,125	8,018,492
Cash at bank and in hand	742,573	2,559,813
	9,674,698	10,578,305

22. Operating Lease Commitments

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases at the end of the reporting period was:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than one year	10,000	30,200
Later than one year and not later than five years	40,000	40,000
After more than five years	30,000	40,000
	80,000	110,200

23. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3,321,357	135,174	3,456,531
Investments	340,450	-	340,450
Other income	1,375	-	1,375
Total income	3,663,182	135,174	3,798,356
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	97,555	-	97,555
Charitable activities	3,976,530	461,769	4,438,299
Total expenditure	4,074,085	461,769	4,535,854
Net (expenditure)/income	(410,903)	(326,595)	(737,498)
Net gains(losses) on investments	54,867	-	54,867
Net movement in funds	(356,036)	(326,595)	(682,631)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	14,407,933	326,595	14,734,528
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	14,051,897	-	14,051,897

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Company registration number
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MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh
Khalsa belongs to Waheguru (eternal creator) and victory belongs to Waheguru

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is our privilege to present this year's Annual Report, reflecting on the achievements and progress of this past year ended 31st March 2024. This was our 24th year of delivering aid across the globe.

Throughout the past year, we have faced unprecedented challenges, however, the organisation and its work have been resilient, and innovative, and the dedication of our teams both volunteers and staff has shone through. Sustained emergencies at home and abroad meant the need for our work has never been greater. Our earthquake relief in Turkey has continued this year, through the provision of regular food and hygiene packs for families impacted by the disaster. Further to this we also saw earthquakes hit Morocco and Nepal, our teams were providing humanitarian aid on the ground soon after these earthquakes hit. Alongside the emergency relief, our long-term development projects across Africa and India have continued. Across Africa, our projects providing clean drinking water and assisting girls with female sanitation support have grown and developed further over the last year. Across India, our medical aid projects have continued. At home across the UK, the increased cost of living has caused further hardship, particularly for those who were already vulnerable. Our UK-based Langar Aid project assisted those affected by the floods, provided support to arriving Sudanese refugees and continued assistance for the homeless, vulnerable and isolated within local communities, providing hot meals six days a week.

As trustees, our primary focus remains on providing strategic oversight and ensuring that the organisation remains financially sound, resilient, and aligned with its mission. This year, we have made significant strides in strengthening governance, enhancing transparency, and ensuring that we are positioned to navigate an ever-changing landscape. To strengthen financial oversight, transparency, and strategic planning, the team appointed a full-time Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This role is essential for ensuring that our governance practices align with the highest standards.

Our heartfelt thanks go to staff, volunteers, donors, and most importantly, our generous supporters. Your contributions have empowered us to continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

As we look to the future, we are confident that the organisation will continue to build on the successes of this past year. The Board remains committed to ensuring that we are well-positioned to meet the challenges of tomorrow while continuing to uphold the values that have brought us this far. We continue to seek guidance from industry leaders in the financial, charity and legal sectors to assist in the improvements and development of our practices.

Thank you for your unwavering support and confidence in our leadership.



Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Treasurer



Rajpal Singh Wilkhu
Trustee
(Appointed on 23.06.2023)



Balvinder Kaur Sohal
General Secretary / Trustee



Sukhvinder Kaur Dhanjal
Trustee
(Appointed on 23.06.2023)



Tarvinder Singh Gill
(Resigned on 30.11.2023)



Sukhraj Singh
(Resigned on 10.06.2024)

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE / FOUNDER

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I am pleased to reflect upon the challenges and successes of the past year, our 24th year of serving humanity since inception.

Achieving such a milestone has only been possible with the unwavering commitment and support provided by each member of the Khalsa Aid International team. From our Board of Trustees and management teams to our employees and vast volunteer base, my deepest gratitude to every one of you for your continued support and dedication. Covid presented the charitable sector significant challenges which we also navigated to provide aid where required, the post-Covid phase has been one of recovering and scaling up at pace, this along with my personal health challenges has been a time of immense personal challenge to me, to ensure the organisation has continued to deliver on the expectations from those who support the work of Khalsa Aid.

2023 was an incredibly challenging year, the breadth and depth of the work we undertook was phenomenal. We have been actively coordinating with the Egyptian Red Crescent in an effort to support those being impacted by the war in Gaza. Our support for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey continues, this year also saw our teams deliver humanitarian aid to those impacted by the earthquakes in Morocco and Nepal. The global landscape is ever changing but our response and principles of delivering aid remain the same. Khalsa Aid International has been a beacon of hope for those struggling to find stability amidst the chaos arising from disasters be it man-made or natural. This ethos runs through the core of Khalsa Aid International and embodies the Sikh principle of 'Sarbat Da Bhalla'. (Recognising the human race as one)

Over the last year, our ongoing initiatives in India (mainly in Panjab) have grown from strength to strength, positively impacting many more individuals and empowering communities. From delivering vital medical assistance to the underprivileged to championing our welfare and education initiative, our projects bring transformative change and foster enduring stability. In July 2023, devasting floods affected many districts in Panjab, our dedicated teams were deployed to conduct assessments and provide aid assistance accordingly. In addition, reinforcing our dedication to sustainable and ethical practices, we initiated a biodiversity project in Panjab. The purpose of the project is to sustain ecosystem services like climate regulation, pollination, and soil and water conservation.

In the UK, our Langar Aid Project supported thousands of people impacted by local emergencies, such as floods and storms caused by extreme weather, and hardship exacerbated by the rising cost of living. This project, which is based in Coventry, has established great relations with its stakeholders, such as local councils and authorities and has become a vital service within the West Midlands. We will be aiming to expand the project across the UK.

Our success is deeply rooted in the strength and dedication of our employees, volunteers, management teams and Board of Trustees. In the past year, we have invested in our workforce, providing enhanced training, and development opportunities, and fostering an inclusive culture that celebrates diversity. As we look forward to the coming year, we remain steadfast in our mission and optimistic about the future. My focus remains resolute on building a brighter future, expanding our international chapters, and continuing to make a meaningful impact in the lives we touch. Khalsa Aid International is not merely an organisation, but a global movement fuelled by compassion and change. Your unwavering support has allowed us to navigate the complexities of our organisation and flourish and exceed the expectations of our stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in our leadership. Together, your kindness and support can continue to make a real difference.



Ravinder Singh Sidhu
CEO/Founder
Khalsa Aid International

OUR VISION AND STRATEGY

Khalsa Aid International is a UK-based humanitarian relief charity (Registered Charity Number: 1163294) with the aim to provide humanitarian aid and support to victims of natural and man-made disasters such as floods, earthquakes, famine, war and civil conflict around the world, with special regard to displaced persons and refugees and victims of other social and economic conditions. The organisation is based upon the Sikh principle of **"Recognise the whole human race as one".**

OUR VISION

'Sarbat Da Bhalla' - *welfare of all*; peace and prosperity for all.
A world where everyone experiences the fullness of life; a life lived with dignity, free from poverty; where global resources are equitably shared and sustainably used; and where the voice and agency of the vulnerable and marginalised are fully realised.

OUR MISSION

Inspired by our Sikh faith and guided by our values, we seek to respond in practical ways to support people and communities in need, hardship or distress because of natural disaster, war or social and economic circumstances. We provide humanitarian aid in crises and emergencies to create sustainable and lasting change. We seek to mobilise, educate and empower people as agents for change to become passionate lifelong humanitarians for the betterment of society.

OUR VALUES

We are guided by the Sikh teachings of Recognising the Whole Human Race as One. Our five core values are inspired by the Sikh faith and closely align to the universal humanitarian principles.

- Compassion (Daya)
- Commitment (Mokham)
- Courage (Himmat)
- Righteousness (Dharam)
- Leadership (Sahib)

OUR GLOBAL OBJECTIVES

Our Global 2030 strategy has five global objectives that aim to ensure we respond effectively to humanitarian emergencies, contribute significantly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and advocate for positive social change. Our aims and objectives fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

01 Reduce the impact of natural disasters and conflict

02 Empower communities

03 Educate, empower and mobilise volunteers

04 Advocate for change

05 Strengthen our community



In the year, we achieved these objectives and SDGs through our activities and projects

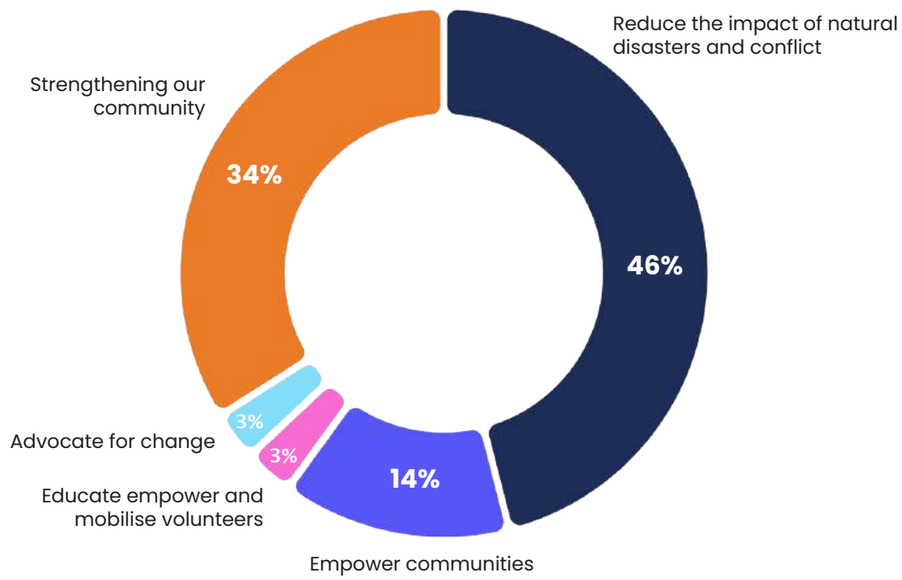
Activities and Projects:

The activities conducted for public benefit can be categorised broadly into the following:

1. Disaster response – floods, cyclones, and earthquakes
2. Conflict and war response
3. Emergency response
4. Refugee support
5. Food support, Langar Aid
6. Focus Panjab
7. Medical Aid
8. Welfare support
9. Educational Aid
10. Water 4 Africa
11. Pad the Path

Global objectives impact in the current year

Based on project expenditure





OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED:

1. Reduce the impact of natural disasters and conflict through:

a. Emergency Response:

Providing immediate relief and support during emergencies, including food, shelter, medical aid, necessities, and other support.

b. Recovery and Rehabilitation:

Assisting in the recovery and rebuilding of affected areas, ensuring sustainable development and long-term stability.

c. Advocacy and Collaboration:

Working with local, national, and international partners to advocate for policies and practices that reduce the risk and impact of disasters and conflicts.

2. Empower communities through:

a. Capacity Building:

Providing training and resources to enhance the skills and resilience of community members, enabling them to better respond to and recover from crises.

b. Economic Empowerment:

Supporting livelihood programs that help individuals and families rebuild their economic stability and independence.

c. Community-Led Initiatives:

Encouraging and supporting community-led projects that address specific local needs and promote sustainable development.

Through these efforts, we aim to foster self-reliance and resilience, ensuring that vulnerable communities can thrive despite the challenges posed by conflict and disasters.

3. Educate, empower, and mobilise volunteers through:

a. Education and Training:

Providing comprehensive training programs to equip volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively contribute to our mission.

b. Empowerment:

Encouraging volunteers to take initiative and lead projects, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.

c. Mobilisation:

Organizing and coordinating volunteer efforts to ensure a swift and effective response to community needs and crises.

Through these efforts, we aim to build a capable and motivated volunteer force that can continue to make a significant impact globally.

4. Advocate for change through:

a. Awareness Campaigns:

Raising public awareness about the challenges faced by these communities through campaigns, events, and media outreach.

b. Collaborative Efforts:

Partnering with other organisation and networks for a coordinated response.

5. Strengthening our community:

a. Infrastructure Development:

Building and improving essential infrastructure such as schools, healthcare facilities, and clean water systems to enhance the quality of life in rural and underserved areas.

b. Educational Programs:

Providing scholarships, educational resources, and vocational training to empower the youth and promote long-term community development.

c. Healthcare Initiatives:

Providing essential medical services and supporting healthcare initiatives to ensure access to quality healthcare for all.

d. Support Programs:

Providing support to vulnerable families and communities–house rebuilds, self-support programs, and developing long-term sustainable programs.

e. Food Programs:

Supporting global vulnerable societies through hot meal and food parcel programs.





Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) achieved in the year :

details provided under Projects



Ensuring our work delivers our aims.

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

We decide on where we work based mainly on the following factors:

- World Bank data on relative levels of poverty for countries across the world.
- Incidence of natural or other disasters.
- Continuing with existing commitments to relieve poverty in key focus areas where we have well-established projects and teams.
- Information from partners about areas not well served by the international community.
- Finding the right partners in areas we work or intend to work in terms of capabilities and synergies.

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

1.01 Million
Number of People Reached

45
Active Global Projects

2,449,860
Food Packs/Meals Distributed

23
Borehole Pumps Installed

440
Hand Pumps Installed







440
Trees Planted

8,425
Menstrual Hygiene Kits Provided

480
Medical Cases Funded

2,342
Dialysis Numbers

20
Self-Employment Support

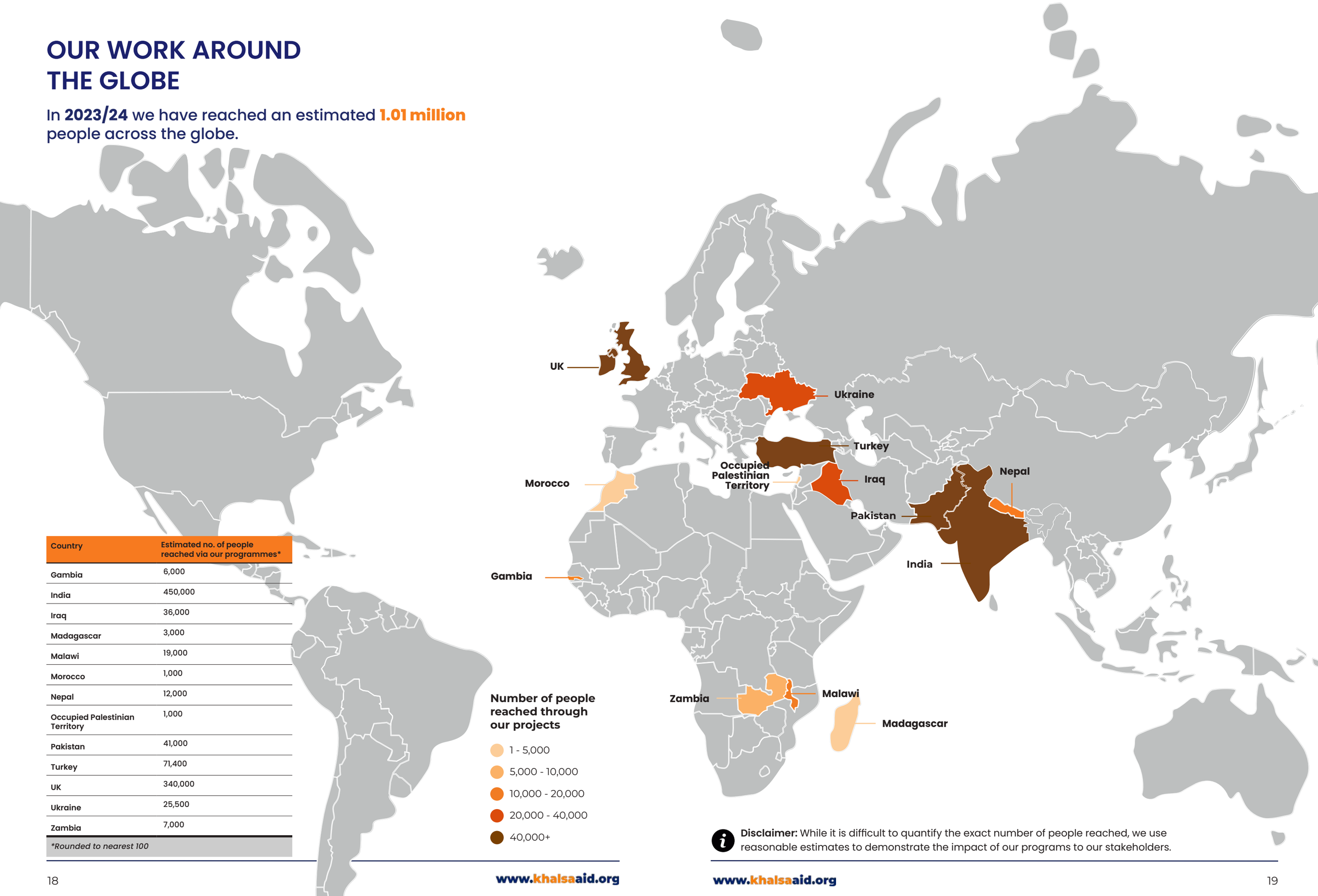






OUR WORK AROUND THE GLOBE

In **2023/24** we have reached an estimated **1.01 million** people across the globe.



Country	Estimated no. of people reached via our programmes*
Gambia	6,000
India	450,000
Iraq	36,000
Madagascar	3,000
Malawi	19,000
Morocco	1,000
Nepal	12,000
Occupied Palestinian Territory	1,000
Pakistan	41,000
Turkey	71,400
UK	340,000
Ukraine	25,500
Zambia	7,000

**Rounded to nearest 100*

Number of people reached through our projects

- 1 - 5,000
- 5,000 - 10,000
- 10,000 - 20,000
- 20,000 - 40,000
- 40,000+

Disclaimer: While it is difficult to quantify the exact number of people reached, we use reasonable estimates to demonstrate the impact of our programs to our stakeholders.

Our Projects

Projects undertaken this year

A summary of our wider projects is presented here. Further details of our work can be seen on our communication channels including our website and social media.

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International does not provide cash funding directly to any charitable organisation unless stated. It is our standard policy to provide funding directly to suppliers or stakeholders providing goods/services in relation to our humanitarian aid projects.

In Focus

TURKEY EARTHQUAKE

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Emergency Relief Phase

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck southeast Turkey and Syria on 6th February 2023 was one of the most devastating natural disasters in the country's history. It was made worse by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude that hit the Elbasan district in Kahramanmaras Province, causing further destruction. Thousands of people were left homeless in freezing winter conditions, leading to an urgent need for shelter, food, and medical aid.

Our emergency relief phase continued from February to July 2023. We delivered aid across 23 locations including Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Hatay, Adiyaman, Kahramanmaras and many others including villages.

In our emergency relief phase, we assisted 50,194 beneficiaries distributing a total of 72,275 items. A range of different aid items were provided as follows; 5,000 dignity packs, 5,166 hygiene packs, 3,675 food packs, 48,384 water bottles, 200 jackets, 300 tents, 1,200 hot meals, 500 air coolers and 3,350 blankets. We used 59 different volunteers to carry out these distributions during the April to July 2023 period.

Khalsa Aid International, in partnership with The Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), delivered and distributed 3,000 blankets and 1,500 food packs in Syria (Afrin). There were no Khalsa Aid International volunteers or staff involved in this distribution, we only paid for the items.





Second Phase

During the emergency response phase, our teams noticed that the Syrian refugees living in Turkish camps had been affected severely. As a result, after 5 months of emergency aid, our focus shifted to development aid from July 2023 onwards. The purpose was to help and improve the quality of life for Syrian refugees affected by the earthquake in Turkey.

In our second phase of the Turkey earthquake project for Syrian refugees, we assisted a total of 16,682 beneficiaries. From July 2023 to March 2024, we distributed the following: 2,075 hygiene packs, 10,000 food packs, 2,570 Iftar packs (only during Ramadan), 70,000 kgs coal bags (25kg x 3 per person), 1,100 blankets and 4 medical beds.

Our assistance for Syrian refugees will continue every 2 months on average. Our Khalsa Aid Iraq team along with volunteers from the UK and other global chapters will partake in the distribution and adapt to the needs as per their assessments.







PANJAB FLOODS

Emergency Relief

SDG 1 – No Poverty
SDG 2 – Zero Hunger
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation
SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities

In July 2023, Northern India experienced devastating floods primarily due to unprecedented heavy rainfall. The floods were some of the worst the region had seen in recent years, causing wide-spread destruction in both rural and urban areas. Himachal Pradesh, Panjab, Chandigarh, Uttarak-hand and Haryana were the main states that were affected. Major rivers, including Sutlej, Beas and Ravi, swelled beyond capacity due to the excessive rainwater, and water from dams was also released as they neared capacity, exacerbating the flooding in low-lying areas. The monsoon season, which spans from June to September, typically brings about 80% of annual rainfall to the region. While various factors contribute to flooding, experts point to climate change and deforestation as significant drivers of increased occurrences of heavy rainfall.

As many as 1,058 villages in 14 districts of Panjab were affected by the floods. Our Khalsa Aid India team along with volunteers from Khalsa Aid International (UK) team carried out needs assessments and assisted in the following districts: Rupnagar, Mohali, Patiala, Jalandhar, Moga, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Sangrur, Ferozepur, Fatehgarh Sahib and Tarn Taran.

After needs assessments were concluded across the 14 affected districts, our first phase of support during July and August included distributing ration packs, utensils (1,790 sets), 2,038 mattresses, food items, sandbags, cattle feed and dewatering activities. We also deployed rafts to rescue stranded people. A total of 28,507 beneficiaries were supported during the flood relief efforts in our first phase of aid distribution.

As flood waters receded, and some normality returned, we moved into our second phase of relief in November. During this phase, we carried out several activities which included levelling agricultural land, repairing riverbanks, repairing tractors, providing a reversible motor and providing seeds and fertiliser to farmers in 16 villages of Jalandhar, Kapurthala and Tarn Taran district. We distributed wheat seeds (134 acres), corn seeds (280 acres) and green lentils (32 acres) to 200 farmers, covering a total of 446 acres of land. Prior to farmers planting their seeds, we assisted 204 farmers in levelling the affected land, covering a total of 652 acres. Khalsa Aid India team procured the machinery and diesel, with Khalsa Aid International covering the full cost of this activity. Khalsa Aid also repaired 9 tractors and install one submersible motor for farmers.

The floods of 2023 underscored the need for better water management in the State, including improved drainage systems, better forecasting mechanisms, and stricter regulation of dam releases. The disaster also reignited discussions on climate change, as extreme weather events like heavy rainfall are becoming more frequent in the region.





LANGAR AID

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Langar Aid is one of Khalsa Aid International's UK outreach programmes, launched in 2016. The project is based on the Sikh principle of Langar (Community Kitchen). Langar Aid strives to break down barriers and improve community cohesion by offering the opportunity for people of all religions, ages and genders to come together by sharing food. This project started in Coventry and has grown from a weekly service to running multiple community initiatives, with a dedicated base in the West Midlands (Langar Aid House), operating six days a week. Its objective is to support the homeless, vulnerable and isolated within local communities.







Food Support

In partnership with local councils, schools, mutual aid groups and similar organisations, we collaborate to deliver food parcels to individuals, families, and the elderly who are isolated, unemployed, or facing financial difficulties. Assisting with food support in the local community, we have noticed a significant rise in the demand for food support this year. This has led us to extend our services to the West Midlands, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire. We are now collaborating with various schools, charities, and organisations to support those in need during this current cost-of-living crisis. The current cost-of-living crisis is affecting many people around the world. With inflation rates rising and the cost of necessities such as food, housing, and healthcare increasing, it is becoming increasingly difficult for individuals and families to make ends meet. This crisis is particularly affecting those who are already struggling financially, including low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

Supporting Home and International Students

A pilot project was initiated this year after seeing an increase in support requested by international students. We noticed a high volume of students attending our evening feed for hot meals, indicating a significant need for food support. To address this issue, we partnered with Coventry University, Warwick University, and Coventry College to provide food assistance to both international and home students.

Supporting Local Schools

Our team provides food support to individuals through schools and family hubs as this becomes a safe place for the individual to collect a food parcel. We work on a delivery schedule, providing food parcels and fresh produce fortnightly. Working in partnership with local family hubs and community groups to offer support whenever it is needed. We have developed strong connections with schools that approach us for assistance with breakfast clubs, as they recognise our commitment to helping students who may be facing financial difficulties and lack access to adequate food. This provides students with opportunities to gain work experience as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, among others. Furthermore, we visit schools to promote community service by hosting food workshops and raising awareness about homelessness and how we can support our community. We believe that planting these seeds of service will help our community grow stronger.

Food Wastage

Brakes UK continues to support Langar Aid by donating fresh, long-dated produce every month. These vital donations are distributed to local schools and organisations as well as used for our evening feeds. Langar Aid receives ongoing assistance from McDonald's, which includes bulk donations of soft refreshments and surplus food via Martian Brewer Distribution. To reduce waste, any leftover fresh produce that cannot be used is donated to a local Retreat farm. This farm specialises in providing a safe environment and positive experiences for children with learning difficulties.

Corporate Groups Volunteering

We have had a number of corporate companies volunteering at our Langar Aid House (headquarters), including Coventry Building Society, Amazon, Selfridges Leicester and Selfridges Birmingham. These volunteering events have been instrumental in helping us prepare food parcels and cook evening meals for those in need.

Emergency Response - Operations Sudan and Chesterfield Floods

Langar Aid received a call from the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience team on Friday, 28th April, 2023. They requested 700 sandwich bags to be provided for arriving Sudanese passengers at Birmingham Airport. The bags were distributed at the airport for five consecutive days. In addition, the Coventry City Council Migration team approached Langar Aid to provide hot meals for families temporarily housed in a local hotel. Our team supported the migration team for 14 days and supplied essential toiletries and blankets for the families staying at the hotel. In the aftermath of Storm Babet's flooding, our team travelled to the local community of Chesterfield, where a church served as a safe haven for those affected by the floods. Upon our arrival, we provided cleaning supplies and assessed the situation with the church team. Subsequently, we returned the following day and a month later for a community gathering, which was held to provide comfort and support to the affected residents. During this event, the church requested additional supplies, such as wellies, waterproof overalls, and cleaning equipment for their volunteers who were helping to clean the affected houses.

Langar Aid Hub - SWEP

At the start of this year, we acquired a second location from the Coventry City Council. Our goal was to establish a welcoming space for the local community. Our new space has been utilised by the Coventry Migrant and Refugee Centre, which offers weekly ESOL classes to their clients. In addition, we have partnered with Hope into Unity, a local group that creates a social and comfortable atmosphere for elderly African men. From November 2023 to March 2024, we teamed up with the Rough Sleeper Team at CCC. We aim to provide a warm and safe space overnight for those who are homeless or sleeping rough during SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol).

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, Langar Aid has served **1,655,000** food parcels and hot meals.

IRAQ - PROJECTS

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 5 – Gender Equality | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

In 2023, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) continued to host a significant number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees. The total number was approximately 900,467 individuals, which included 631,174 IDPs and 269,293 refugees from various countries. Most of the refugees were from Syria, with smaller numbers from Turkey, Iran, and other locations. Out of the total displaced population, about 30% live in designated camps, while the remaining 70% have integrated into local communities across the KRI.

Iraq Floods Emergency Response

In March 2024, Duhok governorate experienced a tragic emergency when severe floods struck the city. During this crisis, Khalsa Aid International became an essential responder, demonstrating its strong commitment to assisting those affected.

Our Iraq team responded quickly, sending out four large trucks that were crucial in saving 200 families from the floods. These trucks not only rescued people but also helped protect one of the biggest dams nearby. Without these trucks arriving promptly, the dam would have been over-whelmed by the floods, causing severe damage to Duhok City. We extended our support to vulnerable groups, particularly children. We provided diapers, snacks, and milk to 450 children aged 1 to 9, ensuring their basic needs were met.

In addition, we also provided 13,000 hot meals for Iftar and Suhor at 12 hotels where flood victims were staying. This not only fed hungry people but also brought them some comfort during this tough time after the floods. Recognising the diverse needs of the affected population, Khalsa Aid International also distributed 1,220 lunch meals for non-fasting individuals, including the elderly, sick, and children.



Zero Hunger



Since 2015, Khalsa Aid International has provided monthly food packs to these displaced families fleeing to camps like Khanke and Shariya, initially assisting 500 families. As some have become self-sufficient, support now focuses on 100 families, with 1,200 food packs distributed annually to over 7,500 individuals. We also support an orphanage near Khanke, providing over 116,160 meals annually to more than 400 orphans and vulnerable children. These meals, rich in nutrients, improve both the children's health and their academic performance by offering a diverse menu beyond their typical diet.

Ramadan Food Packs

Our annual Ramadan food packs initiative continued to provide essential food supplies to vulnerable and displaced families, including orphans, widows, and those who have lost the breadwinners in their families. In 2023, we distributed a total of 1,500 food packs in the Duhok governorate and Mosul, each containing all the essentials needed to support a family for the entire month of Ramadan.

Education

Back-to-School

The Back-to-School initiative launched by Khalsa Aid International in 2023 made a significant impact on Al Nasir village, Bardarash camp, and Gawilan camps by providing essential school supplies to 2,737 refugee students. This effort was aimed at supporting students' educational needs, encouraging school attendance, and fostering a sense of hope and normalcy in communities affected by conflict and displacement.



Distribution of Heaters for Al Nasir School

Al Nasir School, which serves many students from poor families and refugee backgrounds, struggled with harsh winters and inadequate heating. The school lacked proper insulation, and its old heating system was insufficient. To address this, Khalsa Aid International provided 12 heaters to the school, ensuring all classrooms were warm and comfortable. The project aimed to enhance the learning environment, leading to improved academic performance and overall well-being for both students and teachers.

Other Relief Projects

- Al-Khazir camp, initially set up on 10th June 2014, shelters families from Ninewa Governorate displaced by conflict with ISIS. To assist, Khalsa Aid International distributed 1,740 blankets to 870 families, providing warmth during the cold winter months. This initiative helped prevent weather-related illnesses, especially among vulnerable groups, and improved living conditions in the camp.
- Khalsa Aid International launched the "Planting Memories" project in August 2019 as a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the ISIS war. In 2023, our coordinator along with children planted 50 trees on World Environment Day.
- In a notable act of humanitarian assistance, Khalsa Aid International undertook a project to renovate the home of a Yezidi woman. This woman was the only member of her family to escape when ISIS attacked their village in 2014.
- Akre camp, home to numerous refugees, faced significant challenges in maintaining cleanliness due to insufficient waste disposal facilities; Khalsa Aid aimed to improve sanitation and waste management at the Akre refugee camp by delivering garbage bins to the area.
- Khalsa Aid International worked closely with Lazgin Company to bring in a large-scale cleaning machine to help clean up Duhok City after the floods. This effort was meant to help the city get back to normal by removing debris and mud left by the floods.

OTHER PROJECTS

INDIA

The Indian chapter of Khalsa Aid International is Khalsa Aid India Charitable Trust. The team operates several development projects which provide medical aid, and welfare support, promote educational attendance and assist in home construction projects. These wide-ranging development programmes occur across India, with the majority being in Panjab. The programmes are often carried out collaboratively between Khalsa Aid International (UK) and Khalsa Aid India team members, and the Panjab-based projects sit within our umbrella initiative, 'Focus Panjab'.

The work undertaken by our Khalsa Aid India Charitable Trust is in agreement with Khalsa Aid International (UK) and vendors are paid directly from the UK for goods provided. Emergency aid is also provided to communities impacted by natural disasters, such as flooding. This work is coordinated by Khalsa Aid International's contractor based in India.



Cyclone Michaung Relief (Tamil Nadu)

Emergency Relief

SDG 1 – No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

in late December 2023, Cyclone Michaung's devastation in Tamil Nadu left thousands of families without basic necessities. Our Khalsa Aid India team swiftly deployed its disaster response team to provide critical relief to affected communities. Working in conjunction with local volunteers from Madurai, the team conducted comprehensive assessments over 9 days across 27 of the hardest-hit villages, identifying the needs of over 1,900 families who had suffered significant financial and property losses. Many lost their homes, belongings, and sources of income. Khalsa Aid International responded by providing these families with essential supplies, including clothing, kitchen items (utensils, spices, and other cooking supplies) and household goods (mats, bedding, buckets, and water pots). Our efforts helped alleviate the suffering caused by the cyclone and contributed to the recovery process. We supported a total of 7,139 family members.

Medical Aid

Development Programme

SDG 1 – No Poverty | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being



Khalsa Aid International funds the medical treatment of patients who are from underprivileged backgrounds. We assist them by funding their treatment, from hospital charges to medicines and after-care fees. All requests for medical aid are assessed and verified by our aid coordinators. The costs are paid directly to the care providers and not to individuals to avoid any misuse of funds. Last year, we helped 480 patients with medical treatment and spent over £700,000 in the financial year. These patients were from Panjab and other parts of India.

Welfare Support

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 – Quality Education | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Welfare

Khalsa Aid International and Khalsa Aid India work together to provide welfare support to hundreds of people across Panjab and other states of India. This aid includes financial assistance in kind and practical help to people struggling to make ends meet. In 2023, we supported hundreds of people through various initiatives, this includes the below:



- Costing support for 10 weddings.
- Costing support for 10 Bhog Barsis.
- Costing support for 7 cremations.
- Built Library in Gurdwara.
- Completed House rebuild for 50 financially deprived families.
- Distribution of 35,500 water boxes at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib Sabha Anandpur Sahib Hola Mohalla and Takht Sachkhand Sri Hazur Sahib. KAI distributed 773,000 bottles of water.
- We support an orphanage in Kerala with monthly food supplies.

Self-Empowerment and Employment

We aim to empower marginalised communities through various means, such as self-employment, vocational training, and ration distribution. We supported 25 families by providing e-rickshaws, livestock, fabrication tools vocational training and raw materials for shops to ensure that they get the necessary support and assistance to become self-sufficient.





Educational Aid

Development Programme

SDG 4 – Quality Education | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Educational development aid is essential for reducing poverty and inequality in developing countries. By providing access to quality education, Khalsa Aid International has been able to help improve the lives of thousands of young children and adults across Panjab and other states in India.



Dashmesh School

At the Dashmesh Public School, holistic and quality education is given to children from marginalised communities. The school is located in Kakra, Bhawanigarh district, where more than 450 children are studying. Khalsa Aid International funds the free education of children from underprivileged backgrounds to help them get a better start in life.

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Livelihood Support Programme

Maharashtra and Madya Pradesh

Development Programme

SDG 1 – No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 5 – Gender Equality

Sikligar Sikhs were 'Lohars' (ironsmiths) who once specialised in the craft of making weapons. The term 'Sikligar' was bestowed upon this community by Guru Gobind Singh Ji (10th Sikh Guru). Due to the advancements in technology and education, the Sikligar Sikhs are an almost forgotten community in India. They suffer from low literacy rates and cannot afford medical care, which has kept them in a cycle of poverty. Khalsa Aid International developed a focused programme to assist this community with access to education, health and employment skills. Food packages, enrolment for children into schools and financial assistance for studies are already ongoing, with plans to expand our support much broader going forward. We supported 75 Sikhligar students and paid school fees to Devi Rukmani Hr. Sec. School, Khargone, M.P.

Sardar Hari Singh Nalwa Livelihood Support Programme

Kashmir

Development Programme

SDG 1 – No Poverty | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

In the last year, Khalsa Aid International's Sardar Hari Singh Nalwa programme continued its stead-fast support for local communities in Kashmir. Through a diverse range of projects, a total of 2,600 individuals received vital assistance. This included the distribution of food parcels to vulnerable families, the establishment of Gurmukhi schools, the sponsorship of children for education, the construction of 4 homes, and essential renovations in Sikh schools across the region.

The largest project was the distribution of food packs to 561 families, benefitting 2,250 individuals in various regions of Kashmir, prioritising those in dire need. Additionally, 6 Gurmukhi schools were established, providing a comprehensive curriculum for students aged 8 to 19, and fostering proficiency in the Panjabi language to 185 students. Khalsa Aid International's efforts also extended to the renovation of 2 Sikh schools, including the creation of playgrounds, the provision of computers, and the assurance of adequate water facilities. Furthermore, the programme sponsored 42 children, enabling them to access education despite financial constraints, and constructed 4 homes for underprivileged families, offering stability, particularly during harsh winters. Looking ahead to 2024, the programme will expand its support by providing vital medical assistance to those in need.









FOCUS PANJAB

Biodiversity

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

This project aims to increase biodiversity across Panjab. Due to agriculture intensification and the monoculture of crops such as rice and wheat, the natural biodiversity of Panjab is significantly declining. As a pilot project, we have created three mini forests by planting Panjabi native, endangered, fruit and medicinal tree species.

This will significantly impact the region's soil quality and maintain ecosystem services such as climate regulation, pollination, and soil and water conservation. So far, our team has planted eight acres of tree thickets consisting of over 50 species of native trees that have historically disappeared from the region.

Foundation Panjab

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 – Quality Education | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Foundation Panjab is a Union Public Services & State Level competitive exam training programme which we are doing in collaboration with SABAR Foundation. This programme provides exam preparation opportunities for financially deprived youth from rural Panjab.

The programme is a scholarship, and 300+ native Panjabi students will be selected for one year of online training provided by LBASNAA IAS. This project will help the youth gain employment in civil jobs that are otherwise difficult to get into due to expensive entry fees.

House Rebuild

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 – Quality Education | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Similar to our medical support and Shaheed Parivar project, the house rebuilding project aims to support families affected by traumatic events or natural disasters. In the last year, we have rebuilt 50 homes in Panjab. This project helps families rebuild their homes and their livelihoods.

Kidney Dialysis

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

In 2023, Khalsa Aid International opened Panjab's most affordable kidney dialysis centre in Fatehgarh Churian, Amritsar district. The cost of funding medical treatments is not affordable for everyone; therefore, this project aims to support those from economically deprived backgrounds. At this centre, we cover 70% of the dialysis fee. In the year, we have treated 142 dialysis patients and carried out 2,342 dialysis procedures.



Mera Pind 360

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 – Quality Education | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

A pilot programme in collaboration with *Friends of Panjab* was developed to help aid five villages, beginning with Lopon village in Moga district and Bassi Gujran and Rurewal, Ropar, Mour and Baloh Bathinda. The aim of the project is to support the village through a centre that will give the community access to a library and an IT room where people can receive Computer Technology training. The local community will also be allowed to participate in regular cultural events. In addition, the centre will help fund the costs for anyone requiring ID documents within the village.

MADAGASCAR

Emergency Relief

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Earlier in the year (January 2023), Madagascar faced turmoil after Cyclone Cheneso caused severe damage to infrastructure, displacing 55,000 people. In December 2023, we worked in partnership with Lions International to conduct our food distribution initiative across several communities. The main objective was to provide essential food items to those in need, ensuring they had the necessary supplies to sustain their families during this period. The key areas we focused on were in and around Antananarivo, Tsiroanomandidy and Toamasina, serving a total of 3,022 individuals.





MALAWI

Development Programme

In 2023, more than 4 million people were facing food shortages largely because of the devastation caused by Cyclone Freddy. The cyclone washed away 179,000 hectares of crop fields in southern Malawi. Furthermore, a 44% devaluation in the Malawian Kwacha made items more expensive, with income only rising by a maximum 15%, meaning locals had to cover the 29% shortfall from savings or other means. As a result of this food shortage crisis, we implemented our food security programme. The aim was to provide maize seeds and fertiliser to farmers to increase crop yield and help them become self-sufficient. Our volunteers from the UK along with volunteers from Malawi assisted a total of 2,000 farmers. We distributed 25kg of NPK (Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium), 25kg of UREA and a 5kg bag of maize seeds to farmers in the districts of Zomba, Machinga, Chiradzulu and Balaka.



NGO gives people farm inputs

JOHN KASALIKA
STAFF WRITER

United Kingdom-based Khalsa Aid International has distributed farm inputs worth K156 million to 2 000 households from four districts in the Southern Region.

The farmers, from Zomba, Machinga, Balaka and Chiradzulu districts each received a 25-kilogramme (kg) bag of Urea, a 25kg bag of NPK and a 5kg pack of maize seeds.

Speaking during the handover on Tuesday in Chiradzulu, the non-governmental organisation's (NGO) member Indy Narwal said they wanted to help vulnerable communities grow their own food to fight hunger.

He said: "We acknowledge the challenges worsened by the recent devaluation of the kwacha, leading to a surge in fertiliser prices.

"This intervention will ease the burden on the farmers who are grappling with these hardships."

Beatrice Douglas, a beneficiary, said she was excluded from the 2023 Affordable Inputs Programme (AIP).

"My name did not appear on the list of this year's AIP beneficiaries. I consider the donation a blessing. I will work hard in the farm to ensure I get a bumper harvest," he said.

The NGO yesterday finished the distribution exercise in Balaka District.

Another beneficiary James Ngunde warned his fellow beneficiaries against selling the farm inputs.

"We are tired of facing hunger every year. Let us use the farm inputs in our fields to improve food security," he said.

Khalsa Aid has been implementing several initiatives in the country, including drilling boreholes, donating sanitary hygiene kits and desks to schools and food packs to needy people. ■

A beneficiary carries the farm inputs

PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN KASALIKA

As part of our ongoing monthly food support at Chiradzulu District Hospital, we assist roughly 170 patients and their visiting relatives with food items. On average per month, we deliver 250 kg of maize flour, 20 litres of cooking oil, 170 biscuit packets, 170 milk cartons and 2 handwash for the kitchen. This is an ongoing project.

Lastly, we identified two orphanages that required assistance. The first was Agape Orphanage which housed approximately 60 children, here we delivered 200 kg of maize flour and 200 exercise books. The second was Chikundi Orphanage which housed 23 children, here we delivered 350 kg of maize flour, 5 litres of oil, 2 bails of soya pieces, 60 kg beans, 80 exercise books, 20 beds and 20 mattresses.

MOROCCO

Emergency Relief

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

On 8th September 2023, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck 72 km southwest of Marrakesh, causing over 2,497 deaths and widespread damage. The Moroccan government declared three days of national mourning and requested international aid for recovery and relief efforts.

Our first team was deployed on the ground within 24 hours, landing on 9th September. We carried out needs assessments and delivered direct aid to the people in affected areas. The distribution included the following: 52 blankets, medicine, 125 lights and bulbs, tents along with other essentials like water, food packs, flour, sugar, oil, salt, rice, tea. Our team departed the affected areas on 25th September but not before identifying further needs for the next visit.

In October 2023, a further team of volunteers visited the affected areas. They distributed the following items: 20 tents, 77 solar-powered lights in Ait Taleb village, 31 food packs to 31 families (155 beneficiaries) in Tamoumant, 35 food packs to 35 families (175 beneficiaries) in Agarsafen Anzal Talingolt and 28 food packs to 28 families (140 beneficiaries) in Tanbdant. This visit was the last of our assistance in the earthquake relief efforts.







NEPAL

Emergency Relief | **Post-Disaster Relief**

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities





On 3rd November, a 5.7 magnitude earthquake struck Jajarkot District in Karnali Province, causing 153 deaths and injuring over 375. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), around 40 per cent of the houses in the affected areas were damaged.

During the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, we built long-lasting relationships with local volunteers. When this disaster struck, we were able to dispatch a team from the UK to work alongside our local volunteers. In our first phase, we served on average 800 meals daily for 14 days, estimated to have fed over 11,000 people. For those who were in highly remote villages at high altitudes, we arranged for food parcels to be delivered via specialists who had the means to access the areas.

Post-disaster, from 22nd-29th December, our second phase concluded with the delivery of 1,000 food parcels, 500 blankets and 500 tarpaulins to affected remote villages.

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

Gaza Emergency Relief

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Following a Hamasled attack in southern Israel on 7th October, Israel conducted intense military operations in Occupied Palestinian Territories, killing over 20,000 people (a third of them children) and wrecking 60% of homes. The blockade on the Palestinian Territories intensified, cutting off all supplies including food, water, electricity, fuel and medicines, aggravating the humanitarian catastrophe. Out of a population of 2.2 million, 1.9 million Palestinians were forcibly displaced.

Understanding the critical need for essential supplies, we collaborated with the Egyptian Red Crescent. With their land transportation support, Khalsa Aid International was able to help deliver 1,000 food packs into the Occupied Palestinian Territory.



AFRICA - Pad the Path

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 4 – Quality Education | SDG 5 - Gender Equality

Established in 2019, our unique 'Pad the Path' programme aims to launch a sustainable approach towards ending period poverty. The programme is implemented in Sub-Saharan Africa and works alongside grassroots organisations to encourage female empowerment, the betterment of female menstrual health, and environmental sustainability. Aid delivery for this programme has three components:

- A menstrual health and hygiene workshop
- An educational booklet
- A sustainable menstrual hygiene management kit consisting of reusable pads and soap





Our hygiene management kits are locally sourced and purchased, empowering local businesses and boosting the economy. Each girl/woman is given a hygiene pack that consists of 3 reusable pads, 1 soap and 2 information leaflets. In the past year, Khalsa Aid International expanded the initiative by introducing the project to new districts within Malawi and The Gambia. We delivered hygiene management kits to 479 girls/women in Malawi (6 different Schools) and to 269 girls/women in The Gambia (Sintet Village and Kallagi School). In our focus to tackle period poverty, the programme will continue in the coming year.

> *"I have been fortunate enough to volunteer twice in The Gambia. Both Water 4 Africa & Pad the Path have been incredibly rewarding experiences for me. Khalsa Aid has made it possible for communities to have access to clean running water which they previously had to walk miles for. Pad the Path not only provides young women with sustainable & reusable sanitary pads, but it also educates them about the importance of menstrual hygiene. The projects in Africa are what drew me to start supporting Khalsa Aid before I became a volunteer. It truly is an honour to represent them."*
>
> **Harminder Sahota**
> (Key Volunteer)



PAKISTAN

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being | SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation

Following the devastating floods in August 2022, where 33 million people were displaced and one million homes were damaged, our second phase of rehabilitation support took place in April 2023. Khalsa Aid International installed 360 hand pumps in Rajanpur district and 80 hand pumps in Sindh district, providing clean drinking water to a combined 37,150 beneficiaries.

Our commitment to rebuilding houses in the flood-affected district of Rajanpur continued, we successfully rebuilt 11 single-room houses with a kitchen and bathroom, benefiting 660 individuals. Within the same district, we distributed 450 jackets to flood-affected children in the cold month of December.

In an unlinked and unconfirmed blasphemy case, there was an attack on the Christian community in Jaranwala, Faisalabad district. Our local team took immediate action and visited the affected area, providing essential assistance to 85 families totalling 1,150 people. The assistance package included a kitchen set, dinner set, pillows, blankets and a stove.





AFRICA - Plant The Path

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

In conjunction with our Water4Africa project, we have our 'Plant the Path' project where we plant trees to increase food production for the locals. In close vicinity to our water systems, we plant fruit trees such as tangerine, orange, mango, guava, avocado and macadamia. In the past year, we planted 145 trees in The Gambia, 165 trees in Malawi, and 150 trees in Zambia.





UKRAINE

Development Programme

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger

Our support for those affected by the war in Ukraine continued in 2023. Khalsa Aid International collaborated with the Social Work Hub in Kharkiv, assisting with their hot food kitchen initiative. As part of this partnership, we provided essential ingredients to enable the kitchen to continue serving nutritious meals to those in need. During May, June and July, a total of 25,540 meals were prepared as a direct result of our assistance. This support covered the areas of Saltivka, Northern Saltivka and Oleksiyivka.



AFRICA - Water4Africa

Development Programme

SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation

Water4Africa is our long-term development programme, aiming to achieve water security within the African continent. Water scarcity continues to be a problem for African countries, with severe droughts amplifying the problem. Khalsa Aid International focuses on installing solar-powered and hand-powered water pumps for local villages, schools, and livestock.

Water4Africa, The Gambia

This year, we installed 10 new solar-powered water systems covering 10 villages and 1 school. As a result, 5,808 people and their livestock now have access to clean drinking water. In total, we have installed 27 water systems across The Gambia.



Water4Africa, Malawi

Khalsa Aid International has been working in Malawi since 2015, increasing our operations yearly. Over the past year, our team has installed 6 hand pumps and 2 solar-powered pumps, benefiting 9,035 beneficiaries and their livestock. In total, we have installed 67 water systems across Malawi.



Water4Africa, Zambia

Over the past year, we have continued our long-term development programme in Zambia. We installed 4 water reticulation systems in schools. As a result, 5,693 students, teachers and their live-stock now had access to clean drinking water, increasing benefits for human health. In total, we have installed 13 water systems across Zambia.

> *Water4Africa is the joy that lights up the faces of children as they watch clean water emerge from the ground bringing hope, health, and a brighter future."*
>
> **Giacomo Garberoglio**
> (Programme Manager, Africa)



PUBLIC EVENTS

Snowdon Hike 2023

In 2023, Khalsa Aid International hosted its biggest fundraiser of the year. Our annual Snowdon hike event has been ongoing since 2011. The 11th annual hike was a record-breaking year in terms of total fundraising amount and the number of participants. Over 800 people participated in the hike and helped raise over £175,000 in net proceeds. We were joined by volunteers and coach coordinators from across the UK who ensured a smooth experience for the hikers. Each participant was given a Khalsa Aid International branded apparel, a medal to commemorate their achievement, breakfast snacks, a hot meal on return, hot/cold beverages and free ice cream.





Annual Dinner

Our annual dinner took place in September at the lovely Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow. The hotel has been kindly supporting us over the past few years. It was a humbling event, enabling all our global chapter leads and some global volunteers to attend and meet our UK leadership team, employees, donors and other local volunteers. The annual dinner is an opportunity to thank our volunteers, donors and other stakeholders and showcase all our projects from the previous 12 months



PARTNERSHIPS

In the current year, Khalsa Aid International engaged in partnership with organisations that help aid in our key focus areas.

International Rescue Committee (IRC)-£26,110

The partnership between Khalsa Aid International (KAI) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) concluded during this past year. Khalsa Aid International's funding had been vital for refugee integration services in the UK since July 2021. The six-week Job Readiness Training facilitated by this partnership empowered refugees to navigate the UK job market effectively. Although the partnership has ended, Khalsa Aid International anticipates future collaborations, acknowledging the positive impact on refugees' lives and livelihoods.



RISK MANAGEMENT

Khalsa Aid International is committed to providing humanitarian aid and relief to the most vulnerable and areas in need around the globe. This commitment means the charity operates in countries affected by war, conflict, humanitarian and environmental disasters and general uncertainty. Operating in these environments gives rise to significant risks and uncertainties, which we have managed through our extensive experience in this field, supported by a framework of systems and processes.

Khalsa Aid International's overall approach to risk management is to identify and accept an appropriate level of risk working in the humanitarian response environment. The trustees and the management team review and assess the major risks to which Khalsa Aid International is exposed relating to the operations, income generation and finances.

The trustees must identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

Key risks and their mitigation measures are as follows:

Staff Safety

Our staff work in parts of the world that are impacted by conflict and/or natural disasters. These environments present several risks to the safety of our staff, as such, safety and wellbeing are of paramount importance, and we have several procedures to manage these risks. Hostile Environment training is provided to all our field staff/ volunteers alongside continual monitoring of the security situation in every single country we work in, ensuring we have adequate measures in place to keep our staff as safe as possible. In addition, our staff completed fire marshal and first aid training, further upskilling their abilities and knowledge.

Fluctuation in donations

As with all other charities in the current financial climate, our income by way of donations has seen fluctuations. To mitigate this risk, the charity continues to diversify its funding resources, build reserves, strengthen donor relationships, and strengthen awareness of the work done and to be done through various means.

Key Personnel

The CEO has founded and headed the organisation for 25 years now and is the face of KAI; his zest and leadership have made KAI a credible charity and a change to this position poses a major risk. Trustees review Business Continuity plans to mitigate this risk, as well as the risk of other key personnel not continuing in their positions.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered on 25th August 2015. The charity was established under a constitution which established the objects and powers of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity continues to have a minimum of four trustees who meet regularly to review projects and for strategic planning, governance, compliance, and decision-making and continue to provide oversight. The trustees look at the finances and appraise long-term projects before funds are committed. The day-to-day running of the charity is coordinated by a full-time Chief Executive who is supported by other staff members and trustees, as necessary.

The charity has global affiliates (chapters) in various locations. These are not consolidated into this report because the charity does not control these entities.

Our Board of Trustees

The board of trustees directs and oversees the organisation in accordance with its statutory obligations. The trustees of Khalsa Aid International are responsible for agreeing on our overall strategic direction. The board ensures that as an organisation we continue to work towards achieving our vision, using our resources to maximum effect, and upholding our fundamental principles and values.

Our trustees are required to act responsibly, reasonably, and honestly, and look after the resources that are entrusted to them. They must consider, both individually and collectively, that they have at all times acted in a manner that they consider will be most likely to promote the success of the charity in meeting its aims and objectives as set out in its governing documents and in ensuring its long-term security.

Recruitment And Appointment of New Trustees

Each trustee within Khalsa Aid International is a volunteer, selected because of their breadth of skills, knowledge, and experience to support the strategic aims of the charity. Trustees are selected from the pool of volunteers and supporters of Khalsa Aid International as nominated by the CEO, operational managers, or the trustees. Every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened trustees' meeting.

The trustees are from within the 'Sikh' community in the UK. The charity has appointed professional trustees, have good standing within their local communities and are actively promoting and supporting the work of Khalsa Aid International. Further trustees are being sought with skillsets in areas that could be beneficial to the development of the organisation, and in the current year, Rajpal Singh Wilkhu and Sukhvinder Kaur Dhanjal were appointed as trustees to strengthen the expertise of our Board, whilst Tarvinder Singh Gill resigned on 30.11.2023 due to his work commitments.

Induction and Training of New Trustees

An induction process for new trustees is in place which comprises a full overview of our strategic priorities, operational matters and organisational policies & procedures. In addition, trustees visit our frontline operations, either in the UK or abroad to better understand the impact of our humanitarian and development projects.

All efforts have been made to keep trustees updated on their roles and responsibilities. Regular monthly meetings are held by the trustees and the core team members of Khalsa Aid International. These meetings are used to update trustees on key developments, their responsibilities and potential professional development opportunities suggested by stakeholders such as the Charities Commission.

Key Personnel

The trustees delegate responsibility for operational management to the Chief Executive (CEO), who leads a senior leadership team, together comprising a Chief Finance Officer (CFO), a Programme Manager Coordinator and a Chief Technology Officer (CTO) who now works full-time to manage and ensure the safety of the charity's cyber security, databases and internal I.T systems.

Mr R. Sidhu remains CEO and is in full-time employment with the charity with a salary of **£47,508.75** per annum.

A full-time CFO was appointed to develop organisational financial strategies, policies, and processes, and is responsible for their implementation, following Board review, advice and approval. Khalsa Aid International will continue to develop its internal policies and operating procedures to ensure transparency and accountability to our donors and supporters.

The Programme manager, with support from the UK and overseas project coordinators, oversees and coordinates our humanitarian programmes (emergency relief and development programmes) and monitors key performance indicators (KPIs).

The support staff in the Taplow office has now increased to help assist with our growing operations and one of our employees in the Coventry office, who manages the Langar Aid project, has now moved to full-time.

Remuneration is based on the average pay for similar positions in UK charities; pay scales for key personnel are set by the trustees.

Financial Review

During the year, unrestricted donation income of £3,321,357 was received and was all used in the current year, with some reserves also used for the deficit; Restricted income of £135,174 was also received and used fully for their purpose, with a deficit being funding from general reserves. The net deficit for the year was £682,631.

The charity did see a fall in donation income but with the aid of sound financial management and the support of its staff, volunteers and donors it managed to exceed the previous year's project costs, giving a net deficit of £682,631. The charity continues to conduct fundraising activities to reduce such deficits in future.

Investment Policy

The trustees have a general power to invest and invest in assets as they see fit. The trustees are committed to ensuring that KAI's investment policy aligns with its mission and values.

As the charity needs to respond to disasters and emergencies quickly, it has a policy to keep funds in a combination of short-term and long-term deposits with adequate reserves; the Charity uses investment managers to manage portfolio investments.

In making investment decisions, a range of social, environmental, and ethical considerations are taken into account; investments are made only in companies with strong environmental stewardship, and sustainable resource use, are socially responsible and are in industries involved in ethical practices.

Reserves

Free reserves represent that part of general reserves that is not tied up in tangible assets and is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. At the year's end, the charity's free reserves were £13,346,339, which is 10% more than the reserves requirement but is required to cover any deficit for the next financial year. Restricted reserves were Nil. The Trustees continue to review the free reserves through the Reserves policy to ensure reserves remain adequate to serve the charity's short and long-term objectives and mission and ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund its longer-term activities as well as medium-term term going concern requirements. The Reserves policy stipulates how reserves will be used and will mainly cover:

- Scaling up the UK operations to expand worldwide missions and projects including upgrading systems and processes, implementing KAI's medium-term and long-term strategy plan, and forging stronger partnerships globally, to enable KAI to operate to internationally recognised standards of governance, codes of conduct, and humanitarian action.
- Responding to additional 2-3 global disasters and designing and implementing post-disaster and development projects following such disasters to provide both short-term and medium support to such victims.
- Volunteer safety reserve: KAI's dedicated global volunteers continue to face risks during missions; a reserve for their safety is critical to respond to such risks.
- Risk reserves: As a global organisation, the risks related to the charity's work are also global; a risk reserve for risks related to disaster responses, project management, staffing host country instability and political changes, and other environmental and economic changes globally is crucial.

Reserves for the purchase of property for expanding the charity's main premises, and in key focus areas and countries to hold stocks providing stability and security for the charity's future and its long-term projects.

The use of the Reserves will be undertaken gradually over a 5–7-year period, ensuring that growth is well-controlled and well-targeted to the charitable aims of the organisation, maximising public benefit; Trustees use renowned investment managers, striking a balance between risk, return and having access to funds.

Plans for Future Periods

The focus remains on building a brighter future for the people KAI serves, expanding KAI's international chapters, and continuing to make a meaningful impact in the lives we touch. The charity aims to continue fulfilling its objectives, continue with its medium and long-term strategy implementation, expanding projects through deeper and stronger partnerships and networks in many more countries and continue to improve efficiency in how the charity carries out its work. We continue to be inspired by the work our volunteers and other similar organisations do and, from experience, have learnt that we need to push through more borders and blockages more swiftly and kickstart post-emergency programmes simultaneously.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM AND TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Board and Management Roles

To ensure our trustees understand their role and responsibilities, they are required to review the Charity Commission's guidance: The Essential Trustee (CC3) and the charity's governing document before joining the Board and then on an annual basis.

The Board's principal roles are:

- Approving the mission, strategies, and high-level policies
- Appointing and overseeing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Monitoring performance and risk management
- Reporting performance with integrity and transparency
- Ensuring compliance with UK law and Charity Commission regulations
- Managing its governance processes, including annual evaluation of Board, Committee, Chair, and individual trustee performance
- Representing the interests of Khalsa Aid International stakeholders.
- Providing strategic advice to management

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees undertake strategic planning to ensure that the charity delivers the maximum public benefit and achieves its strategic objectives, which fall under the purposes defined by The Charities Act 2011. The trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in setting our objectives and planning our future activities.

All our charitable activities focus on our global objectives and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public's benefit.

Volunteers

Khalsa Aid International is generously supported by a network of committed and passionate volunteers across the globe; from our trustees to experts in different fields, to those who are passionate about serving humanity, our volunteers are key to our success; as stated above, all projects involve teams of volunteers who travel for short to long periods to ensure projects are on track. Due to their commitment and service, the Charity can work with a lean staff structure that can call upon several volunteers as and when required.

The charity maintains its Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking facility; these checks do not hold merit when volunteers and staff work abroad. However, for our safeguarding purposes, the charity will conduct checks on staff/volunteers in the UK. Any disclosures made will be treated with confidentiality and managed by the board of trustees. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure staff/volunteers from outside of the UK are of good standing and references will be sought before working with Khalsa Aid International.

Statement on Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

Each person who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt our ability to continue as a going concern. The annual financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

Board of trustees

- Jaswinder Singh Bahra
- Balvinder Kaur Sohal
- Rajpal Singh Wilkhu (Appointed on 23.06.2023)
- Sukhvinder Kaur Dhanjal (Appointed on 23.06.2023)
- Tarvinder Singh Gill (Resigned on 30.11.2023)
- Sukhraj Singh Sanghera (Resigned on 10.06.2024)

This Trustees' Annual and Strategic Report, prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006, was approved by the Board of Trustees on 13/12/2024 and is signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:



Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee



Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Khalsa Aid International (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March, 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as of 31 March 2024 and its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year that ended.
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared following the requirements of The Charities Act 2011.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concerned and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of The Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

The extent to which our procedures can detect irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:
We have considered:

- The nature of the charity and sector, control environment and operating performance.
- The charity's own assessment, including assessments made by key management, of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or of error.
- Any matters we identified having reviewed the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
  - Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance.
  - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
  - The internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- The matters discussed amongst the audit engagement team.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as the disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were The Charities Act, 2011, and tax legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulations. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report 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 audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



UHY Ross Brooke
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Suite I, Windrush Court
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Oxon
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Date:
15.12.24

UHY Ross Brooke is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of The Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	3,321,357	135,174	3,456,531	4,178,359
Investments	4	340,450	-	340,450	149,899
Other income	5	1,375	-	1,375	-
Total income		3,663,182	135,174	3,798,356	4,328,258
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	97,555	-	97,555	115,247
Charitable activities	7	3,976,530	461,769	4,438,299	4,316,583
Total expenditure		4,074,085	461,769	4,535,854	4,431,830
Net (expenditure)/income		(410,903)	(326,595)	(737,498)	(103,572)
Net gains(losses) on investments	10	54,867	-	54,867	(295,410)
Net movement in funds		(356,036)	(326,595)	(682,631)	(398,982)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		14,407,933	326,595	14,734,528	15,133,510
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		14,051,897	-	14,051,897	14,734,528

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods are included.

The notes on pages 56-66 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		705,558		714,975
Investments	**12**		2,922,080		2,799,439
			3,627,638		3,514,414
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	26,561		136,968	
Current asset investments	**15**	8,018,492		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,559,813		11,235,931	
		10,604,866		11,372,899	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(180,607)		(152,785)	
Net current assets			10,424,259		11,220,114
Total assets less current liabilities			14,051,897		14,734,528
Funds					
Restricted funds	**17**		-		326,595
Unrestricted income funds			14,051,897		14,407,933
Total funds			14,051,897		14,734,528

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 13/12/2024 and are signed on their behalf, by:

Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee

Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**20**		(891,701)		(234,444)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**11**	(38,601)		(69,350)	
Net purchase of investments		(67,774)		(123,353)	
Investment income received	**4**	340,450		149,899	
Net cash used in investing activities			234,075		(42,804)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(657,626)		(277,248)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			11,235,931		11,513,179
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**21**		10,578,305		11,235,931

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

Khalsa Aid International is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The address of its principal place of business is Unit 8 Lake End Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JQ and the nature of its operations are set out in the trustees' report.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), The Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £. The charity has global affiliates in various locations. These global affiliates are not consolidated into these financial statements because the charity does not control these entities.

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement Of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

It is the policy of the charity not to provide depreciation on land & buildings, this is a departure from the Charities SORP. The property is maintained to a high standard and the trustees consider that the life of the property is so long and that the residual value is so great that depreciation is not considered material.

1.7 Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transation costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of Fixed Assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Debtors

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.11 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required In settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods of services it must provide.

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

1.12 Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Pension benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will; by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

3. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	3,321,357	116,015	3,437,372	3,267,688	897,726	4,165,414
Grants	-	19,159	19,159	-	12,945	12,945
	3,321,357	135,174	3,456,531	3,267,688	910,671	4,178,359

4. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	87,960	80,977
Interest receivable	252,490	68,922
	340,450	149,899

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Rent from Coventry	1,375	-
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Government grant income	-	-
	1,375	-

6. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Portfolio management	20,186	20,321
Advertising	22,638	21,274
Worldpay charges	9,476	31,027
Merchandise purchases	25,246	18,680
Fundraising expenses	20,009	23,945
	97,555	115,247

7. Charitable Activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £
Staff costs	567,969	500,203
Charitable expenditure	3,870,330	3,816,380
	4,438,299	4,316,583
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	3,976,530	2,696,563
Restricted funds	461,769	1,620,020
	4,438,299	4,316,583

7. Charitable activities (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £
Australia	1,880	-	69,584	-
Austria	-	-	2,163	-
Egypt	26,971	-	-	-
Focus Punjab-India	1,184,673	116,850	447,227	695,591
Gambia	99,248	-	121,606	-
India	478,541	-	256,016	263,286
Iraq	159,063	-	199,776	-
Kenya	-	-	84,220	-
Madagascar	10,644	-	25,571	-
Malawi	131,101	-	125,214	-
Moldova	-	-	44,346	-
Morocco	26,537	-	-	-
Nepal	28,079	-	-	-
New Zealand	-	-	3,908	-
Pakistan	120,011	-	8,801	170,363
Philippines	-	-	29,902	-
Poland	2,689	-	25,408	125,000
Syria (via Turkey)	57,314	-	-	-
Turkey	382,034	301,422	2,243	274,699
UK/Langar Aid	562,530	43,497	484,212	91,081
Ukraine	29,885	-	28,546	-
Zambia	58,261	-	81,124	-
Support costs	598,819	-	639,196	-
Governance costs - auditor's remuneration	18,250	-	17,500	-
	3,976,530	461,769	2,696,563	1,620,020

8. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year apart from the reimbursement of expenses, which are set out in note 19.

9. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	17	14

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	516,432	454,798
Social security costs	44,238	39,122
Other pension costs	7,299	6,283
	567,969	500,203

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total amount of remuneration received by key management personnel is £284,094 (2023: £ 260,773).

10. Net Gains/(losses) on Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	59,291	(238,342)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(4,424)	(57,068)
	54,867	(295,410)

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computers £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	570,000	66,275	77,446	104,120	817,841
Additions	-	2,520	36,081	-	38,601
At 31 March 2024	570,000	68,795	113,527	104,120	856,442
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2023	-	30,223	34,498	38,145	102,866
Depreciation charged in the year	-	13,014	18,264	16,740	48,018
At 31 March 2024	-	43,237	52,762	54,885	150,884
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	570,000	25,558	60,765	49,235	705,558
At 31 March 2023	570,000	36,052	42,948	65,975	714,975

12. Rathbones Investments

	Listed Investments £	Investment Portfolio Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2023	2,721,150	78,289	2,799,439
Additions	1,076,007	-	1,076,007
Valuation changes	54,867	-	54,867
Disposals	(971,074)	-	(971,074)
Cash movements	-	(37,159)	(37,159)
At 31 March 2024	2,880,950	41,130	2,922,080
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	2,880,950	41,130	2,922,080
At 31 March 2023	2,721,150	78,289	2,799,439

13. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,880,950	2,721,150

14. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	23,393	133,736
Prepayments and accrued income	3,168	3,232
	26,561	136,968

15. Current Asset Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed term deposits	8,018,492	-

16. Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other taxation and social security	11,916	250
Trade creditors	122,349	17,504
Other creditors	22,012	21,958
Accruals and deferred income	24,330	113,073
	180,607	152,785

17. Restricted Funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	295,222	6,200	(301,422)	-
Panjab Floods 2019 & 2023	31,373	85,477	(116,850)	-
Langar Aid	-	43,497	(43,497)	-
	326,595	135,174	(461,769)	-

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

As at 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Tangible assets	705,558	-	705,558
Investments	2,922,080	-	2,922,080
Net current assets/(liabilities)	10,424,259	-	10,424,259
	14,051,897	-	14,051,897

As at 31 March 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Tangible assets	714,975	-	714,975
Investments	2,799,439	-	2,799,439
Net current assets	10,893,519	326,595	11,220,114
	14,407,933	326,595	14,734,528

19. Related Party Transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following types of transactions with trustees and related parties.

Ravi Singh, the CEO who is the family member of a Trustee, received £54,047 (2023: £48,917) in remuneration for their services.

A close family member of a Trustee was employed by the charity from 1 December, 2023. During the period, this individual received remuneration of £10,000 (2023: £nil).

In the normal course of the charity's work, specifically for carrying out overseas missions, project funds were provided to and spent by certain Trustees and their related parties; they also received reimbursement of project expenses in fulfilling their duties. These are summarised in the table below

	Number of individuals 2024	Number of individuals 2023	Amount 2024 £	Amount 2023 £
Project funds	3	3	94,214	26,675
Payment to relative of a trustee	-	1	-	1,171
Reimbursement of expenses	3	2	755	334
Total	6	6	94,969	28,180

20. Cash Generated From Operations

	2024 £	2023 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(682,631)	(398,982)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(340,450)	(149,899)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Investment (gains)/losses	(54,867)	295,410
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	48,018	36,432
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	110,407	(106,185)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	27,822	88,780
Cash generated from operations	(891,701)	(234,444)

21. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Current asset investments	8,018,492	-
Cash at bank and in hand	2,559,813	11,235,931
	10,578,305	11,235,931

22. Operating Lease Commitments

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases at the end of the reporting period was:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than one year	30,200	58,680
Later than one year and not later than five years	40,000	60,200
After more than five years	40,000	50,000
	110,200	168,880

23. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3,267,688	910,671	4,178,359
Investments	149,899	-	149,899
Other income	-	-	-
Total income	3,417,587	910,671	4,328,258
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	115,247	-	115,247
Charitable activities	2,696,563	1,620,020	4,316,583
Total expenditure	2,811,810	1,620,020	4,431,830
Net (expenditure)/income	605,777	(709,349)	(103,572)
Net gains(losses) on investments	(295,410)	-	(295,410)
Net movement in funds	310,367	(709,349)	(398,982)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	14,097,566	1,035,944	15,133,510
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	14,407,933	326,595	14,734,528

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Tarvinder Singh Gill (Resigned on 30.11.2023)
Sukhraj Singh Sanghera (Resigned on 10.06.2024)

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Message From Our Trustees

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh
Khalsa belongs to Waheguru (eternal creator) and victory belongs to Waheguru

The Trustee Board of Khalsa Aid International is honoured to present the financial report and summary of the charity's work for the year ending 31st March 2023. This marks 23 years of the organisation's operations.

This past year has seen the organisation further grow and strengthen its operations after the Covid pandemic. The challenges faced in returning to 'business as usual' after the Covid pandemic have been immense and unprecedented.
The commitment of the organisation to assist those impacted by humanitarian disasters be it natural or man-made has prevailed and seen our personnel both staff and volunteers dedicate themselves to assisting others and delivering humanitarian aid in some highly demanding situations.

Alongside our long-term development projects across India, Africa and Iraq, the Ukraine conflict, the Pakistan floods, and the Turkey and Syria earthquakes presented further challenges for the organisation, due to the impact of these disasters on many different communities, each with their own unique needs for humanitarian aid and assistance. Our teams from the UK joined hands with our overseas chapters and worked on the ground assisting those in need directly by providing emergency assistance such as sanitation, medical aid, warm food and blankets to longer-term aid such as monthly rations. In the face of these crises, Khalsa Aid International has stood firm in its mission to provide support, regardless of geographical boundaries or cultural differences. We are proud that our collective efforts have eased the immediate suffering and served as a beacon of hope.

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The organisation continues to grow stronger with ever-increasing support from across the globe. As a board, we remain resolute to further strengthening the organisation's governance and progressing operations. To this end, we have commenced numerous audits to assist in implementing best practices across the organisation. We continue to seek counsel from industry leaders in the financial, charity and legal sectors to assist in the improvements and development of our practice, working. With each project we undertake, we strive to bring about meaningful change that is long-lasting and resonates beyond the immediate circumstances, aligned with our values and global strategy.

We remain thankful and accountable to our supporters and strive to be transparent in all our operations to those who have continued to encourage and enable the work the organisation carries out.



Balvinder Kaur Sohal
General Secretary



Jaswinder Singh Bahra



Amarjit Singh Bansal
Trustee



Tarvinder Singh Gill
Trustee



Karamjit Kaur Grewal
Trustee



Sukhraj Singh
Trustee

Message from our Chief Executive / Founder

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As we reflect upon the challenges and triumphs of the past year, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and pride for the unwavering commitment displayed by each member of the Khalsa Aid International family. The global landscape has been reshaped by the far-reaching effects of the Ukraine War, leaving no corner of the world untouched. From Pakistan to Turkey, we have stood together in the face of adversity, embodying the spirit of humanity and selfless service.

This past year, the crisis in Ukraine and the devastating Pakistan Floods brought about unimaginable hardships for countless individuals and families. Our dedicated teams on the ground worked tirelessly to provide aid and relief to the affected communities. From distributing essential food supplies, clean water, and warm clothing to setting up temporary shelters for displaced families, Khalsa Aid International and its Global Chapters have been a beacon of hope for those struggling to find stability amidst the chaos. This ethos runs through the core of Khalsa Aid International and embodies the Sikh principle of 'Sarbat Da Bhalla'.

We have supported refugees and internally displaced communities across numerous conflict-stricken nations, including our recent emergency aid relief for victims of the Turkey and Syria earthquakes. We have also provided sustenance through nourishing meals and essential emergency relief items.

Closer to home, our Langar Aid Project has created a ripple effect of positive change. The Langar Aid volunteers extended their helping hand to disaster-stricken regions, refugee camps, and underserved communities, not merely as a provider of meals but as a symbol of solidarity during times of distress. The project's impact reaches beyond food alone. It empowers those who receive aid, reminding them that they are not forgotten and that there are people who genuinely care about their well-being.

Over the last year, our ongoing initiatives in Panjab (India) have displayed remarkable growth and a steadfast commitment to aiding those in vulnerable situations. From delivering vital medical assistance to the underprivileged to championing comprehensive welfare and education initiative, our projects instigate transformative change and foster enduring stability. One notable accomplishment was establishing a state-of-the-art Kidney Dialysis Centre, the most affordable option in Panjab. Khalsa Aid International is proud to shoulder 70% of the dialysis fees, highlighting our commitment to making a difference.

I thank all those who have supported our work and enabled our projects to grow from strength to strength. As we look ahead, I am reminded that Khalsa Aid International is not merely an organisation, but a global movement fuelled by compassion and change. The journey we embarked upon from a simple idea to a worldwide NGO is a testament to the dedication of the Sikh community and every individual who has embraced our mission. Their unwavering support has allowed us to flourish and extend our reach far beyond what we initially imagined. As we stand on the cusp of another year, my focus remains resolute on building a brighter future, expanding our international chapters, and continuing to make a meaningful impact in the lives we touch.

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Ravi Singh
CEO/Founder
Khalsa Aid International

Our Vision and Strategy

Our Vision

‘Sarbat Da Bhalla’ Welfare of all; Peace and prosperity for all. A world where everyone experiences the fullness of life; a life lived with dignity, free from poverty; where global resources are equitably shared and sustainably used; and where the voice and agency of the vulnerable and marginalised are fully realised.

Our Mission

We are an NGO inspired by our Sikh faith with two core principles at our heart. First, to recognise the whole human race as one, and second, selfless service (Sewa) to support society without any reward or personal/collective gain.

We seek to respond in practical ways to support people and communities in need, hardship or distress because of natural disaster, war or social and economic circumstances. We provide humanitarian aid in crises and emergencies to create sustainable and lasting change. We seek to mobilise, educate and empower people as agents for change to become passionate lifelong humanitarians for the betterment of society.

Our Values

We are guided by the Sikh teachings of Recognising the Whole Human Race as One. Our five core values are inspired by the Sikh faith and closely align to the universal humanitarian principles.

- Compassion (Daya)
- Righteousness (Dharam)
- Courage (Himmat)
- Commitment (Mokham)
- Leadership (Sahib)



Our Global 2030 strategy has five global goals that aim to ensure we respond effectively to humanitarian emergencies, contribute significantly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and advocate for positive social change.

Our Global Objectives

01 Reduce the impact of natural disasters and conflict.

02 Empower communities

03 Educate, empower and mobilise volunteers

04 Advocate for Change

05 Strengthen our Community

Our Year at a Glance

1,098,700
Number of People Supported

1692
Lives saved with blood donations



228
Dialysis Cases



387
Medical Cases Funded





19
Water pumps installed

2,027,500
Food Packs/ Meals



47
Active Global Projects Around the Globe

620
Trees planted



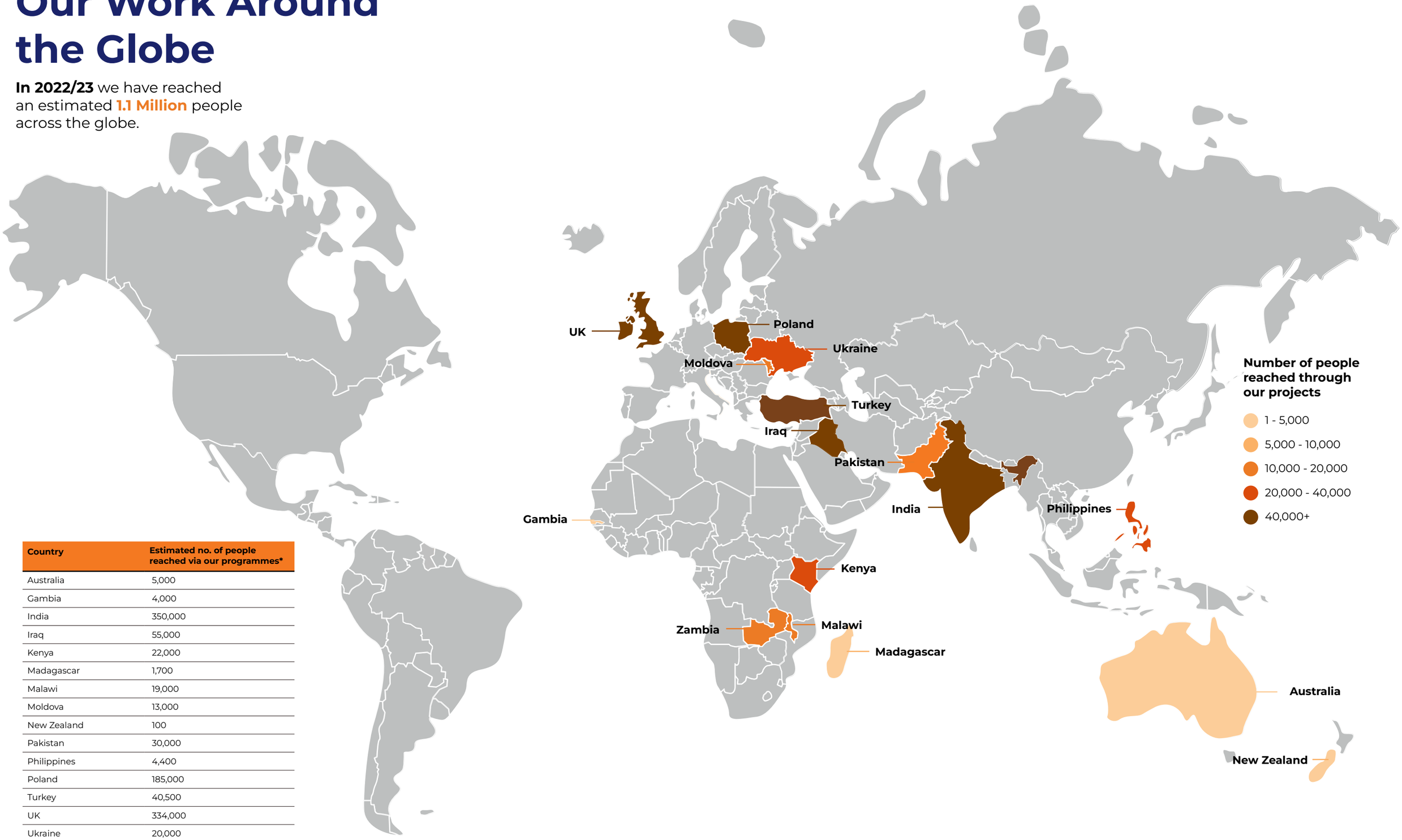
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Self-employment Support



113
Homes Rebuilt

Our Work Around the Globe

In 2022/23 we have reached an estimated **1.1 Million** people across the globe.



Country	Estimated no. of people reached via our programmes*
Australia	5,000
Gambia	4,000
India	350,000
Iraq	55,000
Kenya	22,000
Madagascar	1,700
Malawi	19,000
Moldova	13,000
New Zealand	100
Pakistan	30,000
Philippines	4,400
Poland	185,000
Turkey	40,500
UK	334,000
Ukraine	20,000
Zambia	15,000

**Rounded to nearest 100*

Our Projects

Projects undertaken this year

A summary of our wider projects is presented here. Further details of our work can be seen on our communication channels including our website and social media.

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International does not provide cash funding directly to any charitable organisation unless stated. It is our standard policy to provide funding directly to suppliers or stakeholders providing goods/services in relation to our humanitarian aid projects.

In Focus

Ukraine War

SDG 16 – Peace Justice and Strong Institution
SDG 17 – Partnership for the Goals
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

In February 2022, Ukraine deteriorated into a war zone following an invasion from Russia. Khalsa Aid International (KAI) responded quickly to the crisis and had teams supporting those displaced by the war. The emergency response was mainly concentrated towards the migrants entering Poland and Moldova.





Moldova

In Moldova, KAI worked with locals to provide 1680 food packs to families in the Tiraspol region. During this time, we also partnered with the grassroots organisation Moldova for Peace to provide 2000 food parcels to Moldavian families housing Ukrainian families. 3000 food and hygiene packs were also supplied to two Moldova refugee camps.

Poland

KAI arrived at the Medyka border in Poland and worked with local volunteers to hire a 50-seater bus and two volunteer cars to help transport refugees across the border. KAI assisted more than 200 Indian students and families in the first week of arriving at the Polish border. The team also established a mobile outdoor kitchen in a Tesco Supermarket car park in Przemyśl, which was used as a refugee centre. With the help of local volunteers, hot food was prepared and served. Footfall for each day at the Tesco refugee centre was approximately 3000 to 4000, and KAI distributed 1,800 to 2,000 meals every day for two months. The total number of meals served in Przemyśl reached 120,000.



Post-April 2022, as the number of people staying in the Tesco refugee centre declined, the KAI team assessed other areas that needed more resources and moved their efforts to Warsaw Expo. This was one of the biggest refugee centres and transportation hubs for those travelling out of Ukraine and into other European countries. KAI was the only organisation serving hot meals in this hub. Approximately 400-600 meals were served daily, and our Langar Aid team assisted with the prep and distribution. Over two weeks, our volunteers and team distributed 8,400 meals.

As operations in Poland began to increase, KAI decided to rent out a warehouse in Przemyśl. The warehouse became a central base where deliveries from the UK were stored, separated into different aid needs and distributed to local charities and organisations helping Ukrainian refugees. Our teams collaborated with NGOs and assisted individuals helping people inside Poland or across the border in Ukraine. One example was a couple from the UK who were both medics and travelled periodically with medical supplies to the most affected areas.

Over six months, our volunteers continued to travel worldwide to assist with our emergency relief efforts. Our aid continued to expand, including medical supplies for internally displaced people across Ukraine's neighbouring countries. In December 2022, as the year ended, KAI decided to close the warehouse in Przemyśl and focus on collaborating with more local organisations in Poland and Ukraine in 2023.

In the summer of 2022, KAI partnered with Metro Cash and Carry and Multi-national club Kharkiv, in Ukraine, to distribute 4000 parcels to families and refugees displaced by the war.

Throughout this project, KAI assisted and provided aid with the following organisations: Moldova for Peace, Kharkiv Rotary Club, New Level, 100% Life, Pomagamy Nie Ziewamy, Tesco Refugee Medical facility, AGAPE Foundation, Metro Cash and Carry Multi-national club Kharkiv and Kitchen Marco.

> *"We had a dedicated team of volunteers who went above and beyond to help refugees. From the very beginning of our operation, we built a good relationship with locals, which helped us get aid to those in need quickly and efficiently. I would also like to thank our volunteers who travelled from the US and Canada to help us provide emergency aid. This operation would not have been possible without the support of our peers."*
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> **Amandeep Singh**
> **Aid Coordinator, UK**



In Focus

Pakistan Floods

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 2 – Zero Hunger

On 28th August 2022, an emergency was declared in Pakistan as severe monsoon flooding displaced around 33 million people, and more than 1,100 people died. The UN described the flooding as a 'monsoon on steroids', as approximately one-third of the country was underwater.

Around one million homes were damaged by the floods, which affected at least 110 districts across Pakistan. The Pakistani Prime Minister described the floods as "probably the worst in the history of Pakistan".

KAI had mobilised teams on the ground to assess the needs of the victims of the floods. We had teams concentrating their efforts in the following provinces: Panjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Sindh. Our teams helped provide temporary accommodation, Langar (hot meals), medical supplies, sanitary items, and food packs.

The relief aid provided during this phase was crucial in meeting the most urgent needs of those affected by the floods. KAI volunteers were able to distribute essential items such as tents, mosquito nets, food packs, women's sanitary items, medical assistance and water tankers to those in need. This helped alleviate the suffering of those uprooted by the floods and required immediate assistance.

Aid Type	Quantity	Location
Temporary Accommodation Tents	900	Panjab. KP Sindh
Chemically Treated Mosquito Nets	1585	Panjab. KP Sindh
Water Survival Boxes	300	Panjab. KP Sindh
Sanitary Pads	2000	Panjab
Undergarments	2000	Panjab
Food Packs	4000	Panjab. KP Sindh
Medical Supplies	4000	Panjab. KP Sindh

By providing these resources, we were able to impact the lives of those affected by the floods significantly. Families could access temporary shelter, food, and medical assistance, which helped improve their health and well-being. In addition, mosquito nets' distribution helped prevent the spread of Malaria, a common concern in flood-affected areas.

Our relief efforts worked towards providing those affected with essential food and water, aligning with SDG 2, working towards Zero Hunger, reducing food insecurity, and aligning with SDG 6, Clean Water and Sanitation. Additionally, our team worked towards SDG 3, Good Health & Wellbeing, ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being due to the mass outbreaks of Malaria. The chemically treated nets worked towards reducing the risk of Malaria. We also had teams working around the clock with local and international suppliers to secure vital aid supplies.

In 2023, we have plans to continue our support for those displaced by the Pakistan Floods by helping to rebuild their homes and providing access to clean drinking water in rural villages. This will be an ongoing project.





> *"The Pakistan Floods Emergency Aid Relief was one of the biggest operations Khalsa Aid International has supported. This is all thanks to our amazing volunteers on the ground, Mr Nasir Dhillon, Mr Jaskaran Singh, Mr Shahid Hanook and Ms Abeera Khan, who led teams in 3 regions of Pakistan, delivering aid to those in need. In total, we had over 150 volunteers providing aid, and without their support, this would not have been possible."*
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> **Amandeep Singh**
> **Aid Coordinator, UK**

In Focus

Turkey and Syria Earthquake

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger
SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

On 6th February 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake ripped through Turkey and Syria, destroying each side of the border. The epicentre of the earthquake was 23 kilometres (14.2 miles) east of Nurdagi, in Turkey's Gaziantep province, at a depth of 24.1 kilometres (14.9 miles), the United States Geological Survey (USGS) has said.

KAI mobilised a global response to the humanitarian crisis in Turkey. The first response was from the KAI Iraq team, dispatched in Turkey within 24 hours of the earthquake to conduct assessments and deliver emergency support. A truckload of 3,500 blankets accompanied the team for distribution, and the team also set up the initial hot meals service.



KAI CEO Ravi Singh arrived in Turkey to support the operational aid efforts. Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), a non-profit NGO based in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq, helped KAI in setting up Langar (community kitchen) for those displaced in Şanlıurfa and İslâhiye. Our teams were based in Şanlıurfa and İslâhiye and served 3000 hot meals daily for the first month.

After initial emergency aid was carried out, our teams on the ground began assessing the needs of those now displaced by the earthquake. KAI volunteers provided essential food items and drinking water to people in İslâhiye, Kahramanmaraş and Gaziantep. A second team of Volunteers collaborated with a local charity, Yardimeli Charity, to deliver food and water in Şanlıurfa. Volunteers also worked around the clock to distribute 400 food packs to people living in camps in Adıyaman.

Towards the end of March, KAI volunteers distributed thousands of water bottles (2000+), hygiene kits (2000+) and dignity packs (3000+) in various areas, including Şanlıurfa, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman Afad Camps, and Gaziantep. KAI will continue to assess the needs of those displaced by the earthquake and provide aid accordingly.



In Focus

Langar Aid

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger
SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Langar Aid is one of Khalsa Aid International's UK outreach programmes, launched in 2016. The project is based on the Sikh principle of Langar (Community Kitchen). Langar Aid strives to break down barriers and improve community cohesion by offering the opportunity for people of all religions, ages and genders to come together by sharing food. This project started in Coventry and has grown from a weekly service to running multiple community initiatives, with a dedicated base in the West Midlands (Langar Aid House), operating seven days a week. Its objective is to support the homeless, vulnerable and isolated within local communities.



Food Parcels

The aftermath of the pandemic brought financial difficulties to individuals and families. Langar Aid continued to offer their support by providing 10-day emergency food parcels containing non-perishable essential food items. We worked with the local council, schools, mutual aid groups and like-minded agencies that could refer clients to receive food parcels. These food parcels were being delivered to families, individuals, elderly who were either self-isolating, on furlough, unemployed or financially struggling. Although most Covid restrictions were lifted, Langar Aid continued with the evening feeds outdoors as this was more sustainable and convenient for volunteers. The feeds ran seven days a week, along with two morning shifts dedicated to food deliveries to schools across the West Midlands.

We were approached by Coventry University Hospital, who requested food support for their staff members struggling with the current cost of living crisis. Langar Aid provides food for the hospital's community pantry every three months, distributed to Rugby Hospital staff members.

Supporting Ukrainian Families Displaced Due to the War

In May 2022, Langar Aid partnered with the Coventry City Council Migration Team to provide emergency food parcels to Ukrainian Families who fled to the UK via the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. We created a food parcel with Coventry City Council according to the applicable dietary requirements. These food parcels were delivered fortnightly on a door-to-door basis. Our team were enthusiastic and committed to supporting the children and families who have been through difficult situations. The team continues to provide food parcels and stay in contact with the Migration Team to register any new addresses or suspend any deliveries.

Working closely with Local Schools

Langar Aid continued their workshops with various primary and secondary schools in Coventry. Langar Aid also welcomed students to Langar Aid House, where they helped prepare food parcels and sandwiches for evening feeds and arranged food stock. The students feel a sense of belonging and accomplishment as they volunteer for a worthy cause and give back to the community. During the summer holidays, Langar Aid also worked alongside community groups and schools to continue to provide food parcels and fresh produce to families struggling financially.

In August 2022, the Langar Aid team was approached by the local police and youth groups to prepare and distribute lunch bags for vulnerable children. This activity is part of their long-term project to reduce knife crime among young people.

Emergency Response – Supporting West Midlands Police

In April 2022, the Langar Aid team responded to a request by the local police to provide lunch packs to residents who were evacuated from a block of flats due to a fire. This support lasted three days, with the LA team working alongside the local police and citizens. During the winter period in December 2022, the Langar Aid team also responded to an emergency in Solihull Lake during the winter, where an unfortunate event involved young people. The team provided refreshments for the emergency teams working through the night during below -0 Celsius temperatures.





Events / Collaborations

Langar supported the first Teg Rhapsody at Walsall Bescot Stadium with Global Sikh Network to celebrate Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's Gurpurab. The team provided over 400 hot meals to the free event's public. As part of International Langar Week, the team held a langar event in Coventry City Centre, where over 400 hot meals were served to raise awareness about Langar and our current projects.

In November 2022, Langar Aid collaborated with Birmingham Selfridges, where they held an outreach to serve people experiencing homelessness and those struggling financially due to the cost-of-living crisis and in celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Jis Gurpurab. As part of a partnership, staff from Selfridges volunteered at Langar Aid House.

Brakes UK is a regular food supplier for Langar Aid, but they also support us by donating over 3000kg worth of fresh dated produce each month. These donations are distributed across local schools and organisations and used for the evening feeds. Langar Aid worked with Spencer Retreat Farm to reduce food wastage, donating fresh food items to feed the farm animals.

Recognition and Awards

Over the past year, Langar Aid was recognised by various local newspapers/radios such as Coventry Telegraph, Coventry Observer, BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio for their continuous support. The team were awarded the Equality Award from Coventry's Lord Mayor as a recognition of their work. Langar Aid was also a finalist for the Food Hero/Community Foodie Award 2022, along with other groups who went the extra mile in Coventry to support the local community.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, Langar Aid has served over 1,768,780 food parcels and hot meals.

In Focus

Iraq

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 5 - Gender Equality
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

KAI supports Assyrian and Yezidi Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in the cities of Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.

Last year, KAI built on its established programmes in Iraq to provide aid to 55,000 people. This included 540 students receiving an education, installing a 5000L water tank, distributing over 17,000 food packs, funding 6 medical cases.



Zero Hunger

In response to the devastating consequences of the ISIS war, KAI collaborated with local organisations to address the dire circumstances in Mosul and the Bardarash refugee camp. KAI supported the distribution of 1,300 food packs in Mosul and 1,000 food packs in the Gawilan camp during Ramadan. These efforts provided sustenance to over 5,000 individuals in Mosul and supported 1,000 families in the Gawilan camp, helping alleviate hunger and instability in these communities.

Education

Back to School Project in Mosul:

In low-income areas of Iraq, many parents struggle to afford the expenses associated with their children's schooling. In December 2022, Khalsa Aid International, in collaboration with dedicated volunteers from Khaloha Ajmal in Mosul, embarked on the Back-to-School project to address this issue and ensure that no child is deprived of education. This initiative specifically targeted low-income families, orphans, and children with disabilities, aiming to provide them with essential educational resources and alleviate the financial burden on their families. As part of this initiative, 500 children in Mosul were provided with uniform sets, backpacks, and stationery kits. These provisions played a vital role in ensuring these children possessed the necessary tools to continue their education, fostering a sense of belonging in the classroom.

English Courses:

KAI Iraq launched English Language Catchup Classes in partnership with the Jinda Organisation and Sumel Youth Centre, targeting two groups of 20 children from various age ranges. The programme aimed to aid children whose education had been disrupted by war, and an evaluation by the Jinda Organisation indicated that around 75% of participants showed enhanced academic performance, reflecting the positive impact of these classes.



Good Health and Wellbeing

Medical Cases Support in Mosul:

KAI Iraq has been instrumental in offering crucial medical assistance to families in need. One instance involved a 12-year-old girl who struggled to walk, but with the provision of a wheelchair, she gained newfound mobility and improved her quality of life. Similarly, KAI aided Anas, a 16-year-old paralysed by an ISIS bombing, by providing him with a wheelchair that granted him independence, enabling him to attend school on his own. In addition, the Iraq team extended medical support to four more war-afflicted cases, emphasising their commitment to aiding those in need.



Environmental

Bajid Kandala Campfires:

Bajid Kandala camp, established in 2014, serves as a sanctuary for approximately 2,000 Yezidi families who sought refuge from the devastating genocidal atrocities committed by ISIS in Sinjar.

The soaring temperatures in the Summer intensify the likelihood of fire outbreaks, exacerbated by unstable voltage in the electrical infrastructure and overwhelming electricity consumption that surpasses the provided capacity. In July and September 2022, two massive fires burned down entire blocks of tents. Thirty-two tents were destroyed, and 72 families were forced to relocate. Khalsa Aid International, assisted by Barzani Charity Foundation, provided over 5000 hot meals to alleviate their immediate hardships during displacement. During the aftermath of the fire incidents in Bajid Kandala Camp, the Yezidi Prince, Princess, Duhok Governor Ali Tatar, and Iraqi M.P.s, including Viyan Dakhil, visited the camp to assess the situation and offer their support. They conveyed their deep appreciation and gratitude to KAI for their prompt response and dedicated efforts in providing immediate assistance to the Yezidi families affected by the fires.

Other relief projects

- Emergency Food Packs: In 2022, KAI provided 200 emergency food packs and hygiene kits for Yezidi and Muslim IDP families forced to flee their homes in Shingal.
- Orphanage Food Packs: The Bridge E.V. orphanage educates and supports IDP children. These children live in tent camps in Khanke and rely on the orphanage for their education and basic needs, including nutritious meals. KAI is providing funding for food packs for 400 students, serving more than 110,000 meals yearly.
- Yezidi Families Food Packs: The Yezidi community, devastated by the atrocities committed by ISIS, continues to face significant challenges as they strive to rebuild their lives. KAI implemented a monthly distribution program in 2015, providing for 500 families. Food packs are distributed every month to support these families.
- Akre Castle Camp: Akre Castle has been a safe home for Syrian refugees since 2011, hosting 245 Syrian refugee families. Since March 2022, KAI provided 100 food packs and hygiene kits every month for 100 families who are excluded from the World Food Programme.
- Water Tank: In Khanke IDP's camp, many families only have access to contaminated water. KAI installed a 5000-litre water tank to ensure families in the camp had access to clean water for their daily needs.
- Ramadan Eid Joy: Mosul in Northern Iraq suffered a devastating attack by ISIS in June 2014, leaving behind a trail of destruction and countless children orphaned by War. Recognising the importance of bringing joy and happiness to these children during the holy month of Ramadan and Eid, Khalsa Aid International, with Khaloha Ajmal's support, gifted a group of 40 children with new clothes.

Other Projects

Australia Emergency Relief

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

Australia was struck by several devastating floods in 2022. In February 2022, the Khalsa Aid Australia team provided vital support to residents in Lismore, where 700mm of rainfall fell in just 30 hours. The aid included distributing 200 first aid kits, 200 cleaning kits and 200 hygiene bags to families affected by the flooding and supporting Koori Kitchen as they distributed over 500 meals every week for three months from May to July 2022.



KAI has been supporting The Aboriginal community in Coober Pedy for the last few years. In June 2022, our volunteers from Adelaide and Coober Pedy assisted in procuring and delivering groceries and winter relief supplies to Aboriginal communities in Coober Pedy.KAI worked closely with Umoona Tjutagku Health Service to provide support to these rural communities. Pipli Truck Rentals supported KAI in delivering the goods.

The project was led by the volunteer team in Adelaide who helped deliver 2 tons of dry groceries, 200 tracksuits, shoes and socks.

In October 2022, a devastating flood impacted the city of Shepperton. The Khalsa Aid Melbourne Team travelled to Shepperton to support the flood-affected community with essential items, including bread, insect-repellent sprays, shampoos, fresh vegetables, non-perishable foods and sanitary items.



Australia Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

SDG 10 - Reduce Inequality

Khalsa Aid Australia continued to build on its partnership with the 'Lifeblood Teams' (Australian Red Cross blood donation group) by organising large-scale blood donation drives. As per Red Cross Australia data, from April 2022 to March 2023, 1692 lives were saved with blood and plasma donations by Khalsa Aid Australia volunteers.

The Khalsa Aid Australia Canberra team supported local schools in the Aboriginal community in Bega. Over 200 school children each received various school stationery items, including pencils, pens, rulers, highlighters etc. 80 recipients were high school students, whilst 120 were primary school students.



India

The Indian chapter of KAI is Khalsa Aid India Charitable Trust. The team operates several development projects to provide medical aid, and welfare support, promote educational attendance and assist in home construction projects. These wide-ranging development programmes occur across India, with the majority being in Panjab. The programmes are often carried out collaboratively between KAI and Khalsa Aid India team members, and the Panjab-based projects sit within our umbrella initiative, 'Focus Panjab'.

The work undertaken by Khalsa Aid India trust is in agreement with KAI and vendors are paid directly from the UK for goods provided, emergency aid is also provided to communities impacted by natural disasters, such as flooding. This work is coordinated by Khalsa Aid International's contractor-based in India.

Emergency Aid

Emergency Relief

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Dewatering Panjab:

The Dewatering Project in Panjab 2022 was initiated in response to the heavy rainfall and subsequent waterlogging that affected over 8000 acres of agricultural land in the Sri Muktsar Sahib and Fazilka Districts of Panjab. KAI responded promptly to the crisis by installing 10 dewatering machines across 10 villages in Sri Muktsar Sahib and Fazilka Districts. These machines were strategically placed to cover the maximum affected agricultural land. The dewatering process started soon after installation, aiming to drain the waterlogged areas efficiently. Over two months, over 1000 acres of waterlogged agricultural land were successfully dewatered.

Fumigation drives were carried out in the affected villages to address mosquito infestations from waterlogging. These drives helped control the mosquito population and reduce the risk of vector-borne diseases. Recognising the importance of clean drinking water during the crisis, KAI supplied over 200,000 litres to the affected communities. This ensured the residents had access to safe and potable water, mitigating the risks associated with contaminated water sources.

KAI distributed ration kits to 500 families to provide immediate relief to the affected families. These kits contained essential food items and basic supplies, helping the families meet their daily sustenance requirements during the recovery phase.

KAI received requests from the affected farmers for support in sowing crops in the area. After assessing the damage caused by waterlogging, the organisation provided fertilisers to 5000 farmers. This assistance aimed to enable farmers to resume agricultural activities and ensure the successful cultivation of their next crop.

Thiruvarur Monsoon Aid:

Every year, during November and December, the Northeast Monsoon brings heavy rains, floods, and storms to the region, causing significant damage and distress. In response to these natural disasters and in collaboration with local government agencies, PALAM carries out rescue and relief work to support the affected communities. To enhance their preparedness for such events, the People's Awareness and Legal Aid Movement (PALAM - a Tamil Nadu-based NGO) requested financial assistance from Khalsa Aid India to procure essential rescue supplies.

The required supplies included: 500 kg coconut rope, 250 tarpaulin sheets, 380 kg big-size rope, 5 torches (big size), 252 charger lights (small size), 5 tree cutters, 50 life jackets and 10 plastic stretchers. 272 families in Thiruthuraipoondi block, Thiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu, benefited from this project. The successful execution of this project exemplifies the significance of partnerships and proactive measures in mitigating the impact of natural disasters and supporting affected communities.

Medical Aid

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

KAI funds the medical treatment of patients who are from underprivileged backgrounds. KAI assist by providing the funds for the treatment, from hospital charges to medicines and after-care fees. All requests for medical aid are assessed and verified by our coordinators. The costs are paid directly to the care providers and not to individuals. Last year, KAI helped 387 patients with medical treatment and spent over £500,000 in the previous financial year. These patients were from Panjab and other parts of India.



Welfare Support

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

KAI and Khalsa Aid India work together to provide Welfare Support to hundreds of people across Panjab and in other states in India. This aid includes financial assistance, advice, and practical help to people struggling to make ends meet. In 2022-23, KAI supported families through house rebuilding, funding weddings, medical treatment, employment, and education. Through this project, KAI was able to help over 320 people.





Wedding Funds:

The Human Rights Awareness Association is a non-profit organisation that promotes and protects human rights, particularly among marginalised communities. With the support and guidance of Guru Nanak International Mission Head Sant Baba Giani Karnail Singh Garib Ji and Baba Lakha Singh Ji Nanaksar Kalera and Khalsa Aid International, the association organised a mass wedding event for 251 underprivileged girls. KAI generously provided 127 double box beds for disadvantaged girls. These beds were selected to ensure the comfort and practicality of the girls' new homes. The beds symbolised support, helping the girls build a foundation for their married lives.

Winter Kit Distribution:

In November and December 2022, this project provided essential winter supplies for elderly beneficiaries of the Shaheed Parivar Project in Panjab. Each winter kit distributed by KAI included: 2 blankets, 1 ladies' outfit, 1 men's outfit and 2 shawls for additional layers to provide extra warmth. A total of 175 Winter Kits were distributed to the Shaheed Parivar families.

Self-Empowerment and Employment:

KAI's aim is to empower marginalised communities through various means, such as self-employment, vocational training, and ration distribution. KAI supported 42 individuals by providing e-rickshaws, livestock, fabrication tools vocational training and raw material for shops to ensure that they get the necessary support and assistance to become self-sufficient.



Educational Aid

Development Programme

SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Educational development aid is essential for reducing poverty and inequality in developing countries. By providing access to quality education, KAI has been able to help improve the lives of thousands of young children and adults across Panjab and other states in India.

Panjab Tuition Centres:

In various regions of Panjab, including Gurdaspur, Malerkotla, Patiala, and Ludhiana, KAI has opened 49 tuition centres to help support the education of young schoolchildren. These tuition centres aid schoolchildren with their homework and syllabus learning and help them progress in their current subjects. KAI developed the Tuition Centre Project to help encourage more young children to continue their education.



Dashmesh School:

At KAI Dashmesh Public School, holistic and quality education is given to children from marginalised communities. KAI Dashmesh School is located in Kakra, district Bhawanigarh, where more than 500 children are studying. This school provides free education to children from underprivileged backgrounds to help them get a better start in life.

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Livelihood Support Programme

Development Programme

Maharashtra and Madya Pradesh

SDG 1 - No Poverty
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities



Sikligar Sikhs were 'Lohars' (ironsmiths) who once specialised in the craft of making weapons. The term 'Sikligar' was bestowed upon this community by Guru Gobind Singh (10th Sikh Guru). Due to the advancements in technology and education, the Sikligar Sikhs are an almost forgotten community in India. They suffer from low literacy rates and cannot afford medical care, which has kept them in a cycle of poverty. KAI developed a focused programme to assist this community with access to education, health and employment skills.

Food packages, enrolment for children into schools and financial assistance are already ongoing, with plans to expand our support much broader going forward.

Hari Singh Nalwa Livelihood Support Programme

Development Programme

Kashmir

SDG 1 - No Poverty
SDG 3 – Good Health & Wellbeing
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

In the last financial year, Khalsa Aid International's Hari Singh Nalwa programme continued its steadfast support for local communities in Kashmir. Through a diverse range of projects, a total of 1770 individuals received vital assistance. This included the distribution of food parcels to vulnerable families, the establishment of Gurmukhi schools, the sponsorship of children for education, the construction of homes, and essential renovations in Sikh schools across the region.

The largest project was the distribution of food packs, benefitting 1200 individuals in various regions of Kashmir, prioritising those in dire need. Additionally, 7 Gurmukhi schools were established, providing a comprehensive curriculum for students aged 8 to 19, and fostering proficiency in the Panjabi language. Khalsa Aid International's efforts also extended to the renovation of Sikh schools, including the creation of playgrounds, the provision of computers, and the assurance of adequate water facilities. Furthermore, the programme sponsored 40 children, enabling them to access education despite financial constraints, and constructed 5 homes for underprivileged families, offering stability, particularly during harsh winters. Looking ahead to 2023, the programme will expand its support by providing vital medical assistance to those in need.



Focus Panjab

Adopted a Village Project

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

KAI provides support and aid to Kot Dharmu, a village in the Mansa district. This village sadly saw a high increase in Farmer Suicides, which left many families in the village unable to support themselves. KAI is helping by rebuilding homes and agriculture. KAI also provides training and education in Sewing and Stitching to women from the village to help them become self-sufficient. This includes helping them set up Boutiques to enable them to become self-employed. This a pilot programme and has currently been running for three years.

Baba Budha Ji

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

This programme aims to initiate a Community Outreach Programme initially focused on developing social engagement mechanisms for Granthi Singhs in the Majha region of Panjab villages to provide medical, education and welfare assistance to those in need. KAI is currently supporting 40 Granthi Singhs and their families. This is an ongoing project.

Biodiversity

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

This project aims to increase biodiversity across Panjab. Due to agriculture intensification and the monoculture of crops such as rice and wheat, the natural biodiversity of Panjab is significantly declining. As a pilot project, we have created three mini forests across the state by planting Panjabi native, endangered, fruit, and medicinal tree species.

This will significantly impact the region's soil quality and maintain ecosystem services such as climate regulation, pollination, and soil and water conservation. So far, our team has planted eight acres of tree thickets consisting of over 50 species of native trees that have historically disappeared from the region.



Foundation Panjab

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Foundation Panjab is a Union Public Services & State Level competitive exam training programme KAI is doing in collaboration with SABAR Foundation. This programme provides exam prep opportunities for financially deprived youngsters from rural Panjab.

The programme is a Scholarship, and 300+ native-speaking Panjabi students will be selected for one year of online training provided by LBASNAA IAS. This project will help young Panjabis gain employment in Civil jobs that are otherwise difficult to get into due to expensive entry fees.

House Rebuild

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Similar to our Medical Support and Shaheed Parivar Project, the House Rebuilding Project aims to support families affected by traumatic events or natural disasters. In last two years, KAI rebuilt 257 homes in Panjab. This project helps families rebuild their homes and their livelihoods.

Kidney Dialysis

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

In 2023, KAI has recently opened Panjab's most affordable Kidney Dialysis Centre in Fatehgarh Churian, Amritsar. Unfortunately, many cannot afford medical treatments. This project aims to support those from economically deprived backgrounds. At this centre, KAI covers 70% of the Dialysis fee. So far, KAI has treated 228 dialysis patients.



Mera Pind 360

Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

A pilot programme in collaboration with Friends of Panjab was developed to help aid five villages beginning with Lopon Village in the Mogo district. The project will support the village through a Centre that will give the community access to a library and IT hall where people can receive Computer Technology training. The local community will also be allowed to participate in regular cultural events. In addition, the Centre will help fund the costs for anyone requiring ID documents within the village.

Kenya

In March 2022, to supplement the Government's efforts in combating Famine in Kenya, Khalsa Aid International, in partnership with Ramgarhia Youth Association and Kenya Red Cross Society, supported community members affected by the severe drought in Boa and Shanta Abaaq, Wajir County. The drought affected tens of thousands of families. There was no food, animals died, and water was scarce. KAI funded 10,000 food bags and distributed these with the help of KRCS and RYA to support the most vulnerable community members across the affected counties.

In the first phase of the project, the following items were distributed:

- Kaben Sub-Location, Mariah Sub-Location, Endo Location - food packs distributed to 500 households.
- Ileret Ward, North Horr Sub County - distributed 1000 food packs.
- Shanta Abaq - relief items distributed to 350 families.
- Boa - relief items distributed to 150 families.
- Narok - distributed 500 food packs.
- Elgeyo Marakwet - distributed 500 food packs.
- Kajiado - distributed 500 food packs, each pack was 15kg.
- Baringo County distributed 1000 food packs
- Kibwezi West, Makueni County - supported 500 households with food items.

Distribution for the second phase is still in process.













Madagascar Emergency Relief

Last year, Madagascar was left devastated by a tropical cyclone, Batsirai. The Office of Risks and Disasters reported that approximately 90,819 civilians were affected, at least 8,200 houses were destroyed, and more than 2,700 were damaged.

KAI sent volunteers in May 2022 and November 2022 to assist with rebuilding homes for the local population. We made shelters for 21 families helping over 72 members in Mananjary. We encouraged and promoted resilience amongst those displaced by training the beneficiaries on construct-ing shelters and providing them with the materials needed to rebuild their livelihoods.

The impact of the aid provided the beneficiaries with shelter. Shelter is an essential human need in an environment prone to natural hazards. This consequently offered security and protection for the beneficiaries and prevented ill health and diseases. Our work aligned with SDG 8, Decent Work and Economic Growth, as we sourced all materials locally to construct the shelters.

After the devastation of Batsirai, Madagascar faced more turmoil when in January 2023, Cheneso, a tropical cyclone, caused severe damage to infrastructure, displacing 55,000 people. KAI focused its attention on Ambohibary, a region that was impacted severely by the cyclone. Khalsa Aid International's volunteers provided essential food packs to 400 families in Ambohibary.

Malawi Emergency Relief

Cyclone Freddy caused devastating floods and mudslides in Southern Malawi. The weather system brought about torrential rainfall, heavy winds, and other destructive weather conditions, resulting in a humanitarian crisis in Malawi. Our teams on the ground prioritised aiding displaced families with food parcels. The first phase was distributing 1,030 emergency relief packs to Thyolo and Mu-lanje District families. Following this, our team reached other districts in Malawi, providing 1,270 food parcels to families in the Zomba District, Chikwawa District and Phalombe District.





Malawi Development Programme

Our team provides monthly distributions to a hospital in the Chirazulo District for the patients and their family members who visit them. We aid approximately 300 monthly beneficiaries who receive essential items such as maise flour, rice, salt, soya chunks, sugar and cooking oil. These items are distributed to the most vulnerable individuals. This is an ongoing project.

In 2021, crops were 20% lower due to damage caused by cyclones Ana and Gombe. Earlier this year, our team implemented a food security project where we assisted 2,000 farmers with 10kg NPK, 10kg UREA and 2kg Maise seeds in Mulanje district, Phalombe district and Chiradzulu district. This helped tackle food insecurity and increased crop yield for the local farmers.







New Zealand Emergency Relief

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being

The Gabrielle cyclone hit New Zealand from 12 to 16 February, with a national state of emergency being declared on 14 February 2023.Our volunteers from Australia reached there.

The KAI team bought goods such as sandwich Makers, bandages, storage tubs, Dettol, sanitary pads, shampoo, plastic water kettles, quilts and quilt covers, pillows, fitted sheets, storage tubs, mixed canned food, water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap etc. distributed among affected people.

Pad the Path Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 5 - Gender Equality

Our unique Pad the Path programme, established in 2019, aims to establish a sustainable approach towards ending period poverty. The programme is implemented in sub-Saharan Africa and works alongside grassroots organisations to encourage female empowerment, the betterment of female menstrual health, and environmental sustainability. Aid delivery for this programme has three components:

- A menstrual health and hygiene workshop
- An educational booklet
- A sustainable menstrual hygiene management kit



Our hygiene management kits were locally sourced and manufactured washable sanitary pads to reform girls' experience of menstruation.

In the past year, KAI expanded its successful initiative by introducing the project to new districts in Malawi. A total of 1837 schoolgirls and teachers participated in our workshop, where we educated the girls on menstruation and provided them with reusable sanitary kits. We aim to continue our Pad the Path programme in the coming year to help address and tackle period poverty.



Philippines Emergency Relief

In September 2022, Cyclone Noru had a catastrophic impact on many provinces across the Philippines, with torrential rains, extreme winds and landslides destroying the country's infrastructure. Over 74,000 people were evacuated, and thousands of homes were damaged, displacing people into rescue camps or other evacuation centres. KAI concentrated its efforts in the Quezon Province. The team provided food parcels, essential items and solar lights to approximately 1000 families.

In February 2023, a flash flood hit the Palawan province in the Philippines, affecting 11,000 families, mainly farmers and their livelihoods. The flood caused severe damage to crops and farmland, lead-ing to significant economic losses for the affected farmers. In the aftermath of the flood, our team on the ground worked closely with affected farmers to assess the extent of the damage and pro-vide the necessary support for their recovery. KAI identified 100 farmer families in Barangay Amas, Municipality Brook's Point, in Palawan Province, to support with seeds and other essential farming equipment. As the floods affected their livelihoods, our relief efforts aimed to help support the farmers by providing them with the necessary items to become self-sufficient again.

Water4Africa Development Programme

SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation



Water4Africa is our long-term development programme to achieve water security within the African continent. Water scarcity continues to be a problem for African countries, with severe droughts amplifying the problem. KAI focuses on installing solar-powered and hand-powered water pumps for local villages, schools, and livestock.

Water4Africa, Zambia

KAI visited Zambia in November 2022. The team continued working on providing access to clean water in Zambia by installing 3 new solar-panelled water pumps in primary schools in the villages of Keezwa, Muchabi and Nyambo. These water pumps will provide clean drinking water to over 15,000 students, teachers, and residents. To date, KAI has installed nine solar-powered systems across Zambia.

Water4Africa, The Gambia

This year KAI expanded its Water4Africa project into The Gambia by installing 11 new solar-panelled water pumps in the villages of Luluchor, Kaimo, Ndofan, Batabute Kantora, Kasila, Kappa, Sinchu Gidon, Karorr, Nyangit, Upat, and Katakaur. Together, these 11 pumps provided approximately 4000 residents with clean water. To date, 14 water pumps have been installed in The Gambia.

Water4Africa, Malawi

KAI began working in Malawi in 2015, and our efforts are ongoing. Over the past year, our team has installed 7 hand pumps, benefiting approximately 1842 local families and their livestock. In total, KAI has installed 51 water systems across Malawi.



Water4Africa, Kenya

The installation of our two-water borehole in Kenya, in the regions of Narok and Masai Mara which was started in the previous year, has now been completed. In May 2022, our partners Ramgarhia Youth Association joined in with the local community's celebration at the opening of the water borehole in Ololgoo Tampoi Aitong Location in Narok . This borehole will provide clean water to approximately 2,000 local individuals as well as local livestock.

Prior to the borehole the residents did not have clean and reliable water point and would trek ap-proximately 20 kilometres daily in search of it.

We believe the water borehole will positively impact their lifestyles.

Winter Aid UK Emergency Relief

KAI is committed to assisting and supporting those in need, especially during times of crisis. That is why we were deeply concerned to hear about the unbearable pressure on the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK last year. The British Medical Association reported that waiting times for Accident and Emergency (A&E) in England were at their highest level since records began, with over 4 million people waiting more than 7-8 hours for treatment.

In response to this crisis, KAI delivered refreshing snacks and drinks to A&E departments across numerous London hospitals daily from December 2022 to January 2023. We wanted to do our part to help ease the distress caused to patients and staff working under highly challenging circum-stances.

We were humbled by the tremendous positive feedback we received within a few days of the programme launching.

An example below is from Lucy Tebbit, a healthcare worker at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough, who said,

"We are so very grateful. I have experienced you all coming around, and I know the staff and patients are very grateful. We are working in very challenging times, and your generosity has made days a little easier. Thank you." This was one of many wonderful messages from staff and patients.

We are committed to continuing our efforts to support the NHS and its dedicated staff as they work to provide essential care to those in need.





Events

Snowdon Hike 2022

In 2022, KAI hosted its biggest fundraiser of the year! Khalsa Aid International's Snowdon Hike event has been ongoing since 2011. Last year was the 10th annual hike and the first one since the Pandemic. 2022 was a record-breaking fundraising event. Over 600 people participated in the hike and raised over £150,000. KAI was joined by volunteers who ensured participants received delicious food, snacks and drinks, a medal and KAI-branded apparel to commemorate their achievement.



International Students Event 2023

Over the past year, KAI heard many stories of people profiteering from newly enrolled students regarding housing, employment practices, and sexual exploitation. Often students may come from places where they are wary of the police or authority figures and feel they can't approach them for help. Because KAI can understand them from a cultural and linguistic point of view, many students from South Asia found it easier to approach us.

As a result, in January and February 2023, KAI facilitated seminars to allow guest speakers to provide information to help the students with their day-to-day lives and help them plan for the future. The speakers were from various fields, such as police, lawyers, doctors, visa specialists, mental health experts and student services. The information they received gave them the needed help and reduced the risk of exploitation. 95 international students attended the seminars, of which 15 received our food parcels as they struggled to make ends meet.



Partnerships

In the current year, KAI has engaged in several partnerships with organisations that help aid in our key focus areas.

1. International Rescue Committee - £87,800

The partnership between KAI and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) concluded last year. Khalsa Aid International's funding had been vital for refugee integration services in the UK since July 2021. The six-week Job Readiness Training facilitated by this partnership empowered refugees to navigate the UK job market effectively. Although the partnership has ended, KAI anticipates future collaborations, acknowledging the positive impact on refugees' lives and livelihoods.

2. The Felix Project - £29,000

KAI formed a partnership with The Felix Project to help fight hunger in London. The Felix Project is London's largest food redistribution charity, rescuing good food that cannot be sold and delivering it directly to other charities and schools. Continuing from 2021, donations to date from KAI have been used to buy 23.4 tonnes of fruit and vegetables, equivalent to approximately 58,500 meals for 1000 charities and schools, serving people in need across the UK. With Khalsa Aid International's UK outreach programme Langar Aid providing meals in the Midlands this partnership allows KAI to also feed those in need in the South of the UK.



Risk Management

KAI is committed to providing humanitarian aid and relief to the most vulnerable and in need around the globe. This commitment means the charity operates in countries affected by war, conflict, humanitarian and environmental disasters and general uncertainty. Operating in these environments gives rise to significant risks and uncertainties, which we have managed through our extensive experience in this field, supported by a framework of systems and processes.

Khalsa Aid Internationals overall approach to risk management is to identify and accept an appropriate level of risk working in the humanitarian response environment. The Management team reviews and assesses the major risks to which KAI is exposed to, in particular, those relating to the operations, income generation and finances.

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. As with all other charities in the current financial climate, our income by way of donations has seen fluctuations.

Staff Safety

Our staff work in parts of the world that are impacted by conflict and/or natural disasters. These environments present a number of risks to the safety of our staff, as such, safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance, and we have a number of procedures to manage these risks. Hostile Environment training is provided to all of our field staff/volunteers alongside continual monitoring of the security situation in every single country we work in, ensuring we had adequate measures in place to keep our staff as safe as possible.





Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

The charity has a minimum of four trustees who meet regularly to review projects. The trustees look at the finances and appraise long term projects before funds are committed. The day-to-day running of the charity is co-ordinated by a full-time Chief Executive who is supported by other staff members and trustees as necessary.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees directs and oversees the organisation in accordance with its statutory obligations. The Trustees of KAI recognise good governance is vital to the effectiveness of our mission and an important safeguard for accountability to the public and other stakeholders.

The Trustees of KAI consider, both individually and collectively, that they have at all times acted in a manner that they consider will be most likely to promote the success of the charity in meeting its aims and objectives as set out in its governing documents and in ensuring its long-term security.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Each Trustee within KAI is a volunteer, selected because of their breadth of skills, knowledge and experience to support the strategic aims of the charity. Trustees are selected from the pool of volunteers and supporters of KAI as nominated by the CEO, operational managers or the trustees.

The Trustees are predominately from within the 'Sikh' community in the UK. The charity has appointed trustees who are professional, have good standing within their local communities and are actively promoting and supporting the work of Khalsa Aid International. Further trustees are being sought with skillsets in areas that could be beneficial to the development of the organisation, and in the current year, Karamjit Kaur Grewal and Sukhraj Singh have been added as trustees to strengthen the expertise of our Board. We lost two of the existing Trustees, namely Amarjit Singh Bansal and Karamjit Kaur Grewal.

Induction and training of new trustees

An induction process for new trustees is in place which comprises of a full overview of our strategic priorities, operational matters and organisational policies & procedures. In addition, trustees have the ability to visit our frontline operations, either in the UK or abroad to better understand the impact of our humanitarian and development projects.

All efforts have been made to keep trustees updated on their roles and responsibilities. Regular monthly meetings are held by the trustees and the core team members of Khalsa Aid International. These meetings are used to update trustees on key developments, their responsibilities and potential professional development opportunities suggested by stakeholders such as the Charities Commission.

Key Personnel

The Trustees delegate responsibility for operational management to the Chief Executive, who leads a Senior Leadership team, together comprising a Chief Operating Officer, a Programme Manager and Project coordinators.

Mr R.S Sidhu remains CEO and is in full-time employment with the charity with a salary of £45,000 per annum. Our Chief Technology Officer (CTO) now works full-time to manage and ensure the safety of the charities cyber security, databases and internal I.T. systems.

The COO develops organisational strategies, policies, and processes, and is responsible for their implementation, following Board review, advice and approval. KAI will continue to develop its internal policies and operating procedures to ensure transparency and accountability to our donors and supporters.

The Programmes Manager with support from UK and overseas project coordinators oversees and coordinates our humanitarian programmes (emergency relief and development programmes) and monitors key performance indicators (KPIs).

The support staff in the Taplow office has now increased to help assist with our growing operations and one of our employees in the Coventry office, who manages the Langar Aid project, has now moved to full-time.

Reserves

Free reserves represent that part of general reserves that is not tied up in tangible assets and is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. At the year end the charity's free reserves were £13,692,958. The Trustees are conscious that free reserves currently exceed the levels required to run the charity at present levels of activity for the short-to-medium term future. The surplus free reserves have arisen primarily as a result of fundraising receipts in recent years over and above the levels that had been anticipated. The Trustees have a plan to gradually apply the surplus free reserves to charitable purposes through the following activities:

- Recruiting and scaling up the UK operation
- Designing and implementing new "ongoing" (as opposed to disaster response) projects which will create increased predictability around charitable activities spending for budgeting purposes.
- Investing surplus cash in the following ways:
  - Purchase property to act as the charity's main premises and provide stability and security for the charity's future.
  - With an investment manager, striking a balance between risk, return and having access to funds.

These activities will be undertaken gradually, ensuring that growth is well-controlled and well-targeted to the charitable aims of the organisation, maximising public benefit.

Executive Management Team and Trustees' Responsibilities

Board And Management Roles

To ensure our Trustees understand their role and responsibilities they are required to review the Charity Commission's guidance: The Essential Trustee (CC3) and the charity's governing document before joining the Board and then on an annual basis.

The Board's principal roles are:

- Approving the mission, strategies and high level policies
- Appointing and overseeing the Chief Executive
- Monitoring performance and risk management
- Reporting performance with integrity and transparency
- Ensuring compliance with U.K. law and Charity Commission regulations
- Managing its own governance processes, including annual evaluation of Board, Committee, Chair and individual Trustee performance
- Representing the interests of Khalsa Aid Internationals stakeholders.
- Providing strategic advice to management

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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 in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefit

We undertake strategic planning to ensure that we deliver the maximum public benefit and achieve our strategic objectives, which fall under the purposes defined by the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in setting our objectives and planning our activities.

Volunteers

KAI is generously supported by a network of committed and passionate volunteers across the globe. The charity maintains its own Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking facility, these checks do not hold merit when volunteers and staff work abroad. However, for our safeguarding purposes the charity will carry out checks on staff/volunteers in the U.K. Any disclosures made will be treated with confidentiality and managed by the board of trustees. AII reasonable efforts will be made to ensure staff/volunteers from outside of the U.K. are of good standing and references will be sought before working with Khalsa Aid International.

Statement on Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt our ability to continue as a going concern. The annual financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

Board of trustees

Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra	Mr Amarjit Singh Bansal	Mr Tarvinder Singh Gill
Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal	Mrs Karamjit Kaur Grewal	Mr Sukhraj Singh Sanghera

This Trustees' Annual Report, prepared under the Charities Act 2011, was approved by the Board of Trustees on, 28-Nov-2023 and is signed on behalf of the Board of trustees by:



Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee



Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee



Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Khalsa Aid International (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as of 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year that ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the finan-cial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the prepara-tion of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concerned and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material mis-statement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

We have considered:

- The nature of the charity and sector, control environment and operating performance;
- The charity's own assessment, including assessments made by key management, of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or of error;
- Any matters we identified having reviewed the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
  - Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
  - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
  - The internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed amongst the audit engagement team.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as the disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act and tax legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulations. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report 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 audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



UHY Ross Brooke
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Suite I, Windrush Court
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Date: 29/11/23

UHY Ross Brooke is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

Statement of Financial Activities

(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	**3**	3,267,688	910,671	4,178,359	7,337,059
Investments	**4**	149,899	-	149,899	51,105
Other income	**5**	-	-	-	-
Total income		3,417,587	910,671	4,328,258	7,388,164
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**6**	115,247	-	115,247	79,978
Charitable activities	**7**	2,696,563	1,620,020	4,316,583	3,949,170
Total expenditure		2,811,810	1,620,020	4,431,830	4,029,148
Net (expenditure)/income		605,777	(709,349)	(103,572)	3,359,016
Net gains(losses) on investments	**10**	(295,410)	-	(295,410)	8,399
Net movement in funds		310,367	(709,349)	(398,982)	3,367,415
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		14,097,566	1,035,944	15,133,510	11,766,095
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		14,407,933	326,595	14,734,528	15,133,510

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.
The notes on pages 49 to 59 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		714,975		682,057
Investments	**12**		2,799,439		2,971,496
			3,514,414		3,653,553
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	136,968		30,783	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,235,931		11,513,179	
		11,372,899		11,543,962	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(152,785)		(64,005)	
Net current assets			11,220,114		11,479,957
Total assets less current liabilities			14,734,528		15,133,510
Funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		326,595		1,035,944
Unrestricted income funds			14,407,933		14,097,566
Total funds			14,734,528		15,133,510

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 28-Nov-2023 and are signed on their behalf, by:

Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee

Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**19**		(234,444)		3,556,480
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**11**	(69,350)		(73,556)	
Net purchase of investments		(123,353)		(2,963,097)	
Investment income received	**4**	149,899		51,105	
Net cash used in investing activities			(42,804)		(2,985,548)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			(277,248)		570,932
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			11,513,179		10,942,247
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			11,235,931		11,513,179

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

Khalsa Aid International is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The address of its principal place of business is Unit 8 Lake End Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JQ and th nature of its operations are set out in the trustees' report.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

It is the policy of the charity not to provide depreciation on land & buildings, this is a departure from the Charities SORP. The property is maintained to a high standard and the trustees consider that the life of the property is so long and that the residual value is so great that depreciation is not considered material.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transation costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Debtors

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.11 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required In settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates It will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods of services it must provide.

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

1.12 Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Pension benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and Judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will; by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	3,267,688	897,726	4,165,414	5,877,317	1,418,542	7,295,859
Grants	-	12,945	12,945	-	41,200	41,200
	3,267,688	910,671	4,178,359	5,877,317	1,459,742	7,337,059

4. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments	80,977	40,430
Interest receivable	68,922	10,675
	149,899	51,105

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Government grant income	-	-
	-	-

6. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Portfolio management	20,321	-
Advertising	21,274	6,257
Worldpay charges	31,027	58,023
Merchandise purchases	18,680	15,646
Fundraising expenses	23,945	52
	115,247	79,978

7. Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	500,203	313,058
Charitable expenditure	3,816,380	3,636,112
	4,316,583	3,949,170

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	2,696,563	2,846,287
Restricted funds	1,620,020	1,102,883
	4,316,583	3,949,170

7. Charitable activities (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £
Australia	69,584	-	43,400	-
Austria	2,163	-	-	-
Europe	-	-	1,342	-
Focus Punjab-India	447,227	695,591	-	-
Gambia	121,606	-	23,983	-
Hungary	-	-	697	-
India	256,016	263,286	845,691	1,008,935
Iraq	199,776	-	169,011	-
Kenya	84,220	-	50,676	-
Madagascar	25,571	-	25,621	-
Malawi	125,214	-	50,797	-
Malaysia	-	-	698	-
Moldova	44,346	-	27,840	-
Mozambique	-	-	-	-
Nepal	-	-	88,583	-
New Zealand	3,908	-	-	-
Pakistan	8,801	170,363	5,756	-
Philippines	29,902	-	29,070	-
Poland	25,408	125,000	15,015	-
Romania	-	-	3,603	-
Russia	-	-	1,100	-
Slovakia	-	-	638	-
Turkey	2,243	274,699	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	47,732	-
UK/Langar Aid	484,212	91,081	831,462	93,948
Ukraine	28,546	-	-	-
Vietnam	-	-	2,018	-
Zambia	81,124	-	22,960	-
Support costs	639,196	-	546,844	-
Governance costs - auditor's remuneration	17,500	-	11,750	-
	2,696,563	1,620,020	2,846,287	1,102,883

8. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year apart from the reimbursement of expenses, which are set out in note 18.

During the year, Ravi Singh, the CEO who is the family member of a Trustee, received £ 48,917 (2022: £46,163) in remuneration for their services.

The total amount of remuneration received by key management personnel is £ 260,773 (2022: £ 181,989).

9. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	14	10

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	454,798	286,017
Social security costs	39,122	23,382
Other pension costs	6,283	3,659
	500,203	313,058

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: £60,000)

10. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	(238,342)	(8,346)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(57,068)	16,745
	(295,410)	8,399

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computers £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2022	570,000	54,341	51,230	72,920	748,491
Additions	-	11,934	26,216	31,200	69,350
At 31 March 2023	570,000	66,275	77,446	104,120	817,841
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2022	-	18,866	21,742	25,826	66,434
Depreciation charged in the year	-	11,357	12,756	12,319	36,432
At 31 March 2023	-	30,223	34,498	38,145	102,866
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2023	570,000	36,052	42,948	65,975	714,975
At 31 March 2022	570,000	35,475	29,488	47,094	682,057

12. Rathbones investments

	Listed Investments £	Investment Portfolio Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	2,971,496	-	2,971,496
Additions	648,781	78,289	727,070
Valuation changes	(295,410)	-	(295,410)
Disposals	(603,717)	-	(603,717)
At 31 March 2023	2,721,150	78,289	2,799,439
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	2,721,150	78,289	2,799,439
At 31 March 2022	2,971,496	-	2,971,496

13. Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,721,150	2,971,496

14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	133,736	24,085
Prepayments and accrued income	3,232	6,698
	136,968	30,783

15. Creditors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other taxation and social security	250	1,023
Trade creditors	17,504	24,364
Other creditors	21,958	22,964
Accruals and deferred income	113,073	15,654
	152,785	64,005

16. Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	-	569,921	(274,699)	295,222
Panjab Floods Appeal	439,831	-	(408,458)	31,373
Pakistan Floods Appeal	-	170,363	(170,363)	-
Langar Aid	58,639	32,442	(91,081)	-
Hartlepool for Ukraine war	-	125,000	(125,000)	-
India Covid Relief	537,474	12,945	(550,419)	-
	1,035,944	910,671	(1,620,020)	326,595

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 31 March 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Tangible assets	714,975	-	714,975
Investments	2,799,439	-	2,799,439
Net current assets	10,893,519	326,595	11,220,114
	14,407,933	326,595	14,734,528

As at 31 March 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible assets	682,057	-	682,057
Investments	2,971,496	-	2,971,496
Net current assets	10,444,013	1,035,944	11,479,957
	14,097,566	1,035,944	15,133,510

18. Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following types of transactions with trustees and related parties.

	Number of trustees		Amount	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
			£	£
Cash floats provided to facilitate expenditure in non-UK projects	3	2	26,675	17,351
Salary paid to a relative of a trustee for warehouse work	1	1	1,171	3,496
Reimbursement of small expenses	2	4	334	458
Total	6	7	28,180	21,305

19. Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(398,982)	3,367,415
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(149,899)	(51,105)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Investment (gains)/losses	295,410	(8,399)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	36,432	32,247
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(106,185)	225,251
(Decrease)/increase in Creditors	88,780	(8,929)
Cash generated from operations	(234,444)	3,556,480

20. Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

21. Operating lease commitments

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases at the end of the reporting period was:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than one year	58,680	8,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	60,200	-
After more than five years	50,000	-
	168,880	8,000

22. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	5,877,317	1,459,742	7,337,059
Investments	51,105	-	51,105
Other income	-	-	-
Total income	5,928,422	1,459,742	7,388,164
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	79,978	-	79,978
Charitable activities	2,846,287	1,102,883	3,949,170
Total expenditure	2,926,265	1,102,883	4,029,148
Net (expenditure)/income	3,002,157	356,859	3,359,016
Net gains(losses) on investments	8,399	-	8,399
Net movement in funds	3,010,556	356,859	3,367,415
Fund balances at 1 April 2021	11,087,010	679,085	11,766,095
Fund balances at 31 March 2022	14,097,566	1,035,944	15,133,510

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Message From Our Trustees

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh
Khalsa belongs to Waheguru (eternal creator) and victory belongs to Waheguru

Trustees Annual Report
The Trustee Board of Khalsa Aid International is honoured to present the financial report and summary of the charity's work for year ended 31st March 2022.

The past year will be remembered as a point in time where many felt they were able to 'go back to normal'. Various lockdown restrictions were lifted and slowly but surely, people managed to spend quality time with their loved ones again. Many of us emerged from the lockdown with a new found appreciation for our local communities and an unwavering spirit that joined us together as a nation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At Khalsa Aid, we continued our relief work to ensure the most vulnerable communities in the UK and abroad were supported to deal with the long term impact of lockdown restrictions. Our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to deliver huge quantities of oxygen concentrators and surplus PPE to other countries who were struggling to deal with the number of patients seeking medical treatment.

Our dedicated volunteer base has continued to support us during the past year and our aid programmes continued to grow in size and impact across the world. We have now increased the size of our team to expand the number of projects that we can deliver and to maintain our high standards across all of our systems and processes going forwards.

We have worked in partnership with a number of large organisations that meet our strategic objectives to collaboratively deliver aid and will continue to explore avenues that allow Khalsa Aid to have a meaningful impact on the lives of the people we touch.

Our renewed focus on providing aid is required now more than ever, given the global economic climate and onset of the Ukraine war. Khalsa Aid will always stand with those in need in their most difficult times and we hope Waheguru (the eternal creator) continues to give us the ability to undertake Sewa (selfless service) for the betterment of humanity around the globe.

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Message From Our Chief Executive

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This last year has seen us all face many challenges as the Covid pandemic left its footprint across the globe, whether in the personal losses people have faced of loved ones or the loss of income which sustained family life. As the CEO I have endeavoured to ensure all our global chapters have been working to support those in need at this time, both globally and locally. Often it is just a helping hand that is the most comforting in these dire circumstances and I am immensely proud of all our teams and volunteers who work tirelessly to be a beacon of hope to others. This is the ethos that runs through the core of Khalsa Aid and embodies the Sikh principle of 'Sarbat Da Bhalla'.

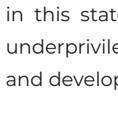
Our work throughout the second wave of Covid saw our teams reaching out to many communities who were in need, working with major airlines and medical suppliers to facilitate the delivery of resources on the ground, wherever a need was identified, be it oxygen concentrators, personal protection equipment or medical resources to hospitals across India, Trinidad & Tobago, Nepal and Vietnam.

Meanwhile our work of supporting refugees and internally displaced communities across many countries facing conflict continues, from providing comfort in the form of a hot meal or providing emergency relief items, we endeavour to support all individuals in their hour of need. Our Langar Aid projects have fed many thousands across the world, and we are honoured to be in a position to take the Guru's Langar and message of humility and humanity outside of the confines of four walls. I thank all those who have supported our work and enabled our projects to grow from strength to strength.

Our work across India also continues to grow, and the past year saw us being an integral part of the farmers' protest, the world's longest and largest protest against draconian laws which would have potentially seen many farming communities taken over by large corporate firms, to the detriment of the communities and farmers. In India, the Northern state of Punjab currently faces many challenges and our focus remains on the betterment of those in need in Punjab with our monthly project expenditure being the largest in this state, from medical support to education for underprivileged students we continue to strengthen and develop our programmes further.

Khalsa Aid International today is a globally recognised aid organisation with partners in various Rotary clubs, Lions clubs and hundreds of grassroot NGOs who also work for the betterment of underprivileged or disaster-stricken people. Moving forward my focus remains steadfast on improving and strengthening governance processes for the organisation in the United Kingdom and across our global chapters. Transparency in operating procedures is of the utmost importance to me personally as the organisation is funded entirely by the public and our supporters hail from all communities and backgrounds. I am actively seeking to engage individuals who have an established and proven record of best practice in governance to oversee the organisation's processes.

I have witnessed this organisation grow from a simple idea to a truly international NGO. I am eternally grateful to the Sikh community who have enabled this simple idea to flourish to where we are today, through their unwavering support and love. We will continue to grow and expand our international chapters over the coming year.



Ravinder Singh Sidhu
CEO/Founder
Khalsa Aid International

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Our Vision and Strategy

Our Vision

‘Sarbat Da Bhalla’ Welfare of all; Peace and prosperity for all. A world where everyone experiences the fullness of life; a life lived with dignity, free from poverty; where global resources are equitably shared and sustainably used; and where the voice and agency of the vulnerable and marginalised are fully realised.

Our Mission

We are an NGO inspired by our Sikh faith with two core principles at our heart. First, to recognise the whole human race as one, and second, selfless service (Sewa) to support society without any reward or personal/collective gain.

We seek to respond in practical ways to support people and communities in need, hardship or distress because of natural disaster, war or social and economic circumstances. We provide humanitarian aid in crises and emergencies to create sustainable and lasting change. We seek to mobilise, educate and empower people as agents for change to become passionate lifelong humanitarians for the betterment of society.

Our Values

We are guided by the Sikh teachings of Recognising the Whole Human Race as One. Our five core values are inspired by the Sikh faith and closely align to the universal humanitarian principles.

- Compassion (Daya)
- Righteousness (Dharam)
- Courage (Himmat)
- Commitment (Mokham)
- Leadership (Sahib)



Our Global 2030 strategy has five global goals that aim to ensure we respond effectively to humanitarian emergencies, contribute significantly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and advocate for positive social change.

Our Global Objectives

01 Reduce the impact of natural disasters and conflict.

02 Empower communities

03 Educate, empower and mobilise volunteers

04 Advocate for Change

05 Strengthen our Community

Our Year at a Glance

766,000+
Number of People Supported

2,700+
Lives saved with blood donations







300+
Medical Cases Funded



7+
Water pumps installed

328,500+
Hot Meals/Food Packs Served



18+
Active Global Projects Around the Globe

3,000+
Trees planted



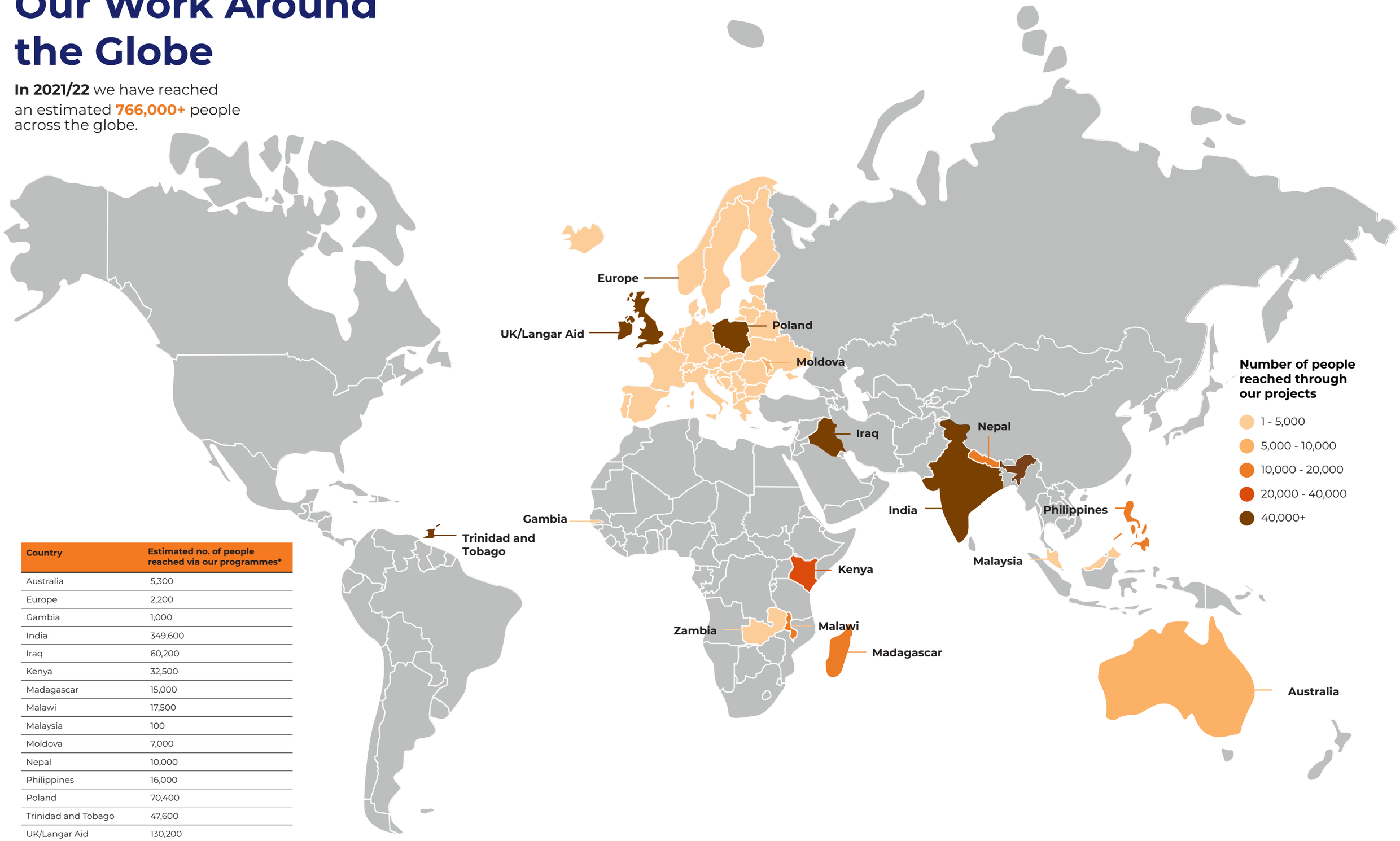
32,000+
PPE Kits Distributed



100+
Homes Rebuilt

Our Work Around the Globe

In 2021/22 we have reached an estimated **766,000+** people across the globe.



Country	Estimated no. of people reached via our programmes*
Australia	5,300
Europe	2,200
Gambia	1,000
India	349,600
Iraq	60,200
Kenya	32,500
Madagascar	15,000
Malawi	17,500
Malaysia	100
Moldova	7,000
Nepal	10,000
Philippines	16,000
Poland	70,400
Trinidad and Tobago	47,600
UK/Langar Aid	130,200
Zambia	1,800

**Rounded to nearest 100*

Our Projects

Projects undertaken this year

A summary of our wider projects is presented here. Further details of our work can be seen on our communication channels including our website and social media.

Khalsa Aid International is committed to sustainable development across all of its programmes. Where possible, each of our projects aligns to one or more of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International does not provide cash funding directly to any charitable organisation unless stated. It is our standard policy to provide funding directly to suppliers or stakeholders providing goods/services in relation to our humanitarian aid projects.

In Focus

Global Covid Relief

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being

At the start of the year many parts of the world were suffering with the impact of a devastating second wave of the Covid-19 virus. The medical infrastructure of many developing countries was placed under unbelievable pressure to try and cope with the number of infections.

Khalsa Aid International is very proud to have partnered with two major airlines in order to deliver critical medical supplies to hospitals across the world. Hundreds of oxygen concentrators, and thousands of items of surplus PPE were sourced and delivered directly to hospitals in India, Trinidad & Tobago, Nepal and Vietnam.

In other parts of world, Khalsa Aid International delivered thousands of large food parcels on a fortnightly basis to families and international students in Kenya, Zambia, Cyprus, Nepal, Malawi, Russia and Ukraine to help them cope with the impact of the pandemic.

India

The second Covid wave had a particularly horrific impact in India with daily infections at one point at around 300,000 people. In tragic circumstances, oxygen supplies in Delhi became scarce and people were being left to die without dignity, either on the way to hospital or in long queues waiting for treatment. Sadly, many individuals who had passed away due to Covid-19 were being cremated on public roads and spaces due to funeral facilities becoming overwhelmed or the financial constraints of families.

Khalsa Aid International launched an appeal in April 2021 to assist India with the impact of Covid-19. We are indebted to our donors and partners who were able to donate the following quantity of essential items worth £190,493.70:



Area	Quantity	Financial Value (£)
Concentrator Masks	36	72.00
Concentrator Tubes	60	120.00
Face Masks	243,069	72,920.70
Face Visor/Shield	1,400	1,400.00
Hand Sanitisers	3,408	3,408.00
Other breathing apparatus	64	1,609.00
Oxygen Concentrators	442	110,500.00
Pulse Oximeter	116	464.00

We partnered with Virgin Atlantic and British Airways to air freight these donations directly to India where volunteers from Khalsa Aid India were able to distribute these supplies on the ground to hospitals and medical centres in desperate need.

We also express our sincere gratitude to the significant monetary donations Khalsa Aid International received to assist with our Covid relief work in India, specifically from J.K. Rowling and KBF Canada.





As well as the above supplies, Khalsa Aid International spent over £850,000 on the following critical supplies to help to save people's lives:

- 2 PSA plants
- 1,000 oxygen cylinders of 50 litres each
- 1,000 oxygen flow meters
- 1,800 oximeters
- 500 infusion pumps
- Various PPE and emergency medical supplies

The second Covid wave had dire consequences across India, and we have the utmost gratitude to our volunteers on the ground from Khalsa Aid India who risked their lives to help provide others with emergency medical equipment and supply the resources to give those that sadly passed away, dignity in their last rites.

During Covid Khalsa Aid International distributed ration kits to needy Sikligar families and children spread all over Maharashtra and MP and in farflung areas in association with the Gurmat Prachar Charitable Trust.

Covid also affected the education of the Underserved children living in slum areas in Maharashtra. Many of them have not been able to pay the fees of last year. There were 130 students of classes 1st to 10th and 60 college-going students whose fees were funded by Khalsa Aid International in association with DBM India.

To date, Khalsa Aid India continues to provide medical aid to individuals who suffer from long term Covid related illnesses.

"We were overwhelmed by our supporters who, whilst still being subject to domestic lockdown restritions, were able to donate hundreds of oxygen concentrators and PPE that helped to save lives around the world. It is a great credit that major airlines wanted to partner with Khalsa Aid to deliver these emergency supplies to India and elsewhere at the height of the second wave. This whole operation proved that anything is possible, even in the most dire of circumstances, when people come together for a common goal."



Gurpreet Singh
Programmes Manager, UK

In Focus

Langar Aid

SDG 2 – Zero Hunger
SDG 10 – Reduce Inequalities

Langar Aid is one of Khalsa Aid's UK outreach programmes, launched in 2016. The project is based on the Sikh principle of Langar (Community Kitchen). Langar Aid strives to break down barriers and improve community cohesion, by offering the opportunity for people of all religions, ages and genders to come together by sharing food. This project started in Coventry and has grown from a weekly service to running multiple community initiatives, with a dedicated base in the West Midlands (Langar Aid House), operating seven days a week. Its objective is to support the homeless, vulnerable and isolated within local communities.

Langar Aid takes a collaborative approach and works with many stakeholders from charities who work with domestic violence survivors, to school breakfast clubs and migrant/refugee centres in the UK. Langar Aid outreach programmes are generously supported by large blue chip companies, local businesses, restaurants and major supermarkets.



Covid-19 response continued

The aftermath of the pandemic brought severe financial difficulties to many individuals and families. Langar Aid continued to offer their support of providing 10 days emergency food parcels containing nonperishable essential food items. We worked collaboratively alongside the local council, schools, mutual aid groups and like-minded agencies who were able to refer clients to receive food parcels. These food parcels were delivered to families, individuals, the elderly who were either self-isolating, on furlough, unemployed or financially struggling. Langar Aid also continued evening feeds seven days a week, along with running two morning shifts which were dedicated to food deliveries to schools across the West Midlands.

Food Parcels

Langar Aid have created strong relationships with over twenty schools in the West Midlands, providing food parcels for vulnerable and financially struggling families. Food parcels along with fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered on a fortnightly basis. This system provides a safe space for parents to collect much needed food items whilst reducing the perceived stigma attached to attending a food bank. Langar Aid also works with local family hubs and community groups to ensure all possible beneficiaries can be identified and food parcels can be delivered on request.



Supporting Afghan Refugees

In August 2021, due to the allied withdrawal from Afghanistan, there were a significant number of Afgan refugees migrating into the UK. During this period, Langar Aid were contacted by the Solihull Council to provide emergency lunch bags for refugees who were stranded at Birmingham Airport. The team were able to respond to the emergency at a fast pace and provided 3,000 sandwiches and lunch bags across three days. The team continue to provide food parcels for refugees migrating into Coventry, in partnership with the Coventry City Council resettlement team. Langar Aid were praised by local radios and newspapers for their rapid response to this emergency, and were also invited to the Pitting Operation Thank You Event held by Birmingham Airport, regarding the food support provided to the Afghan Refugees.

Working closely with local Schools

With Covid restrictions slowly being lifted, Langar Aid restarted their workshops with various primary and secondary schools in Coventry. The team were invited to schools to give interactive presentations about the concept of Langar, Seva and how young people can support their local community. Many students then volunteered Langar Aid House to help prepare food for evening meals which gave them a great sense of belonging and fosters a community spirit.

Emergency Response – Supporting West Midlands Police

Langar Aid responded to a request by the local police to provide hot food and refreshments to residents affected by a standoff with an armed resident in January 2022. Langar Aid set up a pop-up kitchen in a nearby area where local residents, the police and emergency services were able to stop for a hot meal during the tense situation. Over the course of three days, in total the team delivered hot meals to over 50 police officers each night at four different cordoned areas in Earlsdon, Coventry.



Recognition and Awards

Across the year, Langar Aid were recognised by various local newspapers/radio stations such as the Coventry Telegraph, Coventry Observer and BBC Coventry and Warwickshire radio for their continuous aid assistance. The team were also nominated by the Coventry Police Partnership and Whitley Academy (a school Langar Aid supports with a breakfast club and food parcels) for the BBC CWR Christmas Star. Khalsa Aid are honoured that Langar Aid was also awarded the West Midlands Police Outstanding Community Citizen Award in April 2021.

From 1st April 2021 – 31 March 2022 Langar Aid have served over 130,000 food parcels and hot meals.

> *"I would like to thank the Langar Aid team for taking their time out to help families like myself. We have really struggled since my husband was laid off from work. I am really worried what the future will hold with the cost of living going up. Without these food parcels we don't know what we would do. Thank you!"*
>
> **Parent of a local school where Langar Aid delivers food parcels.**

In Focus

Iraq

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being
SDG 5 - Gender Equality
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

The conflict in Iraq, which erupted in the summer of 2014, created a considerable exodus of internally displaced people (IDPs) within the country. Khalsa Aid International provides support to the Assyrian and Yazidi IDPs in the city of Erbil and district of Duhok and now has also expanded to Naynawa.

As part of Khalsa Aid International's long-term commitment to the region and displaced communities within Iraq, two full time aid assistants have been employed in the current year to assist our full time aid coordinator in order to oversee the humanitarian projects on a day-to-day basis, alongside identifying and gaining a better understanding of community needs.

This year despite the severe impact from the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing instability in the region, Khalsa Aid were still able to build on their established programmes in Iraq to provide aid to 21,082 IDPs and 32,107 refugees.



IDP Camps

Khalsa Aid International continued to support a number of IDP camps across different districts and on the borders of Iraq with hot meals and vital supplies

- Sharya camp (Duhok) - following a devasting fire which destroyed 400 tents forcing hundreds of families to relocate, Khalsa Aid provided hot meals for over 16,200 beneficiaries.
- Akre castle – food packs have been provided for 3,600 beneficiaries.
- Symalka – Faysh Khabur border (Iraq – Syria border) - More than 2,000 people migrated to the Kurdistan region following insecurity in Syria. Khalsa Aid served more than 10,000 meals to families crossing the border.
- Bardarash camp (Iraq- Syria border) - Syrian refugees had been transported to a new camp but had no cooking facilities. Khalsa Aid provided support for 17 days by serving more than 15,000 meals until adequate cooking facilities were put in place.



Khalsa Aid Clinic

The Akre Camp houses over 1,000 Syrian refugees (around 245 families) and unfortunately the medical clinic within the camp was coming under pressure due to its small size and damage to parts of the building from heavy rains.

Khalsa Aid's Iraq team was invited to the camp to assess the requirements of the residents and building work has now begun to construct a new Khalsa Aid health clinic to cater for the camp's increasing medical needs.

Eid & Children's' activities

Following attacks by ISIS in the past, Mosul (northern Iraq) has been left with hundreds of orphaned children who need psychological and financial assistance. There is limited opportunity for these children to enjoy activities or celebrate any events so Khalsa Aid organised an Eid shopping event.

350 orphaned children were transported on buses from their camps to the town to pick out any clothes of their choice as Eid gifts. This celebration spread joy throughout the camps and helped to make this year's Eid memorable for the children.

For Children's International Day, Khalsa Aid organised a day of activities for 22 children from the Khanke village who had fled from ISIS. These children were able to enjoy painting, arts and crafts and this was another way of our team helping to boost the morale of those living in the IDP camps.





Project Dignity

Project Dignity was launched in 2016 to support women and children who escaped enslavement from ISIS. This project assists women in regaining their sense of self-worth and provide gender specific humanitarian support where required.

The Yezidi women have suffered acute horrors at the hands of ISIS and as part of Project Dignity, this year Khalsa Aid helped to organise and fund ten Yezidi women activists to attend an English course at AUK University of Duhok. This is a three month course that will aim to improve their communication skills in English to increase their opportunities in the future.

Other relief projects

- Back to School – the Akre camp houses a majority of Syrian refugees with many young children unable to access a proper education. Khalsa Aid created and distributed 600 stationary kits to help the children in this camp start their education journey.
- Water tanks – Families that have fled ISIS were not able to afford proper water storage facilities and as a result were drinking contaminated water. Khalsa Aid provided antirusting plastic tanks for 20 families that that have provided clean water to more than 150 individuals.
- Iraq floods December 2021 – heavy rainfall flooded thousands of homes of Erbil's five largest neighbourhoods. Khalsa Aid International worked with the government to provide relief and distributed 7,000 blankets and 4,000 mattresses to assist those that could not go back to their homes.

In Focus

Ukraine War

SDG 16 - Peace Justice and Strong Institution
SDG 17 - Partnership for the Goals



Since the start of 2022, tensions were rising across Eastern Europe and unfortunately on the 24th February Ukraine deteriorated into a war zone following an invasion from Russia. Khalsa Aid International had been closely monitoring the increased hostilities and within 24 - 48 hours of war breaking out, we had representatives on the ground assisting at borders in five surrounding countries: Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova and Romania.

The focus of our emergency response was to assist the tens of thousands of people who had fled Ukraine via the borders of any neighbouring countries. Poland saw the highest number of refugees and at the Medyka/Shehyni border to Ukraine, we established a mobile outdoor kitchen to provide hundreds of hot meals every day to those crossing into Poland. This kitchen ran continuously for four weeks, and was a source of food, warmth and welcome for the refugees. In Moldova, langar (hot meals) stalls were set up at the Palanca border with meals being served every day for over a month with the assistance of local volunteers.

One of the key issues that emerged very early on was the evacuation requirements of international students who were stuck in Ukraine. Unfortunately, our team received multiple reports that Indian students could not easily access transportation trains out of Ukraine or were facing difficulties passing through the borders. Our volunteers on the ground organised transportation buses and identified temporary accommodation for Indian students who managed to cross the border to ensure they were safe. One example included our volunteer in Moldova organising and funding a safe route for a family with a 20 day old baby from the Ukraine border all the way to Romania and eventually to an airport with a plane back to India waiting. There were many similar examples of Khalsa Aid taking calls from concerned friends and family members about their loved ones in Ukraine that we were able to locate, provide vital travel logistic information to and support once they had successfully crossed the border.



In Moldova, Khalsa Aid International entered a partnership with the grassroots organisation Moldova for Peace to provide nearly a thousand food packs every week to Moldovan families who were housing Ukrainian families. Food and hygiene packs were also provided on a regular basis to a number of refugee camps in Moldova, that housed hundreds of people including many young children but unfortunately had limited food and hygiene supplies.

Between February and April 2022, our volunteers continued to travel from all over the world to assist with our emergency relief efforts. Post April 2022 our aid continued to expand, including medical supplies for internally displaced people across Ukraine's neighbouring countries.

Other Projects

Australia Emergency Relief

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger

Australia was struck by a number of severe floods in the year and our Khalsa Aid Australia team provided vital support to residents in the areas of Lismore and Oxley Island. This included distributing 200 first aid kits, cleaning kits and hygiene bags to families affected by the flooding, as well as distributing a range of food items and helping to arrange temporary transportation for residents.

The lockdown restrictions in Australia continued throughout June – August 2021 which meant access to food was still a challenge for certain groups of people. In Sydney, our team provided sleeping bags, clothing, hygiene items and served hot meals to the homeless community. In Perth, our volunteers cooked vegetarian breakfast for around 80 people at the Ronald McDonald House Charity. In Adelaide, hot meals were served to the homeless community, and in Melbourne large quantities of long life milk and dry pasta were distributed. These distributions were additional to the fresh food parcels our team provide to five food pantries across New South Wales and Victoria every few weeks.









Australia Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being

SDG 10 - Reduce Inequality

Khalsa Aid Australia continued to build on the strength of their partnership with the 'Lifeblood Teams' (Australian Red Cross blood donation group), by organising large scale blood donation drives. As of April 2021, due to the volunteers at our donation drives Khalsa Aid Australia are humbled that more than 3,000 lives have been saved.

This year our team have also started to provide support to the Aboriginal communities of Australia. These communities have often been overlooked from wider society programmes and as a result suffer from a disproportionate level of poverty and low income. Our team distributed over 3.5 tonnes of non-perishable food items and packs, warm clothing and camping gear. Our aim is to establish a longer term developmental programme to serve this community.

India

Khalsa Aid International's India office is located in Patiala, Punjab. The team operates several development projects to provide medical aid, welfare support, promote educational attendance and assist in home construction projects. These wide ranging development programmes take place across India, with the majority being located in Punjab. The programmes are often carried out collaboratively between team members from Khalsa Aid International and Khalsa Aid India and the Punjab based projects sit within our umbrella initiative 'Focus Punjab'.

Medical Aid, India Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being



Khalsa Aid International funds the medical treatment of patients who are from underprivileged backgrounds. In most of these cases, the treatment is either deferred or denied due to a lack of funds. Khalsa Aid International assist by providing the funds for the treatment, from hospital charges to medicines and aftercare fees. All requests for medical aid are assessed and verified by our coordinators. All of the fees are paid directly to the care providers and not to individuals. The charity has helped more than 300 patients with their medical treatment and spent over £490,000 in the last financial year. The majority of patients were located in Punjab whilst the others were from different parts of India.

Khalsa Aid India is comanaging the Guru Nanak Mission Hospital in Jammu. The hospital provides Dental, Physiotherapy, Gynaecology, Surgery, ENT and Orthopaedic care with state-of-the-art facilities. We have also introduced a specialised OPD and rehabilitation centre for advanced physiotherapy. The hospital catered to the needs of approximately 55,000 patients this year.



Sikligar Sikhs, India Development Programme

SDG 1 - No Poverty

SDG 4 - Quality Education

SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

Sikligar Sikhs were 'lohars' (ironsmiths) who once specialised in the craft of making weapons. The term 'Sikligar' was bestowed upon this community by Guru Gobind Singh (10th Sikh Guru). What the world knows as Damascus Steel, used in making some of the world's finest swords, was manufactured by Sikligars and shipped globally.

Due to the advancements in technology and education, the Sikligar Sikhs are an almost forgotten community in India. They are suffering with low literacy rates and unable to afford medical care which has kept them in a cycle of poverty. This year Khalsa Aid International developed a focused programme to assist this community with access to education, health and employment skills.

Food packages, enrolment for children into schools and financial assistance are already ongoing with plans to expand our support much wider going forwards.





Focus Punjab

Development Programme

SDG 1 - No Poverty
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 10 - Reduce Inequalities

This project has been extended to those families that have been adversely affected by the conflicts in Punjab during the 1980s. Khalsa Aid International and Khalsa Aid India jointly work on the identification and assessment of the affected families. This work is time consuming and challenging as many families are often vulnerable and hesitant to come forward. To ensure charitable funds are utilised effectively and efficiently, criteria and assessment procedures have been established that will enable greater consistency and transparency whilst we continue this project.

The Focus Punjab programme also sponsors children from underprivileged backgrounds to enroll them into schools, as well as religious education classes. There are currently two schools running successfully; the results of regular educational assessments carried out in the school are very encouraging and are on a par with, if not exceeding local private schools. These schools provide an opportunity to educate children who would otherwise be working in manual labour jobs with their parents.



In the current year, a focused initiative has been started in the village of Kot Dharmu (Mansa district). This village has a high number of widows as a result of farming debts. Khalsa Aid International has implemented a development programme to assist these families by:

- Rebuilding 23 new houses
- Carrying out repairs to 27 houses
- Providing 23 families with dairy farming livestock & equipment
- Enrolling individuals from 22 families with skills-based training to become self-sufficient (e.g. sewing)

Khalsa Aid International will continue their work in Kot Dharmu and roll out similar models of support to other villages across Punjab.



Biodiversity, India (Development Programme)
SDG 15 - Life on Land

This was a new project launched in the year aiming to increase biodiversity across Punjab. Due to agriculture intensification and monoculture of crops such as rice and wheat, the natural biodiversity of Punjab is significantly declining. The project aims to create mini forests across the state by planting Punjabi native, endangered, fruit and medicinal tree species. This will greatly impact the region's soil quality and maintain ecosystem services such as climate regulation, pollination, and soil and water conservation.

So far, our team has planted eight acres of tree thickets consisting of over 50 species of native trees that have been historically disappearing from the region. This will be a project that Khalsa Aid International will continue to expand in the future.



Kenya

Khalsa Aid has been operating in Kenya for over a decade with thanks to a number of local NGOs and organisations, most notably our partners the Ramgharia Youth Association (RYA).

Drought and Famine, Kenya Emergency Relief
SDG 2 - Zero Hunger
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being

The impact of the drought in Kenya became so severe that in September 2021, the Kenyan Government declared a national emergency, as nearly three million people were suffering from food insecurity. Khalsa Aid worked with the RYA and local partners such as the Kenyan Red Cross to organise a large scale food distribution programme to those families who were most affected by the drought.

Each vulnerable family received food parcels containing rice, maize meal, milk, salt, sugar, beans, green grams, cooking oil and soap. In total, Khalsa Aid served food parcels to around 2,500 families, benefitting approximately 12,500 individuals. There is a second phase of food distribution planned to continue to support the most vulnerable families during this emergency.





Madagascar Emergency Relief

Madagascar is experiencing their worst drought in over 40 years, with more than one million people struggling to have enough to eat. 91% of the population already live below the poverty line and the current drought has been described as an 'extreme crisis' by the UN.

Having had no previous presence in Madagascar, Khalsa Aid International connected virtually with a local food bank, Banque Alimentaire de Madagascar, and in December 2021 volunteers were sent from the UK to operate a food distribution programme in the Southern Region of the country where food insecurity has been the most severe. Since then, Banque Alimentaire de Madagascar has conducted several more distributions on Khalsa Aid International.

Across three phases of distribution, Khalsa Aid have provided food relief to approximately 15,000 people (3,000 households). Each food parcel contained large quantities of grains, pulses, beans, root vegetables, sugar, oil and salt which could last each household two weeks.

In February 2022, Cyclone Batsirai devastated Madagascar leaving more than 91,000 with destroyed or damaged homes. This has added to the woes of local people and by the financial year end Khalsa Aid International had plans in place for volunteers to be sent out in May 2022 to assist with rebuilding homes for the local population.

Malawi Emergency Relief

Cyclone Ana significantly damaged Malawi's infrastructure, affecting close to 414,000 people and displacing approximately 76,000 people. Many districts did not have access to food and power cuts left people without drinking water and electricity. Khalsa Aid distributed 1,100 food and warmth packs to victims who had been displaced from their homes. Each pack provided sustenance for three weeks and benefitted approximately 5,000 local residents.





Nepal Emergency Relief

Severe monsoons resulted in a significant number of landslides in Nepal that left thousands of people homeless and without access to basic necessities. This had a crippling effect on Nepal as the country was already struggling to deal with the number of hospitalisations as a result of Covid-19.

There are very few international NGO's operating in Nepal but due to Khalsa Aid International's continuous communications with the Nepalese government, they were permitted to enter and provide aid (one of the only international NGO's to provide aid in Nepal this year). The team's focus was to assist the most isolated and vulnerable communities, such as the 'Dalits', who were in a desperate state (some were eating only boiled leaves to survive).

Khalsa Aid's team had to be innovative to find ways to enter areas that had been cut off from larger transport infrastructure and this included using wood to build temporary bridges, riding donkeys, and travelling via a governmental helicopter to deliver aid.

In total, over 2,180 food parcels and 365 medical packs were distributed across eleven remote districts in Nepal. Khalsa Aid also assisted Nepalese hospitals to treat patients with Covid-19 by supplying 90 Oximeters and 39 oxygen concentrators. This aid is estimated to have benefitted approximately 10,000 local residents.







Pad the Path Development Programme

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being
SDG 4 - Quality Education
SDG 5 - Gender Equality

Our unique 'Pad the Path' programme, established in 2019, aims to establish a sustainable approach towards ending period poverty. The programme is implemented in sub-Saharan Africa and works alongside grassroots organisations to encourage female empowerment, the betterment of female menstrual health, and environmental sustainability. Aid delivery for this programme has three components that consists of a menstrual health and hygiene workshop, an educational booklet, and a sustainable menstrual hygiene management kit.

In the current year, Khalsa Aid International built on this successful initiative by rolling out the project to new districts in Malawi and Zambia. 400 school girls and more than 50 female teachers took part in our workshop, led by a local health professional, and our volunteers and they were given locally sourced and manufactured washable sanitary pads to reform their experience of menstruation entirely.

Philippines Emergency Relief

In December 2021, Typhoon Rai (Super Typhoon Odette) had a catastrophic impact on many provinces across the Philippines with torrential rains, extreme winds and landslides destroying the country's infrastructure. Thousands of homes were completely destroyed, displacing people into rescue camps or other evacuation centers.

Khalsa Aid concentrated its efforts in the Cebu and Palawan regions including areas where rescue camps were difficult to access due to the hilly terrain. The team provided flood relief to help people to access the nearest rescue camps and also distributed a total of over 2,800 food packs, 2,600 essential hygiene packs and 1,600 solar flood lights. Emergency aid was provided to approximately 4,000 families who were affected by the typhoon.





Trinidad & Tobago Emergency Relief

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being

Khalsa Aid International started work for the first time in Trinidad & Tobago by assisting local hospitals to deal with patients suffering from the Covid-19 pandemic. From July 2021, Khalsa Aid International provided ten ventilators, a hundred oxygenators and a significant volume of gloves, gowns and sanitizer directly to two hospitals to assist in their treatment of patients.

Water4Africa Development Programme

SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation

Water4Africa is our long term development programme aimed at achieving water security within the African continent. Water scarcity continues to be a problem for African countries with severe droughts amplifying the problem. Khalsa Aid International focuses on installing solar-powered and hand powered water pumps for local villages, schools and livestock. To date we have installed over 40 water pumps across Kenya, Zambia, The Gambia and Malawi, with seven being installed just this year alone.

Water4Africa, Kenya

The installation of our second water borehole in Kenya, which was started in the previous year, has now been completed in the Turkana Central region. This borehole will provide clean water to approximately 20,000 local individuals as well as local livestock. In addition, our team has begun construction for two further boreholes in the regions of Narok and Masai Mara.

Water4Africa, Zambia

Khalsa Aid continued working on providing access to clean water in Zambia by installing a new solar-powered water pump in a school in the village Kapila. This water pump will provide clean water to over 1,800 students, teachers, and other local residents. To date, Khalsa Aid has installed six clean water systems across Zambia.



Water4Africa, The Gambia

This year Khalsa Aid expanded its Water4Africa project into The Gambia by installing two new solar-powered water pumps in the villages of Jakin and Kabakorr. Together, these two pumps provide access to clean water for approximately 1,000 local residents as well as local livestock.

Water4Africa, Malawi

In Malawi, our team installed two new hand water pumps in the Thyolo district and a solar panelled water pump in Ereck village. These three pumps in total benefit around 12,000 local villagers and local livestock. To date, Khalsa Aid has installed in total 30 water systems across Malawi.

Winter Aid UK Emergency Relief

The cost of living crisis hit low income households in the winter particularly hard, especially the elderly and those with young children. There were a large number of households that were struggling to pay for basic necessities such as food, fuel, gas and electricity.

Khalsa Aid International worked with Slough Borough Council to identify the worst affected beneficiaries and then began hand delivering food parcels to these households every weekend during the winter. Alongside the food donations, Khalsa Aid also provided some assistance with the gas, electricity and fuel bills for those most vulnerable households. In total, the team's winter aid relief assisted over 160 individuals (approximately 62 families).



Partnerships

Khalsa Aid International is committed to providing humanitarian aid and relief to the most vulnerable and in need around the globe. This commitment means the charity operates in countries affected by war, conflict, humanitarian and environmental disasters and general uncertainty. Operating in these environments gives rise to significant risks and uncertainties, which we have managed through our extensive experience in this field, supported by a framework of systems and processes.

Khalsa Aid International overall approach to risk management is to identify and accept an appropriate level of risk working in the humanitarian response environment. The Management team reviews and assesses the major risks to which Khalsa Aid is exposed, in particular, those relating to the operations, income generation and finances.

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. As with all other charities in the current financial climate, our income by way of donations has seen fluctuations.

1. World Food Programme - £543,000

A partnership between WFP and Khalsa Aid International will deliver vitally needed support to Yemen and to refugees who have fled from Ethiopia's Tigray region to Sudan. In Yemen, Khalsa Aid International's contribution will go towards WFP's Healthy Kitchens programme, supporting collective kitchens that employ vulnerable members of the community – 80 per cent of whom are women – to prepare fresh, healthy meals for almost 10,000 school children. The meals are made with locally sourced ingredients and respect domestic food culture, while also providing local producers with regular business.

In Sudan, the partnership will facilitate essential nutrition assistance to refugees who have fled the Tigray crisis in neighbouring Ethiopia. This assistance will help protect and support tens of thousands of individuals, particularly children under five and pregnant and breastfeeding women who are at risk of suffering from malnutrition.

2. International Rescue Committee - £175,000

Khalsa Aid International and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) have launched a new partnership to support refugees with vital integration services in the UK. This partnership will build on the IRC's pre-existing RISE programme (Refugee Integration in Southeast England) which started earlier this year. There is a desperate need for employment sup-port for refugees in the UK and the cultural orientation and mentorship schemes run by RISE are a vital support system for both the refugees and their local communities.

3. The Felix Project - £52,000

Khalsa Aid International formed a partnership with The Felix Project to help fight hunger in London. The Felix Project is London's largest food redistribution charity, rescuing good food that cannot be sold, and delivering it directly to other charities and schools. Donations to date from Khalsa Aid International have been used to buy 56 tonnes of fruit and vegetables, equivalent to 135,275 meals for 256 charities and schools, serving people in need across 28 boroughs. With Khalsa Aid's UK outreach programme Langar Aid providing meals in the Midlands this partnership allows Khalsa Aid to also feed those in need in the South of the UK.

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COVID-19 Pandemic

Our teams worked incredibly hard during the Covid-19 pandemic, delivering aid in line with the frequently changing local country guidance on restrictions. Our UK staff returned to the office full time as the lockdown restrictions eased.

Our systems allowed our team globally to continue operating and communicating successfully during the lockdown periods. We launched more focused donation drives aimed at assisting other countries with the impact of the pandemic, e.g. providing India with thousands of oxygen concentrators.

We are thankful to our dedicated and engaged donor base who continued to support our work during this period and were keen to get involved in virtual fundraising activities.

Staff Safety

Our staff work in parts of the world which are impacted by conflict and/or natural disasters. These environments present a number of risks to the safety of our staff, as such, safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance and we have a number of procedures to manage these risks. Hostile Environment training is provided to all of our field staff/volunteers alongside continual monitoring of the security situation in every single country we work in, ensuring we have adequate measures in place to keep our staff as safe as possible.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational structure

The charity has a minimum of four trustees who meet regularly to review projects. The trustees look at the finances and appraise long term projects before funds are committed. The day to day running of the charity is coordinated by a full-time Chief Executive who is supported by other staff members and trustees as necessary.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees directs and oversees the organisation in accordance with its statutory obligations. The Trustees of Khalsa Aid International recognise good governance is vital to the effectiveness of our mission and an important safeguard for accountability to the public and other stakeholders.

The Trustees of Khalsa Aid International consider, both individually and collectively, that they have at all times acted in a manner that they consider will be most likely to promote the success of the charity in meeting its aims and objectives as set out in its governing documents and in ensuring its long-term security.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Each Trustee within Khalsa Aid International is a volunteer, selected because of their breadth of skills, knowledge and experience to support the strategic aims of the charity. Trustees are selected from the pool of volunteers and supporters of Khalsa Aid International as nominated by the CEO, operational managers or the trustees.

The Trustees are predominately from within the 'Sikh' community in the UK. The charity has appointed trustees who are professional, have good standing within their local communities and are actively promoting and supporting the work of Khalsa Aid International. Further trustees are being sought with skill sets in areas that could be beneficial to the development of the organisation, and in the current year Karamjit Kaur Grewal and Sukhraj Singh have been added as trustees to strengthen the expertise of our Board.

Induction and training of new trustees

An induction process for new trustees is in place which comprises of a full overview of our strategic priorities, operational matters and organisational policies & procedures. In addition, trustees have the ability to visit our frontline operations, either in the UK or abroad to better understand the impact of our humanitarian and development projects.

All efforts have been made to keep trustees updated on their roles and responsibilities. Regular monthly meetings are held by the trustees and the core team members of Khalsa Aid International. These meetings are used to update trustees on key developments, their responsibilities and potential professional development opportunities suggested by stakeholders such as the Charity Commission.

Key Personnel

The Trustees delegate responsibility for operational management to the Chief Executive Officer, who leads a Senior Leadership team, together comprising an Operations Director, a Programmes Manager and project coordinators.

Mr R.S Sidhu remains CEO and is in full time employment with the charity with a salary of £45,000 per annum. Our Chief Technology Officer (CTO) has been employed 2.5 days a week to manage and ensure safety of the charity's cyber security, databases and internal I.T. systems.

The Operations Director develops organisational strategies, policies and processes, and is responsible for their implementation, following Board review, advice and approval. Khalsa Aid International will continue to develop its internal policies and operating procedures to ensure transparency and accountability to our donors and supporters.

The Programmes Manager with support from UK and overseas project coordinators oversees and coordinates our humanitarian programmes (emergency relief and development programmes) and monitors key performance indicators (KPIs).

The number of support staff in the Taplow office has now increased to help assist with our growing operations.

Reserves

Reserves consist of restricted reserves and general reserves. Restricted reserves represent donations for specific projects that are unspent at the balance sheet date, and which will be spent on the specified programmes in the coming financial years. General reserves (also known as unrestricted reserves) are not restricted to specific projects but ensure that the delivery of our vital programmes is not disrupted by unforeseen circumstances, such as a fall in income or rise in expenditure.





Executive Management Team and Trustees' Responsibilities

Board and management roles

To ensure our Trustees understand their role and responsibilities they are required to review the Charity Commission's guidance, The Essential Trustee (CC3), and the charity's governing document before joining the Board and then on an annual basis.

The Board's principal roles are:

- Approving the mission, strategies and high level policies
- Appointing and overseeing the Chief Executive
- Monitoring performance and risk management
- Reporting performance with integrity and transparency
- Ensuring compliance with U.K. law and Charity Commission regulations
- Managing its own governance processes, including annual evaluation of Board, Committee, Chair and individual Trustee performance
- Representing the interests of Khalsa Aid Internationals stakeholders.
- Providing strategic advice to management

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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 in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefit

We undertake strategic planning to ensure that we deliver the maximum public benefit and achieve our strategic objectives, which fall under purposes defined by the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in setting our objectives and planning our activities.

Volunteers

Khalsa Aid International is generously supported by a network of committed and passionate volunteers across the globe. The charity maintains its own Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking facility, these checks do not hold merit when volunteers and staff work abroad. However, for our safeguarding purposes the charity will carry out checks on staff/volunteers in the U.K. Any disclosures made will be treated with confidentiality and managed by the board of trustees. AII reasonable efforts will be made to ensure staff/volunteers from outside of the U.K. are of good standing and references will be sought before working with Khalsa Aid.

Statement on Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt our ability to continue as a going concern. The annual financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

This Trustees' Annual and Strategic Report, prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006, was approved by the Board of Trust on **18/01/2023** and is signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee



Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Khalsa Aid International (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In common with most businesses of a similar size there are inadequate resources to enable a strong control environment to operate, with segregation of duties lacking in many areas, and the risk of management override of the controls that are in place. This practical constraint results in the risk of a higher incidence of irregularities than would be the case were a strong control environment in operation. We have designed specific procedures based on our knowledge and experience of the client and the sector in which it operates which we consider to provide us with a reasonable capability of detecting irregularities. These procedures include, but are not limited to, an examination of areas of the accounting records in which management override is considered to be a risk, a walk through test of the key controls that are in operation, performance of analytical review and making enquiries of management and other personnel.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report 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 audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

23 January 2023

John Sheehan BFP FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UHY Hacker Young (East) Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Statement of Financial Activities

(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	5,877,317	1,459,742	7,337,059	5,006,333
Investments	4	51,105	-	51,105	16,451
Other income	5	-	-	-	17,215
Total income		5,928,422	1,459,742	7,388,164	5,039,999
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	79,978	-	79,978	72,831
Charitable activities	7	2,846,287	1,102,883	3,949,170	1,589,399
Total resources expended		2,926,265	1,102,883	4,029,148	1,662,230
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	8,399	-	8,399	-
Net movement in funds		3,010,556	356,859	3,367,415	3,377,769
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		11,087,010	679,085	11,766,095	8,388,328
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		14,097,566	1,035,944	15,133,510	11,766,097

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		682,057		640,748
Investments	12		2,971,496		-
			3,653,553		640,748
Current assets					
Debtors	14	30,783		256,036	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,513,179		10,942,247	
		11,543,962		11,198,283	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(64,005)		(72,934)	
Net current assets			11,479,957		11,125,349
Total assets less current liabilities			15,133,510		11,766,097
Income funds					
Restricted funds			1,035,944		679,085
Unrestricted funds			14,097,566		11,087,012
			15,133,510		11,766,097

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18/01/2023



Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee



Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal
Trustee

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	18		3,556,480		3,286,514
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(73,556)		(45,550)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		6,000	
Purchase of investments		(2,963,097)		-	
Investment income received		51,105		16,451	
Net cash used in investing activities			(2,985,548)		(23,099)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			570,932		3,263,415
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			10,942,247		7,678,832
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			11,513,179		10,942,247

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

Khalsa Aid International is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Unit 8 Lake End Court, Taplow Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JQ.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution. the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

It is the policy of the charity not to provide depreciation on land & buildings, this is a departure from the Charities SORP. The property is maintained to a high standard and the trustees consider that the life of the property is so long and that the residual value is so great that depreciation is not considered material.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Correction of opening reserves

During the year it was found that accrued income brought forward from 2019/20 was understated by £102,341 due to a late claim of gift aid. Therefore comparative accrued income has been increased by £102,341 and comparative unrestricted reserves increased by £102,341.

This correction has not impacted the current year financial statements.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(CONTINUED)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	5,877,317	1,418,542	7,295,859	4,840,473	165,860	5,006,333
Grants	-	41,200	41,200	-	-	-
	5,877,317	1,459,742	7,337,059	4,840,473	165,860	5,006,333

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Income from listed investments	40,430	-
Interest receivable	10,675	16,451
	51,105	16,451

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	715
Government grant income	-	16,500
	-	17,215

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Advertising	6,257	12,484
Worldpay charges	58,023	58,601
Merchandise purchases	15,646	-
Support costs	52	1,746
	79,978	72,831

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £
Staff costs	313,058	264,187
Charitable expenditure	3,636,112	1,325,212
	3,949,170	1,589,399
	3,949,170	1,589,399
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,846,287	1,482,178
Restricted funds	1,102,883	107,221
	3,949,170	1,589,399

Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
Australia	43,400	-
Europe	1,342	-
Gambia	23,983	-
Hungry	697	-
India	845,691	1,008,935
Iraq	169,011	-
Kenya	50,676	-
Madagascar	25,621	-
Malawi	50,797	-
Malaysia	698	-
Moldova	27,840	-
Nepal	88,583	-
Pakistan	5,756	-
Philippines	29,070	-
Poland	15,015	-
Romania	3,603	-
Russia	1,100	-
Slovakia	638	-
Trinidad and Tobago	47,732	-
UK/Langer Aid	831,462	93,948
Vietnam	2,018	-
Zambia	22,960	-
Governance and support costs	558,594	-
	2,846,287	1,102,883

7 Charitable activities (Continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
Australia	29,637	-
Cyprus	16,697	-
Gambia	21,960	-
Haiti	794	-
India	375,364	48,838
Iraq	265,752	-
Kenya	39,020	-
Lebanon	3,786	-
Malawi	19,375	-
Peru	855	-
Russia	10,332	-
UK/Langer Aid	149,701	58,383
Ukraine	3,015	-
Yemen	7,752	-
Zambia	5,782	-
Governance and support costs	532,356	-
	1,482,178	107,221

8 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year apart from the reimbursement of expenses, which are set out in note 17.

During the year, Ravi Singh, the CEO who is the family member of a Trustee, received £46,163 (2021: £40,127) in remuneration for their services.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	10	9

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	286,017	242,599
Social security costs	23,382	17,531
Other pension costs	3,659	4,057
	313,058	264,187

9 Employees **(Continued)**

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(8,346)	-
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	16,745	-
	8,399	-

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2021	570,000	37,742	46,773	20,420	674,935
Additions	-	16,599	4,457	52,500	73,556
At 31 March 2022	570,000	54,341	51,230	72,920	748,491
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2021	-	8,311	11,359	14,517	34,187
Depreciation charged in the year	-	10,555	10,383	11,309	32,247
At 31 March 2022	-	18,866	21,742	25,826	66,434
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2022	570,000	35,475	29,488	47,094	682,057
At 31 March 2021	570,000	29,431	35,414	5,903	640,748

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	Cash	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2021	-	-	-
Inital Investment	2,226,824	773,276	3,000,100
Additions	157,329	-	157,329
Valuation changes	(12,404)	-	(12,404)
Reinvested	710,578	(710,578)	-
Disposals	(110,831)	-	(110,831)
At 31 March 2022	2,971,496	62,698	3,034,194
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2022	2,971,496	62,698	3,034,194
At 31 March 2021	-	-	-

During the course of the year, the charity set up an investment portfolio with Rathbones.

13 Financial instruments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,971,496	-

14 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	24,085	256,036
Prepayments and accrued income	6,698	-
	30,783	256,036

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,023	-
Trade creditors	24,364	50,116
Other creditors	22,964	12,192
Accruals and deferred income	15,654	10,626
	64,005	72,934

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	682,057	-	682,057	640,748
Investments	2,971,496	-	2,971,496	-
Current assets/(liabilities)	10,444,013	1,035,944	11,479,957	11,125,349
	14,097,566	1,035,944	15,133,510	11,766,097

17 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following types of transactions with trustees and related parties.

	Number of trustees		Amount	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Cash floats provided to facilitate expenditure in non-UK projects	2	-	17,351	-
Salary paid to a relative of a trustee for warehouse work	1	-	3,496	-
Reimbursement of small expenses	4	5	458	2,602
Total	-	-	21,305	2,602

18 Cash generated from operations

	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	3,367,415	3,377,769
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(51,105)	(16,451)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(715)
Gain on disposal of investments	(16,745)	-
Fair value gains and losses on investments	8,346	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	32,247	18,860
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	225,251	(153,694)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(8,929)	60,745
Cash generated from operations	3,556,480	3,286,514

19 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

Corporate Directory

Registered charity name
Khalsa Aid International

Charity registration number
1163294

Company registration number
CE004414

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Mr Amarjit Singh Bansal
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Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sohal

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Message From Our Trustees

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh
Khalsa belongs to Waheguru (eternal creator) and victory belongs to Waheguru

Trustees Annual Report
Our Trustees are please to present their annual report in a newly revised and refreshed format along with our audited consolidated financial statements of Khalsa Aid International for the year ended 31st March 2021

We look back on 2020 as a pivotal moment in history for us all. It was a year in which the Covid-19 pandemic claimed many millions of lives across the globe, wreaked havoc on the global economy and stopped normal life in its tracks. It is clear that we will be dealing with the socio-economic impacts of this global pandemic for years to come.

The pandemic has had a life changing impact on many of the vulnerable communities we support and on those who generously support our work. The pandemic has impacted our work considerably by disrupting our global operations and has impacted many of our personnel both volunteers and staff along with our generous supporters.

Despite these challenges, the charity endeavoured to support the most vulnerable in our communities globally. We significantly ramped our humanitarian activity in response to COVID-19 to support those in need and healthcare staff on the frontline. We have continued to stand by the communities we serve across the globe with increased and targeted aid provisions.

We pay a tribute to our dedicated staff and volunteers who have remained on the frontline of our humanitarian aid delivery despite the mammoth challenges. We are indebted to our supporters around the world who share the message of humanity, especially during the challenging period of the pandemic.

Our work to improve our governance, transparency and accountability has continued with a number of initiatives such as a review of our finance function and operational policies & procedures. We have also developed our global strategy to define our strategic objectives for the next decade. In 2020, we appointed UHY to act as our independent auditors, reflecting the increased size of our organisation and their expertise to support our journey of growth.

We hope Waheguru (the eternal creator) continues to give us the ability to undertake Sewa (selfless service) for the betterment of humanity around the globe.

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Balvinder Kaur Sandhu
General Secretary



Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Treasurer



Amarjit Singh Bansal
Trustee



Tarvinder Singh Gill
Trustee

Message from Our Chief Executive

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"Tyaar bar tyaar" the principle in Sikhi of being ever ready and prepared. We as an organisation have responded to humanitarian emergencies for decades, it was not until 2020 that we faced our first pandemic. Our decades of experience, our resolve and our spirits were tested in more ways than one.

Severe restrictions in movement to manage the spread of COVID-19 also impacted the ability of our aid coordinators and global operations to develop projects further. Our determination and resolve to stand firm by the side of the communities we support and those affected by the pandemic, was greater than ever. Our teams remained consistent and determined to spread the message of humanity and to deliver vital aid with compassion was more important than ever before.

The organisation had to review practices as a priority to be 'Covid-19 safe'. This included transitioning to remote working and restricting unnecessary travel. Despite the challenges, our dedicated and passionate aid coordinators and volunteers continued to work on the frontline to deliver life changing support. I am inspired by every single individual who stood up during the pandemic to support their communities and society at large. Those who volunteered their time and expertise for the betterment of humanity. They are the heroes and leaders our world desperately needs. I have been humbled by the dedication and courage of the healthcare workers I have met myself through the work we have done to support the NHS across the UK since the start of the pandemic.

We were beyond humbled to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in early 2021. It's an acknowledgement of the tireless efforts of our staff and volunteers who have been the backbone of this organisation for over two decades. It is a testament to the principle of 'Sarbat Da Bhalla' (positive wellbeing of all humanity) which guides the work of Khalsa Aid International.

I am acutely aware that the COVID-19 crisis is far from over, nor is the suffering caused by natural disasters and conflict that began long before the virus captured the world's attention. 2021 also marks the tenth anniversary of the conflict in Syria, one of the worlds most complex humanitarian crises which has claimed half a million lives and displaced tens of millions.

Despite the challenge and hardship, we remain in Chardi Kala (eternal optimism) to create positive change for humanity and to play our part in seeing a better, safer and more secure world for all.



Ravi Singh
CEO/Founder
Khalsa Aid International

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Our Vision and Strategy

Our Vision

‘Sarbat Da Bhalla’ Welfare of all; Peace and prosperity for all. A world where everyone experiences the fullness of life; a life lived with dignity, free from poverty; where global resources are equitably shared and sustainably used; and where the voice and agency of the vulnerable and marginalised are fully realised.

Our Mission

We are an NGO inspired by our Sikh faith with two core principles at our heart. First, to recognise the whole human race as one, and second, selfless service (Sewa) to support society without any reward or personal/collective gain.

We seek to respond in practical ways to support people and communities in need, hardship or distress because of natural disaster, war or social and economic circumstances. We provide humanitarian aid in crises and emergencies to create sustainable and lasting change. We seek to mobilise, educate and empower people as agents for change to become passionate life-long humanitarians for the betterment of society.

Our Values

We are guided by the Sikh teachings of Recognising the Whole Human Race as One. Our five core values are inspired by the Sikh faith and closely align to the universal humanitarian principles.

- Compassion (Daya)
- Righteousness (Dharam)
- Courage (Himmat)
- Commitment (Mokham)
- Leadership (Sahib)



Our Global 2030 strategy has five global goals that aim to ensure we respond effectively to humanitarian emergencies, contribute significantly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and advocate for positive social change.

Our Global Objectives

01 Reduce the impact of natural disasters and conflict.

02 Empower communities

03 Educate, empower and mobilise volunteers

04 Advocate for Change

05 Strengthen our Community

Our Year at a Glance

398,000
Number of People Supported

Nobel Peace Prize Nomination





132
Medical Cases Funded



3
Water pumps installed

299,600
Hot Meals/Food Packs Served



15
Active Global Projects Around the Globe

1,000
Trees planted



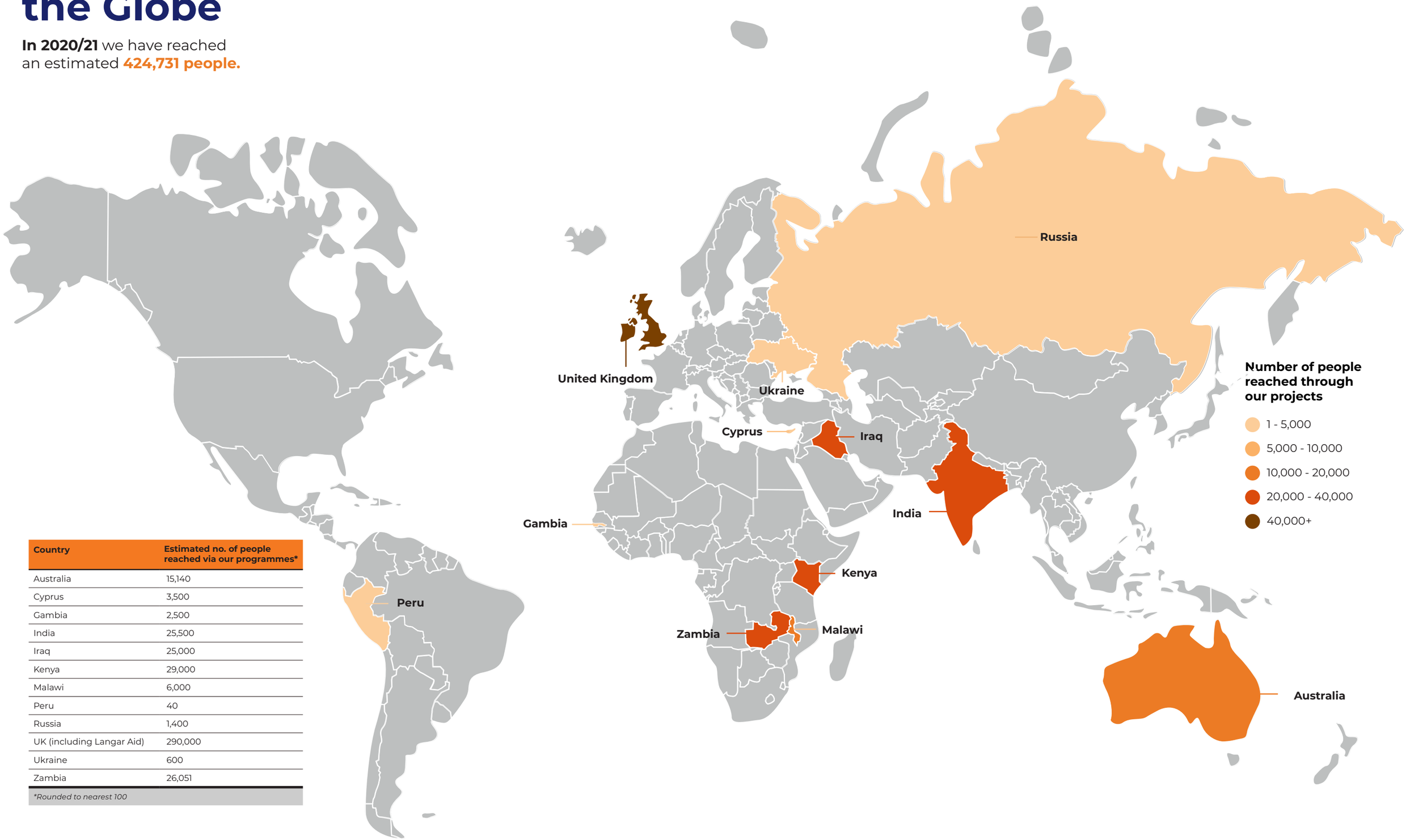
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PPE Kits Distributed



62
Homes Rebuilt

Our Work Around the Globe

In 2020/21 we have reached an estimated **424,731 people.**



Country	Estimated no. of people reached via our programmes*
Australia	15,140
Cyprus	3,500
Gambia	2,500
India	25,500
Iraq	25,000
Kenya	29,000
Malawi	6,000
Peru	40
Russia	1,400
UK (including Langar Aid)	290,000
Ukraine	600
Zambia	26,051

**Rounded to nearest 100*

Our Projects

Projects undertaken this year

A summary of our wider projects is presented here. Further details of our work can be seen on our communication channels including social media and YouTube

Emergency Relief | Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International does not provide cash funding directly to any charitable organisation unless stated. It is our standard policy to provide funding directly to suppliers or stakeholders providing goods/services in relation to our humanitarian aid projects.






Australia

Emergency Relief

Covid - 19 Grocery distribution

During Covid -19 Pandemic, Khalsa Aid Australian team provided free grocery to people in financial need including international students, people in quarantine and in isolation due to pandemic restrictions. A lot of international students lost their jobs during this time. With the help of volunteers from Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, ACT and Western Australia, we distributed 56528 kg groceries including Wheat Flour, Rice, Lentils, Salt, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Onions, Spices, Canned Food, Pasta etc. With this aid 15140 people got benefit.

Khalsa Aid Australia provided essential items to Bermagui community residing in Bega, during Covid-19 pandemic. This project was done with the collaboration of Victorian and New South Wales team in April-May 2020. Around 300 people were assisted in this project with 1600 cans of Canned food and 300 Toilet paper rolls, hand sanitizers, soap, and antibacterial wipes.

Blood Donation

Khalsa Aid Australia runs blood donation drive twice a year. Our blood donation drive in Australia is dedicated to two events every year:

- Vaisakhi, formation of Khalsa in April
- 1984 Sikh genocide in November

So far from April 2020 to March 2021, 358 donations were done Australia wide, which saved 1074 lives.





Helping Asylum Seekers during Covid-19 Pandemic

Khalsa Aid Australia supported asylum seekers during Covid -19 pandemic through Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) in July, September, November 2020. They were supported by 500kg Rice, 1500 cans of Canned food, 200kg Chickpeas, 200kg Red Lentils, 1250 Face Masks. Around 1000 people were assisted in this project. This project was jointly delivered by Tasmanian, Victorian and NSW Team.

Environmental Cleanups

Environmental cleanup project was initiated in 2019 to celebrate 550th Birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji. This project was also continued in 2020-2021. In this year Khalsa Aid Australia's Victoria team did 7 cleanups during the months from November 2020 to March 2021.

India

Khalsa Aid International's India office is located in Patiala, Panjab. The team operates several development projects to provide welfare support, promote educational attendance and assist in home construction projects. These wide ranging development programmes sit within our umbrella initiative 'Focus Punjab'.

Medical Aid, India Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International funds the medical treatment of patients who are from underprivileged backgrounds. In most of these cases, the treatment is either deferred or denied due to a lack of funds. Khalsa Aid International funds the treatment, from hospital charges to medicines and after-care fees. All requests for medical aid are assessed and verified by our co-ordinators. Fees are paid directly to the care providers and not to individuals. The charity has helped more than 132 patients with their treatment and spent over £125,000 in the last financial year.

Khalsa Aid India is co-managing the Guru Nanak Mission Hospital in Jammu. The hospital provides Dental, Physiotherapy, Gynaecology, Surgery, ENT and Orthopaedic care with state-of-the-art facilities. We have also introduced a specialised OPD and rehabilitation centre for advanced physiotherapy. The hospital caters to the needs of 3,800-4,000 patients on a monthly basis.



Welfare Support Panjab, India Development Programme

This project has been extended to those families that have been adversely affected by the conflicts in Panjab during the 1980s. Over 250 disadvantaged families are currently being provided monthly welfare support. Most of these families are 'sponsored' by individuals across the UK. These sponsors are encouraged to make direct contact with their sponsored family, and many have visited their sponsored families when they visit India.

The identification and assessment of the affected families is time-consuming and challenging. Families are often vulnerable and hesitant to come forward. To ensure charitable funds are utilised effectively and efficiently, criteria and assessment procedures have been established. This will enable greater consistency and transparency in this project. We are committed to this longer-term development project and will be assessing how to improve programme quality as part of our transformation programme into 2020 and beyond.



PURE - Panjab Underprivileged Rural Empowerment, India Development Programme

Khalsa Aid International launched Focus Panjab and the PURE project in 2012. Through this project, children from underprivileged backgrounds are sponsored and encouraged to attend school, alongside religious education classes. There are currently 2 schools running successfully; the results of regular educational assessments carried out in the school are very encouraging and are on par if not exceeding local private schools. These schools provide an opportunity to educate children who would otherwise be working in manual labour jobs with their parents. Reviews are currently taking place around monitoring and evaluation, so that the impact of educational attainment can be measured.





Cyprus

The first lockdown due to Covid-19 in Cyprus disproportionately affected migrant communities, international students and seasonal workers. The inability to work led to financial hard-ship which meant that many were unable to afford basic necessities such as food.

Khalsa Aid International launched a free, food parcel project for vulnerable individuals. During the first phase, volunteers from Share Humanity (Cyprus) obtained permits from local authorities. They tirelessly delivered food parcels to 776 households in Cyprus which supported over 3,000 individuals from April 2020 to July 2020.

Many extremely vulnerable individuals were unable to cook the food due to the lack of facili-ties or illness. To support these individuals, volunteers cooked and delivered over 500 fresh hot meals.

Kenya

Khalsa Aid Interantional has been operating in Kenya for over a decade with thanks to a number of local NGOs and organisations, most notably our partners the Ramgharia Youth Association (RYA).

COVID-19 Food Parcels, Kenya Development Programme

RYA identified c. 1,850 families adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Khalsa Aid International committed £20,000 of funding to provide essential food parcels to these vulnerable households. Food parcels included rice, maize meal, milk, salt, sugar, beans, green grams, cooking oil and soap. RYA volunteers distributed these food packages.

Area	Householders supported
Dandora	250
Kawangware	250
Landi Mawe	250
West Pokot	100
Makueni	100
Viwandani	250
Kawangware	500
Kibra	150







Kisumu Floods, Kenya Emergency Relief

Kisumu is the 3rd largest city of Kenya and in 2020 suffered from the worst flooding in decades. Floods affected about 233,000 people after record-breaking rain. In this region, most of the population were facing economic hardship prior to the pandemic. The flooding plunged thousands into extreme poverty.

Sikh Aid Kisumu, a local Sikh organisation, provided hot cooked meals to affected people during the flooding. They reached out to Khalsa Aid International to support the affected people post-flooding. As people returned to their homes, they faced the danger of Dengue due to the rise of mosquitoes after floods.

Khalsa Aid Interantional funded 3,000 packs of mosquito repellent and 2,000 mosquito bed nets, and Sikh Aid Kisumu delivered these items to over 500 families in the Kabonyo Kanyagwal area.

Water4Africa, Kenya Development Programme

A new water borehole was drilled at Turkana Central - Nazarene IDP Camp. **Approximately 20,000** local individuals and local livestock will benefit from clean drinking water.

Lebanon Emergency Relief

On August 4th, 2020 a devasting explosion occurred in Beirut's port. Khalsa Aid International provided $5,000 to the Lebanese Centre for Human Rights to help the families of victims and survivors in need.

Malawi

Development Programme

Society of Medical Doctors approached volunteers of Khalsa Aid in Malawi to get support for front line health care workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other essential medical supplies, they faced a high risk of being infected and spreading the virus. With the support of the Malawi Sikh Association and volunteers of Khalsa Aid International, over £14,000 of PPE equipment and medical supplies were delivered to the District Health Office, Blantyre Malawi. This helped the frontline workers in local medical facilities to remain safe and the patients to prevent spreading the virus.

In addition, over 1,700Kgs of Maize Seeds were provided to vulnerable communities affected by famine.



Russia

Emergency Relief

The first lockdown due to Covid-19 in Russia disproportionately affected migrant communities, international students and seasonal workers. The inability to work led to financial hard-ship which meant that many were unable to afford basic necessities such as food. Large communities were identified in Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

Khalsa Aid International mobilised two teams of volunteers in St Petersburg and Moscow to procure and distribute food parcels to support vulnerable individuals. Volunteers worked tirelessly to procure, prepare and deliver the food parcels between April 2020 and June 2020. During this period, over 350 households and c. 1,400 individuals were supported with food parcels.



Ukraine

Members of the Panjabi community from Kyiv city reached out to Khalsa Aid International for support during the first COVID-19 lockdown. A number of stranded immigrants and vulnerable international students were identified.

Khalsa Aid International supported local volunteers to procure and distribute food parcels to these vulnerable individuals. They managed to provide the food parcels to over 250 households, which helped support more than 600 people between May 2020 and June 2020.



Zambia

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many rural schools were open as usual. Khalsa Aid International funded the installation of hand sanitisers at schools and health clinics to help minimise the spread of the virus.

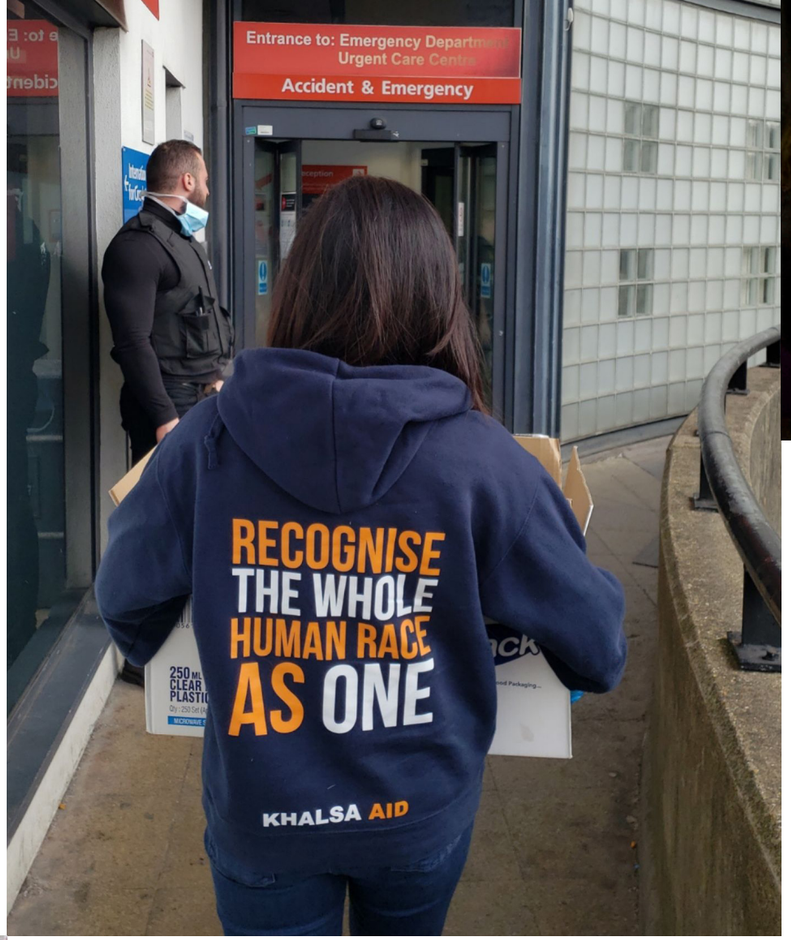


In Focus

COVID-19 Response / Langar Aid

Langar Aid is a project by Khalsa Aid International, launched in 2016. The project is based on the Sikh principle of Langar (Community Kitchen). Langar Aid strives to break down barriers and improve community cohesion, by offering the opportunity for people of all religions, ages and genders to come together by sharing food. This project started in Coventry and has grown from a weekly service to running multiple outreach programmes, with a dedicated base in the West Midlands (Langar Aid House), operating seven days a week. Its objective is to support the homeless, vulnerable and isolated within local communities. Langar Aid has expanded its outreach into major towns and cities in the UK, including Slough, Windsor, Milton Keynes, East London, Maidenhead, Southall, Walsall, Birmingham and Ealing.

Langar Aid takes a collaborative approach and works with many stakeholders from charities who work with domestic violence survivors, to school breakfast clubs and migrant/refugee centres in the UK. Langar Aid outreach programmes are generously supported by large bluechip companies, local businesses, restaurants and major supermarkets.







LangarAid

COVID-19 Food Parcels

The COVID-19 Pandemic and associated lockdowns to curb the spread of the virus disproportionately affected thousands of lower income and vulnerable households. To help support such individuals and households, Langar Aid launched a project to provide 10-day emergency food parcels containing non-perishable essential food items. The team worked collaboratively alongside the local council, schools, mutual aid groups and like-minded agencies who were able to refer vulnerable beneficiaries/clients to receive food parcels. These food parcels were delivered to families, individuals, elderly who were either self-isolating, on furlough, unemployed or financially struggling.

Langar Aid in Coventry extended the service of providing hot meals to seven days a week from Langar Aid House. The team continued to serve service users outdoors following social distancing guidelines. Hot meals were distributed in disposable containers along with food bags containing sandwiches, cakes, crisps, and cutlery. Our team were serving over 300 meals daily to the local homeless, vulnerable, and isolated who continued to attend the evening feeds.

Langar Aid expanded its food parcel programme to schools across West Midlands following British footballer, Marcus Rashford's campaigning to improve the provision and quality of food parcels for students on free school meals.

Homeless & Rough Sleepers Outreach

In March 2020, as part of national lockdowns, the Government announced that all homeless and rough sleepers were to be placed in temporary accommodation. This affected the operations of our teams in Milton Keynes, Slough, and Ilford, as we were unable to continue with the street outreach. Alternatively our teams worked to provide meals to hotels where rough sleepers were placed.

Langar Aid were approached by the Coventry City Council Rough Sleepers team who were placing rough sleepers into temporary accommodation, to help provide three meals a day for these individuals. The temporary accommodations had limited cooking facilities which consisted of a kettle and/or a microwave. Our team prepared breakfast bags, lunch bags and evening meals which included instant food items, delivering to five different hotels across Coventry daily, until September 2020.

NHS Heroes

To support our local NHS heroes, our teams worked to provide hot meals to NHS staff at hospitals and vaccination centres. The service helped support NHS staff who were unable to carry out their own grocery shopping due to the limited time slots at supermarkets, our team were providing fresh fruit and vegetables along with any bulk food items outside the local hospital during shift times.



> *"Throughout the pandemic we have been focused on supporting those who are most in need, this would not be possible without the amazing commit-ments and dedication of our amazing volunteers, who are the backbone of Langar Aid"*

Avtar Kaur
Langar Aid Project Manager



Operation Stack

Late on Sunday 20th December 2020, the French Government banned all freight and passenger traffic coming from the UK from entering their country. This was in response to concerns about a new coronavirus variant which appeared to have originated in the UK. The closure of French ports and the Euro tunnel led to chaos as up-to 5,000 lorries were forced to queue up for miles. As a result Kent Police mobilised Operation Stack a system to park lorries on the M20 motorway in Kent at times of such disruption.

Inevitably this meant that most truck drivers stuck on the M20 were left without fresh food, water or proper access to basic amenities for many days. Upon hearing about the plight of the drivers, the very next day, Monday 21 December 2020, Khalsa Aid loaded up a van with bottled water and snacks and set off to deliver this to the drivers and to meet with authorities to better understand the situation.

Khalsa Aid International then co-ordinated with volunteers at Guru Nanak Gurudwara in Gravesend who with just a few hours of notice, freshly prepared 300 tomato and mushroom pasta dishes as well as 500 chickpea and rice curries ready for distribution on Tuesday 22 December.

Over the course of 5 days, over 8,000 freshly prepared meals were distributed to the stranded truck drivers working in co-ordination with Kent Police, British Army and HM Coastguard. In total over 5000 freshly cooked warm meals were prepared by volunteers.

Our team from Langar Aid in Coventry prepared 1000 Sandwiches and travelled 338km to help deliver meals for drivers. 2,500 Pizzas were kindly donated by Dominos UK via Kent based Dhillon Group who also helped with the distribution.

During the 5 days operation Ravi Singh, CEO at Khalsa Aid personally travelled to Kent each day to participate in helping to co-ordinate with authorities and to distribute the meals. Ravi commented:

"The drivers are very happy to see us and the food. It's tough for them not knowing what's happening. I have seen how a hot meal can lift people. It's a long day for our volunteers, we were all tired but unlike the drivers we will still go home to a warm bed".

Our efforts during Operation Stack were recognised and acknowledged in writing by Grant Shapps (Secretary of State for Transport), Langar Aid were awarded the West Midlands Police Outstanding Community Citizens Award in April 2021 as a recognition for the support provided to the stranded truck drivers.



In Focus

Iraq



The conflict in Iraq, which erupted in the summer of 2014, created a considerable exodus of internally displaced people (IDPs) within the country. Khalsa Aid International initially provided food to the Assyrian and Yazidi IDPs in the city of Erbil. This assistance was taken further north to the Duhok district.

As part of Khalsa Aids International's long-term commitment to the region and displaced communities within Iraq, a full-time co-ordinator was employed in 2016/17 to oversee humanitarian projects on a day-to-day basis, alongside identifying and gaining a better understanding of community needs.





COVID-19 Support

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected IDPs in the region due to a lack of healthcare infrastructure and provision. Khalsa Aid International ramped up its relief efforts in the region to provide vital support where required. Khalsa Aid International stepped in to assist low in-come families, including IDPs, Refugees living outside of the official camp. A local organisation, The Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF) set up a Hotline to reach out to families with low incomes for assistance. Khalsa Aid International, collaborated with BCF to share their list of individuals or households they could not support due to the sheer volume of requests. On April, 2020, Khalsa Aid International began delivering food packs and hygiene kits to over 1,500 families in various areas of the Kurdistan region. These families included refugees who fled Syria, Kurdish families who fled Iran and Turkey, Christian families who fled Mosul, as well as locals.

Over 1,700 food packs were delievered on April 2020 and September 2020 to IDPs at Bardarash Camp after requests came to Khalsa Aid due to shortages of food in some areas of the camp. Over 1,200 families were supported.

Over 1,000 Syrian refugee families hosted in the Kurdistan region were supported with food packs between April 2020 and September 2020. The packages prepared contained; Rice, Burghul, Sugar, Tomato Paste, Oil, Flour and Salt.

Eid & Christmas Project

The COVID-19 pandemic created significant financial hardship for a number of vulnerable people living in IDP camps. Specifically a large number of children who lost their parents due to conflict in the region were identified, whose wellbeing and mental health had been affected due to prolonged lockdowns. Khalsa Aid International implemented a project to help these orphans celebrate key cultural/religious dates to support and promote their wellbeing.

To mark and celebrate Eid, Khalsa Aid International provided financial assistance to 300 orphaned children living in Domiz and Bardash camps. Transportation and funding was provided for each child to go shopping for clothes to celebrate Eid.

To mark Christmas and New Year, 75 orphans in Sharya, Esyan and Duhok governate were identified. Khalsa Aid collaborated with a local organisation (Jinda) to buy new clothes, shoes and toys for these children. The children were able to receive these gifts on Christmas Day alongside celebrating the New Year with songs and dance.

Project Dignity

Project Dignity was launched in 2016 to support women and children who escaped enslavement from ISIS. This project assists women in regaining their sense of self-worth and provide gender specific humanitarian support where required.

In July 2020, over 185 female health & hygenie kits (Dignity Kits) were distributed to over 185 female Yezidi students who were in need of essential health items. Khalsa Aid in coor-dination with JCC (Joint Crisis Coordination) in Duhok delivered these kits.



Langar Kitchen for Children

In October, 2019, as a result of military operations in North East Syria, more than 20,000 refugees entered the Kurdistan region through the Sihila border. In November 2019, Khalsa Aid International launched its emergency Langar program which served 300 hot meals a day for a period of 5 months.

Khalsa Aid International was approached by Our Bridge e.V. a non-political, religiously independent aid organization to support its orphanage project due to limited resources. Khalsa Aid International stepped in to assist with food provision (langar). Since March 2020, two nutritious meals are served a day for 400 children. The meals are fresh, varied and nutrionally balanced to support these children's development and immune system. The project is ongoing and expected to continue into the future.

> *"Thank you for not leaving us not even during a pandemic I don't know how we would've survived without the Khalsa Aid help"*
>
> **Beneficiary**
> **(anonymised to protect identity)**



In Focus

India COVID-19 Crisis

The COVID-19 pandemic is a global humanitarian crisis which has impacts across the globe and was acutely felt in India, the world's second most populated country. Khalsa Aid International and Khalsa Aid India were both fully committed to supporting individuals, communities, local government and national government during this unprecedented crisis.

First Wave Response

The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Disaster Management Act, 2005 was invoked in mid-March 2020. All commercial domestic and international flights were suspended, a number of cities and states announced that they would restrict public gatherings, dine-in restaurants, or order the closure of various non-essential businesses through 31 March to slow the spread of COVID-19. On 19 March 2020, Prime Minister Modi asked all Indians to observe a 14-hour Janata curfew ("people's curfew").



Khalsa Aid India mobilised its team and volunteers to initiate a range of interventions to support:

PPE Kits

- Distribution of PPE kits to hospitals and local Government administrations across the country
- Distribution of PPE kits to police personnel across 13 cities in Punjab
- Distribution of PPE kits across jails and reformation centres across Punjab and Delhi

Food Provision (Langar)

- Hot meals (Langar) served to migrant workers across 6 locations in Delhi
- 3,500 grocery kits distributed to Sikh preachers (Granthis) in Gurdwaras across the country
- Hot meals for migrant workers stuck on National Highway 1 after lockdown orders
- Ration kits distributed to 400 Sikligar families in Badwani, Anjad, Hyderabad and Bihar
- 15,000 meals distributed to NRI's isolated in Gurdaspur

Our work to support the citizens of India during this unprecedent pandemic will continue and we are assessing how to provide longer term coordinated response with international NGOs and Government officials.

> *"This was a unique situation for us. Although we had been heavily involved in disaster relief across the subcontinent, the pandemic brought new challenges. This was the first time we had experience a lockdown across the nation. Not only did we need to continue with providing COVID-related aid to those in need, but we also had to introduce protocols that also protected our volunteers. It certainly was a unique situation for us, but one that gave us the skills to provide aid in as safe a manner as possible."*
>
> **Amarpreet Singh**
> **Director of Khalsa Aid India**

Risk management

Khalsa Aid International is committed to providing humanitarian aid and relief to the most vulnerable and in need around the globe. This commitment means the charity operates in countries affected by war, conflict, humanitarian and environmental disasters and general uncertainty. Operating in these environments gives rise to significant risks and uncertainties, which we have managed through our extensive experience in this field, supported by a framework of systems and processes.

Khalsa Aid International overall approach to risk management is to identify and accept an appropriate level of risk working in the humanitarian response environment. The Management team reviews and assesses the major risks to which Khalsa Aid is exposed, in particular, those relating to the operations, income generation and finances.

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. As with all other charities in the current financial climate, our income by way of donations has seen fluctuations.

COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the operations of our organisation. Lockdowns and travel restrictions have impacted the ability to undertake our work around the world. We have transitioned to remote ways of working where required and provided the necessary support to our field coordinators. We are adhering to Government guidance here in the U.K. and in every country our staff operate in.

We have transitioned to virtual fundraising activities throughout 2020 and 2021. Income has not declined against our initial expectations in early 2020, thanks to our dedicated and engaged donor base.

We continue to monitor the situation closely.

NIA

We are aware of a case filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in 2012 accusing Khalsa Aid of funding terrorist activity. We have rigorously denied these claims since its inception, however, this case has remained open for nearly a decade with no material update, activity or movement.

In 2020, we have been informed by our stakeholders of the impact this case could have on our operations and reputation.

We have engaged with legal counsel and representatives from the Supreme Court of India to challenge this case and will provide subsequent updates on our website and future reports.

Staff Safety

Our staff work in parts of the world which are impacted by conflict and/or natural disasters. These environments present a number of risks to the safety of our staff, as such, safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance and we have a number of procedures to manage these risks. Hostile Environment training is provided to all of our field staff/volunteers alongside continual monitoring of the security situation in every single country we work in, ensuring we had adequate measures in place to keep our staff as safe as possible.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational structure

The charity has a minimum of 4 trustees who meet regularly to review projects. The trustees look at the finances and appraise long term projects before funds are committed. The day to day running of the charity is co-ordinated by a full-time Chief Executive who is supported by other staff members and trustees as necessary.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees directs and oversees the organisation in accordance with its statutory obligations. The Trustees of Khalsa Aid International recognise good governance is vital to the effectiveness of our mission and an important safeguard for accountability to the public and other stakeholders.

The Trustees of Khalsa Aid International consider, both individually and collectively, that they have at all times acted in a manner that they consider will be most likely to promote the success the charity in meeting its aims and objectives as set out in its governing documents and in ensuring its long-term security.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Each Trustee within Khalsa Aid International is a volunteer, selected because of their breadth of skills, knowledge and experience to support the strategic aims of the charity. Trustees are selected from the pool of volunteers and supporters of Khalsa Aid International as nominated by the CEO, operational managers or the trustees.

The Trustees are predominately from within the 'Sikh' community in the U.K. The charity has appointed trustees who are professional, have good standing within their local communities and are actively promoting and supporting the work of Khalsa Aid International. Further trustees are being sought with skillsets in areas that could be beneficial to the development of the organisation.

Induction and training of new Trustees

An induction process for new trustees is in place which comprises of a full overview of our strategic priorities, operational matters and organisational policies & procedures. In addition, trustees have the ability to visit our frontline operations, either in the U.K. or abroad to better understand the impact of our humanitarian and development projects.

All efforts have been made to keep trustees updated on their roles and responsibilities. Regular meetings are held monthly by the trustees and the core team members of Khalsa Aid International. These meetings are used to update trustees on key developments, their responsibilities and potential professional development opportunities suggested by stakeholders such as the Charities Commission.

Key Personnel

The Trustees delegate responsibility for operational management to the Chief Executive, who leads a Senior Leadership team, together comprising of operations directors and project coordinators.

Mr R.S Sidhu remains CEO and is in full time employment with the charity with a salary of £39,140 per annum. Our Chief Technology Officer (CTO) has been employed 2.5 days a week to manage and ensure safety of the charities cyber security, databases and internal I.T. systems.

The Operations Director develops organisational strategies, policies and processes, and is responsible for their implementation, following Board review, advice and approval. Khalsa Aid International will continue to develop its internal policies and operating procedures to ensure transparency and accountability to our donors and supporters.

The frontline Operations Director with support from a project coordinator oversees and co-ordinates our humanitarian programmes (emergency relief and development programmes) and monitors key performance indicators (KPIs).

A full-time finance manager has been employed to assist with day-to-day financial management. There are two part time employees in Coventry office who manage the Langar Aid project.

Reserves

Reserves consist of restricted reserves and general reserves. Restricted reserves represent donations for specific projects that are unspent at the balance sheet date, and which will be spent on the specified programmes in the coming financial years. General reserves (also known as unrestricted reserves) are not restricted to specific projects but ensure that the delivery of our vital programmes is not disrupted by unforeseen circumstances, such as a fall in income or rise in expenditure. An investment of £3 million from our general reserves will be finalised through The Rathbone Greenbank Investments in the early next financial year.







Executive Management Team and Trustees' Responsibilities

Board and management roles

To ensure our Trustees understand their role and responsibilities they are required to review the Charity Commission's guidance: The Essential Trustee (CC3) and the charity's governing document before joining the Board and then on an annual basis.

The board's principal roles are:

- Approving the mission, strategies and high level policies
- Appointing and overseeing the Chief Executive
- Monitoring performance and risk management
- Reporting performance with integrity and transparency
- Ensuring compliance with U.K. law and Charity Commission regulations
- Managing its own governance processes, including annual evaluation of Board, Committee, Chair and individual Trustee performance
- Representing the interests of Khalsa Aid International stakeholders.
- Providing strategic advice to management

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefit

We undertake strategic planning to ensure that we deliver the maximum public benefit and achieve our strategic objectives, which fall under purposes defined by the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in setting our objectives and planning our activities.

Volunteers

Khalsa Aid International is generously supported by a network of committed and passionate volunteers across the globe. The charity maintains its own Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking facility, these checks do not hold merit when volunteers and staff work abroad. However, for our safeguarding purposes the charity will carry out checks on staff/volunteers in the U.K. Any disclosures made will be treated with confidentiality and managed by the board of trustees. AII reasonable efforts will be made to ensure staff/volunteers from outside of the U.K. are of good standing and references will be sought before working with Khalsa Aid.

Statement on Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt our ability to continue as a going concern. The annual financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

This Trustees' Annual and Strategic Report, prepared under the Charities Act 2011, was approved by the Board of Trustees on 21-01-2022, and is signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee



Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sandhu
Trustee



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of KHALSA AID INTERNATIONAL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Khalsa Aid International (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In common with most businesses of a similar size there are inadequate resources to enable a strong control environment to operate, with segregation of duties lacking in many areas, and the risk of management override of the controls that are in place. This practical constraint results in the risk of a higher incidence of irregularities than would be the case were a strong control environment in operation. We have designed specific procedures based on our knowledge and experience of the client and the sector in which it operates which we consider to provide us with a reasonable capability of detecting irregularities. These procedures include, but are not limited to, an examination of areas of the accounting records in which management override is considered to be a risk, a walk through test of the key controls that are in operation, performance of analytical review and making enquiries of management and other personnel.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https:// www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report 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 audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

UHY Hacker Young (East) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a charity under of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

26 January 2022

James Price FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UHY Hacker Young (East) Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Statement of Financial Activities

(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	As restated Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	4,840,473	165,860	5,006,333	4,805,697
Investments	4	16,451	-	16,451	43,088
Other income	5	17,215	-	17,215	270
Total income		4,874,139	165,860	5,039,999	4,849,055
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	72,831	-	72,831	74,558
Charitable activities	7	1,482,178	107,221	1,589,399	1,910,189
Total resources expended		1,555,009	107,221	1,662,230	1,984,747
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		3,319,130	58,639	3,377,769	2,864,308
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		7,767,882	620,446	8,388,328	5,524,019
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		11,087,012	679,085	11,766,097	8,388,327

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 As restated £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		640,748		619,343
Current assets					
Debtors	11	256,036		102,341	
Cash at bank and in hand		10,942,247		7,678,832	
		11,198,283		7,781,173	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(72,934)		(12,189)	
Net current assets			11,125,349		7,768,984
Total assets less current liabilities			11,766,097		8,388,327
Income funds					
Restricted funds			679,085		620,446
Unrestricted funds			11,087,012		7,767,881
			11,766,097		8,388,327

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 Jan 2022

Mr Jaswinder Singh Bahra
Trustee

Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sandhu
Trustee

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 As restated £	2020 As restated £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**15**		3,286,514		2,682,271
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(45,550)		(594,496)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		6,000		-	
Investment income received		16,451		43,088	
Interest paid		-		(5,603)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(23,099)		(557,011)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			3,263,415		2,125,260
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			7,678,832		5,553,572
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			10,942,247		7,678,832

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

Khalsa Aid International is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Unit 8 Lake End Court, Taplow Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JQ.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution. the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

It is the policy of the charity not to provide depreciation on land & buildings, this is a departure from the Charities Act 2011. The property is maintained to a high standard and the trustees consider that the life of the property is so long and that the residual value is so great that depreciation is not considered material.

1.6 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.11 Correction of opening reserves

During the year it was found that accrued income brought forward from 2019/20 was understated by £102,341 due to a late claim of gift aid. Therefore comparative accrued income has been increased by £102,341 and comparative unrestricted reserves increased by £102,341.

This correction has not impacted the current year financial statements.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Year ended 31 March 2021

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	As restated Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	As restated Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	4,840,473	165,860	5,006,333	3,624,437	1,181,260	4,805,697

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable	16,451	43,088

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	715	-
Government grant income	16,500	-
Rental income	-	270
	17,215	270

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	12,484	18,436
Worldpay charges	58,601	53,812
Support costs	1,746	2,310
Fundraising and publicity	72,831	74,558

Year ended 31 March 2021

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £
Staff costs	264,187	251,314
Charitable Expenditure	1,325,212	1,658,875
	1,589,399	1,910,189
	1,589,399	1,910,189
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,482,178	1,349,375
Restricted funds	107,221	560,814
	1,589,399	1,910,189

Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
Australia	29,637	-	29,637
Cyprus	16,697	-	16,697
Gambia	21,960	-	21,960
Haiti	794	-	794
India	375,364	48,838	424,202
Iraq	265,752	-	265,752
Kenya	39,020	-	39,020
Lebanon	3,786	-	3,786
Malawi	19,375	-	19,375
Peru	855	-	855
Russia	10,332	-	10,332
UK/Langar Aid	149,701	58,383	208,084
Ukraine	3,015	-	3,015
Yemen	7,752	-	7,752
Zambia	5,782	-	5,782
Governance and support costs	532,356	-	532,356
	1,482,178	107,221	1,589,399

7 Charitable activities **(Continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
Australia	18,221	-	18,221
Haiti	934	-	934
India	163,314	560,814	724,128
Iraq	285,858	-	285,858
Kenya	18,399	-	18,399
Lebanon	28,116	-	28,116
Malawi	123,470	-	123,470
UK/Langar Aid	38,234	-	38,234
Yemen	26,585	-	26,585
Zambia	147,064	-	147,064
Turkey	40,569	-	40,569
Bangladesh	7,210	-	7,210
Philippines/Indonesia	5,034	-	5,034
Other charity projects	19,224	-	19,224
Governance and support costs	427,143	-	427,143
	1,349,375	560,814	1,910,189

8 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year apart from the reimbursement of expenses, which are set out in note 14.

During the year, Ravi Singh, the CEO and close family member of a Trustee, received £40,127 (2020: £38,956) in remuneration for their services.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	9	11

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	242,599	231,855
Social security costs	17,531	15,260
Other pension costs	4,057	4,199
	264,187	251,314

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2020	570,000	20,534	18,431	31,745	640,710
Additions	-	17,208	28,342	-	45,550
Disposals	-	-	-	(11,325)	(11,325)
At 31 March 2021	570,000	37,742	46,773	20,420	674,935
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2020	-	2,788	3,616	14,963	21,367
Depreciation charged in the year	-	5,523	7,743	5,594	18,860
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(6,040)	(6,040)
At 31 March 2021	-	8,311	11,359	14,517	34,187
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2021	570,000	29,431	35,414	5,903	640,748
At 31 March 2020	570,000	17,746	14,815	16,782	619,343

11 Debtors

	As restated 2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	256,036	102,341

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	50,116	2,443
Other creditors	12,192	3,746
Accruals and deferred income	10,626	6,000
	72,934	12,189

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	As restated Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	640,748	-	640,748	619,343
Current assets/(liabilities)	10,481,997	643,352	11,125,349	7,768,984
	11,122,745	643,352	11,766,097	8,388,327

14 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties for the reimbursement of expenses:

	2021 £	2020 £
R Singh	587	623
A S Bansal	1,436	-
T S Gill	100	-
K K Grewal	131	-
B K Sandhu	348	
	2,602	623

The charity also engaged in the services of K K Grewal, before being appointed as a Trustee, as a Covid 19 coordinator, which included the payment of £1,000.

15 Cash generated from operations

	2021 £	2020 £
Surplus for the year	3,377,769	2,864,308
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(16,451)	(43,088)
Interest payable and similar charges	-	5,603
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(715)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	18,860	8,366
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(153,694)	(100,545)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	60,745	(52,373)
Cash generated from operations	3,286,514	2,682,271

16 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

Corporate Directory

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Khalsa Aid International

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1163294

Company registration number
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Mr Tarvinder Singh Gill	
Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sandhu	
Mr Sukhraj Singh Sanghera	(Appointed 09 June 2021)
Ms Karamjit Kaur Grewal	(Appointed 09 June 2021)

Company secretary
Mrs Balvinder Kaur Sandhu

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