



# Annual Report 2024

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## Working Theme:

"Faith in action:  
From mercy to meaningful change"

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## Section 1

# Message from the Trustees and CEO

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem  
(In the Name of Allah, the Most  
Compassionate, the Most Merciful)

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), who has granted us the strength and resilience to navigate a year that has been defined by both adversity and hope. As we close the chapter on 2024, we find ourselves compelled not only to celebrate our achievements, but also to reflect deeply on the profound global events that have shaped our work and our worldview.

The year 2024 has tested the world's resolve in unprecedented ways. From catastrophic natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and droughts to the intensification of ongoing conflicts and the emergence of new humanitarian crises, the global community has witnessed suffering on a scale that demands both urgent action and sustained commitment. The economic turbulence, rising cost of living, and increased displacement of vulnerable populations have further strained the fabric of societies, stretching humanitarian resources and compassion to their very limits.

Yet, amidst these challenges, the spirit of generosity and unity within our community has shone even brighter. Your unwavering support and tireless dedication, whether through donations, advocacy, or volunteering, have enabled Abdullah Aid to respond swiftly and effectively, delivering life-saving assistance to those in greatest need. In regions ravaged by conflict, we provided emergency food, shelter, and medical care. In areas struck by disaster, we stood alongside survivors, offering comfort, hope, and the tools for recovery. Our commitment to sustainable development continued, as we expanded access to education for children in crisis, empowered women and families through livelihood initiatives, and prioritised health and hygiene for communities facing dire circumstances.

This past year also brought moments of immense gratitude and humility. We have been privileged to witness the resilience and courage of those we serve, individuals who, despite unimaginable hardship, have shown us the true meaning of hope and perseverance. Their stories remind us that our efforts extend far beyond material aid; we are fostering dignity, nurturing dreams, and planting seeds for a brighter future.

Guided by our Islamic values, we are ever mindful of the sacred trust placed upon us. The words of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) resonate especially in times of crisis: "The believers, in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy, are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever." This spirit of interconnectedness is at the heart of everything we do. We are part of a global family, bound by faith and compassion, and our mission is to ensure that no one is left behind.





## CEO – Shakil Malji

We owe every milestone we have achieved to the collective strength of our donors, partners, staff, volunteers, and most importantly, the resilient communities we serve. Your sacrifices, prayers, and unwavering commitment have enabled us to reach new horizons, even in the face of great challenges. Each act of kindness, no matter how small, creates a ripple of positive change that extends far beyond what we can see.

During my visits to various locations, witnessing first-hand the transformative impact of your generous donations, one thing consistently touches my heart, the heartfelt prayers of those whose lives you have helped transform.

A single dua from someone you have supported may become the means of your salvation on the Day of Judgement and your entry into Paradise.

May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts, forgive our shortcomings, and grant us the wisdom, sincerity, and strength to continue serving humanity with excellence.

As you read this report, I hope you feel inspired by the impact of our shared mission, and encouraged to remain a vital part of this compassionate journey.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers for peace, justice, and prosperity for all,

Shakil Malji  
CEO, Abdullah Aid



Section 2

Year at a Glance

Metric	2023	2024
People reached	720,000	1,035,000
Countries	18	21
Programme spend	£5.2m	£8.9m
Water projects	387	543
Permanent homes	250	400
Bread loaves	620,000	1,080,000
Sponsorships	612	1000



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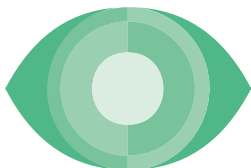
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Homes

2023	2024
250	400



Cataracts

2023	2024
280	500



Bread loaves

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620,000	1,080,000

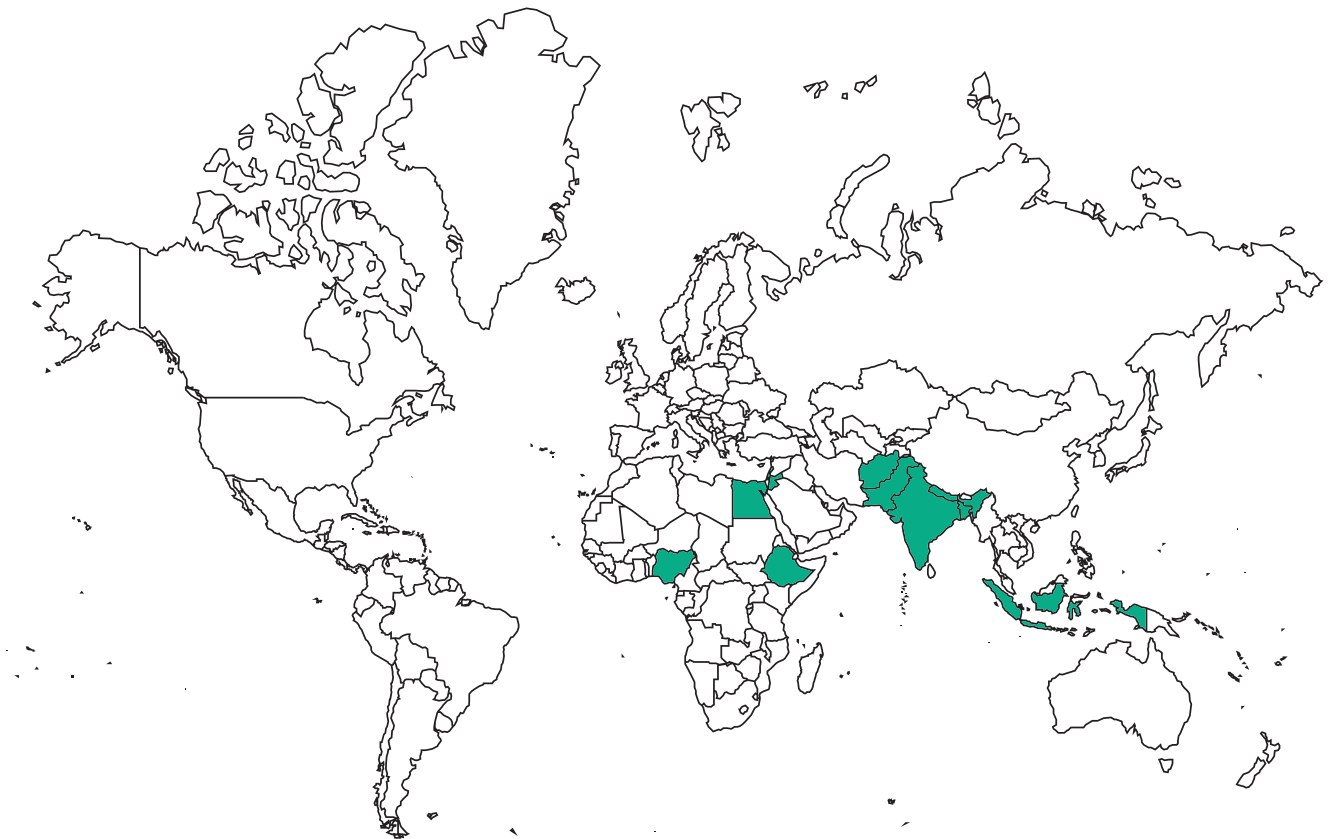


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# Geographic Reach

21 Countries across Middle East and North Africa (MENA),  
Sub-Saharan Africa & South Asia.



# Our approach: From aid to development

## Faith-based relief, dignity-centred development

### Overview

Abdullah Aid's work begins with compassion and ends with resilience. While we respond swiftly to emergencies, our deeper mission is to build lasting change. This means moving beyond short-term assistance to long-term, community-led development. We do this while staying firmly rooted in Islamic values and aligning with the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### 1. Faith as the foundation

*"The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others."*  
Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Our approach is grounded in the Islamic imperative of Ihsan (excellence), Amanah (trust) and Rahma (mercy). We are driven not only to alleviate suffering, but to restore dignity, enable self-reliance, and empower individuals to thrive. Charity (sadaqah) in Islam is not just about giving; it's about transforming lives and fulfilling our duty to justice (adl).

### 2. Beyond crisis response

While emergency relief remains central, especially in Gaza, Syria, and Yemen, we integrate development thinking at every stage:

- ▼ Immediate Relief: Food, shelter, water, and medical support.
- ▼ Stabilisation: Health services, trauma care, basic education.
- ▼ Development: Livelihoods, education, infrastructure, empowerment.
- ▼ Sustainability: Community ownership, environmental resilience, local leadership.

We prioritise community involvement and local partnerships, avoiding dependency and designing projects that reflect real needs and long-term potential.

### 3. Aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Abdullah Aid supports the global development agenda, especially in fragile states where progress is often slowest. Key contributions include:



SDG	Our Impact
<b>SDG 1: No Poverty</b>	Cash grants, shelter homes, livelihoods programmes
<b>SDG 2: Zero Hunger</b>	Bread factories, food parcels, Ramadan & Qurbani campaigns
<b>SDG 3: Good Health</b>	Syrian hospital, cataract surgeries, vaccination drives
<b>SDG 4: Quality Education</b>	Hifz & orphan sponsorships, school support, adult literacy
<b>SDG 6: Clean Water &amp; Sanitation</b>	Wells, boreholes, toilets and ablution facilities in remote areas
<b>SDG 8: Decent Work</b>	Small business grants, vocational tools, women's empowerment
<b>SDG 11: Sustainable Communities</b>	Permanent housing, solar-powered villages, masjid centres

## 4. From Aid to Agency

Our aim is to nurture agency, not dependency. We listen, co-design with communities, and focus on dignity and outcomes. Whether it's a father in Pakistan launching a market stall or a young man in Gambia saving for a taxi from tea sales, our role is to support their journey.

Abdullah Aid is not just about charity. It is about justice, empowerment, and faith in action. By fusing Islamic compassion with a development lens, we help communities move from vulnerability to vibrancy, one project, one person at a time.



## Section 4

# Thematic programmes

## Emergency relief



### Palestine

The humanitarian crisis in Palestine escalated in 2024, prompting Abdullah Aid to launch a comprehensive emergency response inside Gaza. Our team acted swiftly to provide life-saving aid to communities devastated by conflict and displacement.

#### Key achievements of our response include:

- ▼ Establishment of a fully operational field hospital in Gaza, delivering emergency medical care, surgeries, and critical treatments to the injured and vulnerable.
- ▼ Construction of a tent village to house displaced families, offering shelter and safety to those who had lost their homes.
- ▼ Distribution of 30,000+ food parcels and 100,000+ hot meals, ensuring access to daily nutrition during widespread food shortages.
- ▼ Delivery of over 30 aid trucks from Egypt and Jordan, containing medical supplies, food, hygiene kits, clothing, and other essentials.

Abdullah Aid's intervention in Gaza is a powerful reflection of our mission to deliver urgent, life-saving support in even the most complex and restricted environments. This vital work was made possible through the generous backing of our donors and partners.

### Syria

The ongoing crisis in Syria has severely weakened the country's healthcare infrastructure, leaving countless families without access to essential medical services. In response, Abdullah Aid established a fully operational health centre in Azaz, located in northern Syria, to serve some of the most vulnerable communities.

Since its launch, the facility has provided treatment to over 50,000 patients, offering comprehensive care including:

- ▼ Emergency medical services
- ▼ Chronic disease management
- ▼ Maternal and child healthcare
- ▼ General outpatient treatment for men, women, and children

In a context where public health systems are overwhelmed or non-functional, our health centre has become a crucial source of medical support and hope. It stands as a testament to Abdullah Aid's dedication to sustainable, impactful solutions that prioritise human dignity and recovery.







## Yemen

Yemen remains one of the world's most urgent and complex humanitarian emergencies, with millions of people facing food insecurity, displacement, and limited access to basic services. In 2024, Abdullah Aid continued its efforts to bring relief and restore dignity to some of the country's most vulnerable communities.

Over the course of the year, our teams on the ground distributed thousands of food parcels and hot meals, ensuring that families had consistent access to vital nutrition amidst widespread shortages and rising food prices. These efforts were particularly focused on areas most affected by conflict and displacement, where local resources remain scarce.

In addition to food relief, Abdullah Aid implemented a series of empowerment initiatives designed to support long-term recovery. These projects provided livelihood training and small business support, enabling families to rebuild their independence and resilience against ongoing hardship.

Access to clean and safe water remained a critical concern throughout the year. To address this, we delivered clean water through tankers. This helped reduce the spread of waterborne diseases and improved overall health conditions.

Recognising the growing number of displaced families, we also provided emergency shelter solutions, offering safe and secure accommodation to those forced from their homes by conflict or natural disasters.

Our work in Yemen is a testament to Abdullah Aid's unwavering commitment to responding to long-term crises with both compassion and sustainability. We remain deeply grateful to our donors and partners, whose continued support enables us to reach those most in need, even in the most challenging environments.



# Winter warmth

As temperatures plummeted across vulnerable regions, Abdullah Aid launched a targeted seasonal response to protect communities from the harsh winter cold. In 2024, we delivered critical winter assistance to families across Afghanistan, Jordan, Syria, Pakistan, and Lebanon, many of whom were living in poorly insulated shelters or makeshift housing.

Over 500 winter kits were distributed, each containing thick blankets, thermal clothing, and essential heating supplies tailored to meet local needs. These kits played a vital role in helping families endure freezing conditions and in preventing cold-related illnesses, especially among children, the elderly, and those with chronic health issues.

This intervention offered more than just physical warmth, it brought comfort and dignity to families enduring already challenging circumstances, embodying our ongoing commitment to seasonal relief efforts.



## Case Study:

During our winter relief distribution in Lebanon, we encountered a young girl visibly shivering and in tears. Concerned, we gently approached her to find out what was wrong. Through her trembling voice, she softly said, "I'm too cold." Without hesitation, our team reached into our supplies and handed her a warm winter jacket and a pair of shoes. As she put them on, her tears stopped and for the first time since we met her, a smile lit up her face. It was a powerful reminder of how something as simple as warm clothing can restore not just physical comfort, but also dignity and hope.





# Empower & Educate

The Empowerment Project gives individuals and communities the opportunity to generate income, support themselves, and grow in confidence. Across the globe, thousands of people are seeking ways to overcome daily challenges and build stable, independent lives, without relying solely on donations. Our mission is to help these individuals develop self-belief and achieve goals they might never have imagined possible. Through our programmes, people are able to start small businesses, collaborate within their communities, and create sustainable sources of income. We also believe that education is a key to empowerment. By distributing educational materials and running wellbeing initiatives, we aim to equip communities with the knowledge and tools they need to thrive. At our core, we are committed to providing both education and empowerment, fostering lasting change.

## Small businesses:

We support individuals by providing the tools they need to launch small businesses, empowering them to earn an income and support their families. This includes resources such as sewing machines, bicycles for work, clothing to sell, and fruit and vegetable stalls. These opportunities help individuals gain financial independence, improve their standard of living, and contribute to the wellbeing of their communities.

## Large business support:

For individuals needing more extensive support, we also provide opportunities to launch larger income-generating projects. This includes initiatives such as farming ventures and the provision of rickshaws, tools that offer a more sustainable path toward long-term independence. These projects not only help individuals earn a living but also empower them to work toward their life goals. Many aspire to reach a point where they, too, can give back and help others, creating a powerful cycle of support and transformation within their communities.

## Case study

In The Gambia, we provided Ahmed with a tea cart to help him begin earning an income. He was incredibly grateful for the opportunity and poured his energy into the small business, working hard every day to sell tea. Over the next few years, Ahmed saved enough from his earnings to buy a taxi, a life-changing step that allowed him to increase his income and support his family more consistently. In a beautiful display of kindness and community spirit, Ahmed passed the tea cart on to someone else in need, continuing the cycle of empowerment.





**Abdullah Aid**  
**THE GAMBIA**

# Health programme

Our Health Project provides life-changing support to individuals suffering from illnesses, chronic conditions, disabilities, or those in urgent need of medical care. In many rural villages, access to healthcare is limited or unaffordable. Thousands of people live with serious conditions that go untreated simply because they cannot afford the care they need.

Others face daily challenges due to disabilities, without access to mobility aids or support services. Through this project, we offer vital medical assistance to those most in need, restoring dignity, improving quality of life, and in some cases, even saving lives.

## We support:

- ▶ Eye cataract surgeries to restore vision
- ▶ Mobility aid distribution, including wheelchairs and disability-adapted bikes
- ▶ Medical procedures for urgent or chronic health needs every act of support brings hope, independence, and the chance at a healthier future.

## Over 500 cataracts were performed in 2024

As part of our Health Project, we proudly support a hospital dedicated to serving Syrian individuals and families in need. In a region where access to healthcare has been severely affected by conflict, this hospital provides critical medical care to those who need it most.

## Services include:

- ▶ Distribution of essential medications
- ▶ Vaccination programs to protect against preventable diseases
- ▶ General medical care and ongoing support for chronic conditions

In the past year alone, we provided care for over **50,000 individuals**, offering hope and healing in the face of hardship.

This project is a testament to our commitment to health as a human right, ensuring that even in the most difficult circumstances, people receive the care and dignity they deserve.





# Water programme

Access to clean, safe water remains one of the most urgent and life-changing interventions. In 2024, we delivered clean water directly to communities suffering from scarcity, contamination, or complete lack of access.

## Why we do water projects:

Water is a basic human right. Without it, communities are left vulnerable to disease, malnutrition, and displacement. Our mission is to reach areas where clean water is inaccessible and provide sustainable, long-term solutions.

## 2024 Water project impact:

Project Type	Number Completed
Water Pumps	402
Water Wells	111
Boreholes	22
Ablution Facilities	8
Total Projects	543



## Key benefits of water projects:

### Health:

Clean water reduces the spread of waterborne diseases and supports overall health, from hydration to improved organ function. It's a vital part of preventative healthcare in vulnerable areas.

### Livelihoods:

When water is nearby, families save hours each day, time that can be invested in farming, education, small businesses, or caring for loved ones. Women especially gain time, independence, and economic opportunity, but also provides safety.

## Community development:

Water brings stability. Masjids remain open, villages thrive, and community conflict over scarce resources is reduced. Clean water lays the foundation for better infrastructure, improved public health, and long-term sustainability.

## Case Study Aisha (Pakistan)

Before the solar borehole, Aisha trekked 4km carrying 20litres on her head. Now she gardens vegetables for sale, doubling her income and sending her daughters to school.



# Food provision

Extreme poverty and food insecurity continue to impact millions around the world, leaving countless families without enough to eat. In crisis-affected regions especially, access to regular, nutritious meals is a daily struggle.

Through our global food distribution efforts, Abdullah Aid is working to ease this burden. Operating in over 15 countries, we provide essential food parcels that sustain vulnerable families, many of whom would otherwise go without.

Our Bakery Projects play a key role in our efforts, delivering fresh bread daily to communities in need. Bread, a dietary staple in countries like Lebanon, Yemen, and beyond, is made accessible to families who rely on it for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. These initiatives not only help combat hunger but also restore dignity and a sense of normalcy for families facing some of life's toughest challenges.

**Thanks to your support, in the past year alone we have:**

- ▼ Distributed more than 1,080,000 bread (Enough for 108,000 Families)
- ▼ Over 10,000 food packs (Enough for 10,000 families)



## Case study:

During the harsh winter season in Lebanon, our team visited a family living in makeshift tents, struggling to survive the cold and hunger. As we handed over a food parcel, we noticed a young girl suddenly begin to weep. Concerned, we gently asked her what was wrong. Through her tears, she said:

*"This is the first food parcel we've received in over a year."*

In that moment, the weight of their hardship became painfully clear. Her tears were not just of sadness, but of relief, after enduring long months of hunger and uncertainty, they finally had a food pack to nourish them. This wasn't just a delivery — it was hope, dignity, and a lifeline for a family forgotten by many, but remembered by those who care.

# Sponsorship programme

In 2024, our Sponsorship programme continued to transform lives across vulnerable communities. Through orphan, Hifz, widow, and Imaam sponsorships, we provided consistent access to education, healthcare, and essential resources to those most in need.

## Why sponsorship matters:

In many of the communities we serve, children face overwhelming challenges: poverty, lack of education, and limited access to healthcare. Sponsorship is more than just aid, it is a promise. A promise of stability, growth, and long-term impact. By intervening early and remaining consistently involved, we unlock the potential of each child and offer their families a chance at a brighter future.

## 2024 Sponsorship impact:

Country & Category	Number sponsored
Orphans	456
Hifz	329
Imaams	95
Widows	74
Total	954

## Key benefits of sponsorship:

### Education:

Education is a cornerstone for lasting change. Sponsorship ensures that children have access to quality learning from an early age, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to shape better futures, not only for themselves but for their families and communities.

### Direct cash support:

Through financial support, families are empowered to meet urgent needs such as food, clothing, and medical care. This flexibility allows carers to prioritize what's most important for the child's well-being, helping restore dignity and reduce daily stress.





# Masjid

*"Whoever builds a mosque for Allah, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise."*

*[Sahih al-Bukhari & Muslim]*

At the heart of our mission lies the timeless teaching of the Prophet (PBUH) the building of Masjids as a means of both spiritual reward and communal transformation.

We are proud to share that we have successfully built over 40 Masjids in some of the world's most underserved and remote communities, offering access to a place of worship, learning, and community for more than 15,000 people.

These Masjids are not just structures, they are beacons of hope. They become the heart of the community, where:

- ▶ Children learn the Qur'an
- ▶ Adults find spiritual guidance
- ▶ Communities unite in prayer and purpose.

In regions where access to such spaces is scarce, a single Masjid can transform lives, fostering faith, unity, and dignity.

## Case Study:

In one of the African communities where we built a Masjid, a man known for his struggles with drinking and smoking approached our team. He shared, with sincerity in his voice, that he was not regular with prayers and often drank alcohol. After we constructed the Masjid, he said:

*"Now that there is a Masjid, I will stop drinking, and I will come here to pray."*

In another region, a local villager saw the Masjid construction and began showing interest in Islam. He became intrigued and requested taking his Shahadah.

At the inauguration of the Masjid, he happily and proudly accepted Faith





## Section 5

# Accountability & Safeguarding

## Upholding trust. Protecting dignity.

### A sacred trust

At Abdullah Aid, every pound entrusted to us and every person we serve is an amanah (sacred trust). We are accountable to our donors, beneficiaries, and most importantly, to Allah (SWT). That accountability is not just financial, it is moral, spiritual, and operational.

*"Verily! Allah commands that you should render back the trusts to those to whom they are due." – Qur'an 4:58*

We embed this principle of trust (amanah) across every area of our work, from how we handle funds to how we protect the most vulnerable in our care.

### Safeguarding the vulnerable

We operate in fragile and high-risk environments. Many of our beneficiaries are children, widows, displaced families, and people with disabilities. Safeguarding is not an optional policy; it is a core obligation.

- ▼ Zero tolerance for abuse, exploitation, or misconduct
- ▼ Mandatory safeguarding training for staff and partners
- ▼ Whistleblowing channels accessible to all
- ▼ Vetting and due diligence for delivery partners
- ▼ Confidential case management procedures in place

Our safeguarding framework is reviewed annually and benchmarked against sector best practice and Charity Commission expectations.

### Strong Governance

We maintain active Board oversight, with clear segregation of duties, financial controls, and programme risk reviews. This includes:

- ▼ Annual rolling internal audits and external independent reviews
- ▼ Live risk registers to monitor and mitigate operational and reputational risks
- ▼ Anti-fraud and anti-corruption policies enforced across all offices
- ▼ Zakat governance to ensure funds are compliant with Islamic principles and donor intent

### Transparency in practice

We publish this annual report with a breakdown of programme spend, impact, and lessons learned. We aim to be honest about challenges, not just successes.

- ▼ Full financial statements available to the public
- ▼ Real-time impact reporting via social media and email updates
- ▼ Feedback mechanisms for beneficiaries and donors

### Continuous Improvement

Our accountability is a journey, not a destination. We invest in training, systems, and external input to keep learning and improving.

In every action, we strive to be worthy of the trust placed in us. Accountability is not just about compliance — it is about integrity, sincerity (ikhlas), and responsibility before Allah and our communities.



# Beneficiary stories



### Supporting the blind and deaf in India.

Blind students in India received equipment for Braille Quran — now, they're on their journey to becoming Hafiz

### Restoring homes and dignity

When disaster destroyed Aunty Sabini's home, it took away her sense of security and belonging.

Our shelter programme helped her rebuild, ensuring her new home was not only restored, but improved.

Designed with safer construction techniques and sturdier materials, her new house stands strong against future hazards. With better ventilation, reliable roofing, and elevated foundations, it offers lasting comfort and protection.

More than a building, it represents resilience and the restoration of Aunty Sabini's dignity and hope.





## Section 7

# Partnerships and Collaboration

### **SANURA:**

**Location:** Togo

**Type:** NGO, Grant giving

**Outcome:** Our partnership with SANURA began with small grants for essential needs like food and water. After witnessing the quality and impact of their work, we expanded the scope and number of projects implemented through them.

### **WAQFOREVER:**

**Location:** UK

**Type:** Grants Received

**Outcome:** Our partnership with Waqforever served to support the people of Palestine, with us acting as their implementing partner. Alhamdulillah, this collaboration united us around a shared cause and significantly increased our collective humanitarian impact.

### **CHILDREN OF ADAM:**

**Location:** UK

**Type:** Grants Giving & Received

**Outcome:** Our long-standing partnership with Children of Adam has grown over the years. As a UK-registered NGO, they receive a significant portion of our grants and work with us to implement major initiatives, including village development and water projects.



# Financial Summary

## Overview

This report summarises the key financial figures of Abdullah Aid for the year ended 31 December 2024. It includes breakdowns of income and expenditure, cost-effectiveness analysis including both unrestricted and restricted funds, Zakat compliance information, fundraising cost details, and donor breakdown extracted from the accounts.

## Income Breakdown

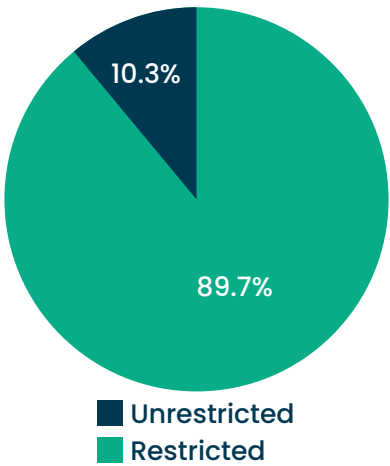
Unrestricted: £857,668; Restricted: £7,462,135; Total: £8,319,803

### Income Ratios

- Restricted Income Ratio: 89.7% of total income
- Unrestricted Income Ratio: 10.3% of total income

This chart illustrates the sources of income for Abdullah Aid in 2024. The majority of funds came from donations and gifts, demonstrating strong public support and trust in our mission. Gift Aid contributions also played a vital role in boosting our unrestricted income.

Income Breakdown



## Expenditure Breakdown

Charitable: £8.98m;  
Support: £342k;  
Governance: £134k;  
Fundraising: £266k;  
Total: £9.73m

## Overall Fund Deployment (Including Unrestricted)

Approximately 92.4% spent on charitable delivery; 7.6% on overheads and fundraising when considering all available funds (restricted & unrestricted).

Impact per £1: £1.20 spent from restricted funds.

Cost per person reached: £8.68 (using narrative metric of c. 1,035,000 beneficiaries).

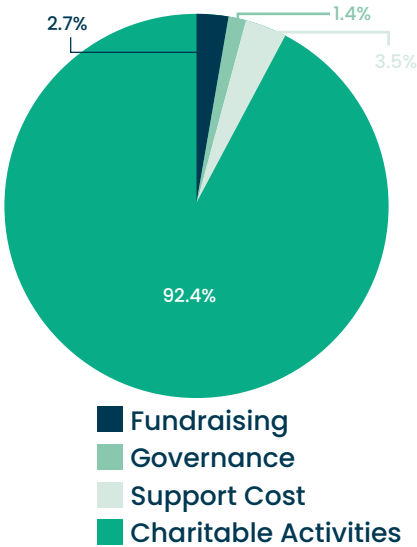
### Expenditure Ratios

- Charitable Expenditure Ratio: 92.4% of total expenditure
- Fundraising Ratio: 2.7% of income
- Support Cost Ratio: 3.5% of total expenditure
- Governance Cost Ratio: 1.4% of total expenditure

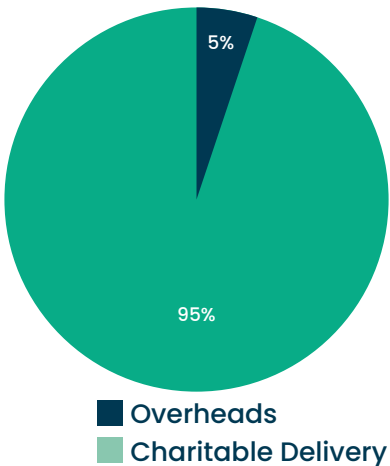
## Fundraising Costs

- Support Cost Ratio: 3.5% of total expenditure
- Governance Cost Ratio: 1.4% of total expenditure

Expenditure Breakdown



Restricted funds



# Gratitude and Dua's



Assalaamu alaykum

Bismillah wa Alhamdulillah

To every donor, volunteer, partner and well-wisher, Jazakumullahu khayran. Your trust is an amanah, and I take that trust very seriously.

As your Global Ambassador, I am personally committed to transparency, accountability, and high standards. I visit projects myself, meeting our teams and the families we serve, so I can witness delivery first-hand and ensure your generosity is reaching people with dignity, quality and speed. I also expect robust governance: clear reporting, independent checks, and continuous improvement. This is how we honour the Ummah's donations and hold ourselves to account before Allah Almighty and the community.

With your support, the charity has served people in some of the hardest places, from Gaza to parts of Africa and South Asia, through lifesaving aid, healthcare, water, bread and seasonal relief. Alhamdulillah, the scale is meaningful, but what matters most is impact with integrity, helping the right people at the right time.

As we look ahead, inshaAllah we aim to strengthen long-term sustainability, deepen local partnerships and keep improving the way we measure and report results. Please keep us in your du'a, continue to give and encourage others, so together we can do even more good, openly and responsibly.

A humble du'a

*O Allah, accept from every giver and every helper. Place barakah in their wealth, homes and health. Heal the broken-hearted, relieve those in hardship, and protect the vulnerable. Make our work sincere, accountable and beneficial. Keep us honest, united and steadfast upon khayr. Ameen.*

With gratitude and prayers.

Mufti Menk  
Global Ambassador

"And whatever good thing you spend shall be repaid to you in full, and you shall not be wronged"  
(Qur'an 2:272)



## Section 10

# Strategic Vision for 2025: Leadership, Sustainability, and Innovation

In pursuit of our 2025 vision, we are embarking on a bold and ambitious roadmap that draws strength from principled leadership, robust financial planning, and strategic innovation.

## Strengthening Leadership and Governance

Our commitment to excellence begins with cultivating empowered leadership at all levels. We are investing in the ongoing development of our executive team and local office leads, ensuring they are equipped to navigate the evolving humanitarian landscape with integrity, vision, and agility. By fostering a culture of accountability, transparency, and continual learning, we will inspire confidence and deliver meaningful impact for our beneficiaries.

## Ensuring financial sustainability and launching our Waqf

Financial sustainability remains a cornerstone of our strategy. In 2025, we are proud to announce the launch of our institutional waqf (endowment fund), which will provide a perpetual source of funding to underpin our core projects and future initiatives. This waqf will not only diversify our income streams but also strengthen our resilience in the face of economic fluctuations, ensuring our ability to deliver critical services for generations to come.

## Maximising impact through strategic partnerships

We recognise that no single organisation can address complex challenges in isolation. That is why we are forging robust partnerships with sector-leading NGOs, community groups, and international agencies to pool resources, share expertise, and co-create innovative solutions. By working collaboratively, we can amplify our reach and secure better outcomes for the communities we serve.

## Harnessing the power of volunteers

Our volunteers remain at the heart of our mission. Their passion, commitment, and local knowledge drive the success of our programmes worldwide. Over the next year, we will expand our volunteer engagement initiatives, providing comprehensive training and leadership opportunities that empower individuals to contribute meaningfully, both at home and abroad.

## Embracing Technological Innovation: AI and Beyond

Staying at the forefront of technological advancement is critical to our continued success. We are actively investing in the integration of cutting-edge technologies, including AI-driven data analysis, to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our overseas operations. These innovations will enable us to deliver aid more precisely, monitor impact in real time, and adapt our strategies responsively to community needs.

## Milestone

2025 will mark our 10th anniversary. This milestone offers us the opportunity to reflect on our achievements and look ahead to strengthening our efforts to make a lasting difference. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our partners, communities, donors, and volunteers.



## Vision for 2026 and beyond

As we move into 2026, Abdullah Aid is committed to advancing its mission through strategic growth and innovation. We will strengthen leadership across the organisation to ensure effective governance and impactful decision-making. By growing our endowment, we aim to secure long-term financial sustainability, enabling us to respond to humanitarian needs with agility and confidence.

Our partnerships will be deepened to maximise collective impact, while volunteer engagement will be expanded to harness the power of community driven support. We will invest in artificial intelligence and emerging technologies to enhance the efficiency, accuracy, and reach of our aid delivery systems.

Central to our approach is a commitment to empowering communities toward self reliance. We will prioritise projects that build local capacity, promote economic independence, and foster long-term resilience. Guided by faith and compassion, our work will continue to focus on creating lasting, positive change and ensuring every community has the opportunity to thrive.

Together with our supporters, partners, and the dedicated efforts of our staff and volunteers, Abdullah Aid is building a legacy rooted in compassion, sustainability, and transformational change. As we look to the future, our unwavering focus remains on elevating lives, strengthening resilience, and advancing a world where dignity, opportunity, and hope are accessible to all.

We recognise that meaningful impact is achieved through collaboration, innovation, and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by those we serve. With faith as our foundation and humanity as our guide, we will continue to walk alongside communities empowering them to shape their own futures and build a better tomorrow.



## Section 11

# Strategy, Learning & Development away weekend

One team. One standard. Shared impact.

### Why we came together:

In line with our working theme 'Faith in Action': From mercy to meaningful change. We convened colleagues from across our global offices for a dedicated strategy, learning and development weekend. The purpose was clear: align on delivery standards, sharpen core skills and strengthen a shared culture of accountability and service.

### How we learned:

Independent facilitators led fully interactive sessions focused on the essentials of high quality programming and stewardship: Safeguarding & protection (policy into practice, reporting pathways). Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning (MEAL) (evidence, indicators, adaptive management). Financial management & controls (budgets, grants compliance, value for money). Project design & proposals (theory of change, risk and mitigation, logframes). Ethical communications (consent-based, dignity-centred storytelling). Trustees and senior leaders participated throughout, engaging directly with teams in workshops and live casework. Our Global Ambassador, Mufti Ismail Menk, also attended, offering reflections on sincerity, stewardship and service to beneficiaries.

### What changed (early outcomes):

**Tighter standards:** A shared baseline for safeguarding, MEAL and financial stewardship now underpins all programmes, reinforcing our commitment to openness and strong governance.

**Better evidence:** Clearer indicators and improved data tools are lifting the quality of monitoring and evaluation across country offices.

**Faster collaboration:** Country teams are co-designing proposals and sharing resources more effectively, reducing duplication and improving delivery timelines.

**Culture of improvement:** Staff report greater confidence in escalating risks, documenting lessons and communicating results, reflecting our view that accountability is a journey, not a destination.

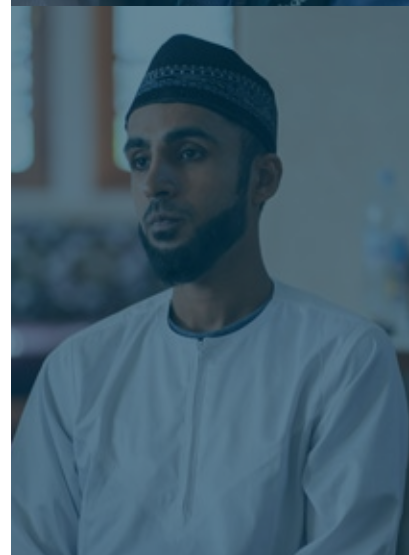
### Why it matters:

Every pound entrusted to us and every person we serve, is a sacred trust. Strengthening people, systems and oversight ensures that our work is delivered with integrity, transparency and measurable impact.

### What's next:

We will make the 'Away Weekend' a regular fixture, supported by a rolling masterclass calendar, cross-country communities of practice, and a simple learning tracker for board oversight, embedding continuous learning into how we plan, deliver and report

"When we invest in our people, we multiply the benefit to the people we serve."



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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**  
**for**  
**Abdullah Aid**

**Prestons & Jacksons Partnership LLP**  
**Statutory Auditors**  
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Public benefit**

The trustees confirm they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity's purposes are advanced through grants and programmes across MENA, Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, relieving poverty and hardship and improving access to essentials such as food, water, health care and shelter. Activities described in 'Objectives, activities and achievements' evidence identifiable public benefit.

### **Objectives, activities and achievements**

Our charitable objectives are to relieve poverty and advance community welfare. During the year we:  
Delivered programmes in 21 countries.

Awarded £8,985,862 of grants (charitable activities), with major allocations to: Palestine £2,549,515; Syria £969,000; Yemen £736,100; Pakistan £654,624; Tanzania £598,030; The Gambia £680,893; Lebanon £474,072; Jordan £304,075; India £509,441; Indonesia £291,768. (Full country list in Note 5.)

Reached c. 1,035,000 people (year-at-a-glance metric).

Further narrative and case studies appear in the public Annual Report; this Trustees' Report summaries the statutory position.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Fundraising activities**

We raise funds from the public via campaigns, events and digital channels; where third-party platforms or partners are used, we have written agreements and oversight. We monitor fundraising activities, record and respond to complaints, and take particular care to protect vulnerable people. Fundraising costs were £266,149 (c. 3.2% of income).and (2023: 234,142)

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

Total income was £8,319,803 (restricted £7,462,135; unrestricted £857,668). Total expenditure was £9,729,116, comprising charitable activities £8,985,862, raising funds £266,149, support costs £342,889, and governance costs £134,216. The net result was a deficit of £1,409,313 (driven by draw-down of restricted funds) and an unrestricted surplus of £109,353. Year-end cash was £2,342,559 (2023: £3,663,272).



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### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy (with free reserves)**

The trustees aim to hold free reserves equivalent to 3 months of core operating costs to buffer working capital needs and income volatility.

Free reserves definition: unrestricted funds excluding designated funds and tangible fixed assets used for charitable purposes.

Free reserves position as of 31st December 2024: £278,944

##### **Going concern**

The trustees have reviewed cash-flow forecasts for at least 12 months, alongside the reserves position and funding profile, and judge that the going-concern basis remains appropriate. No material uncertainties have been identified by the trustees. (Auditors also concluded going concern is appropriate.)

##### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

Principal risks and mitigation includes:

1. Operating in high-risk jurisdictions - partner due diligence, sanctions/AML screening, monitoring visits.
2. Regulatory compliance - policy suite, audit, and board oversight.
3. Restricted-fund stewardship - fund-by-fund tracking and grant agreements with clear deliverable/reporting.
4. Safeguarding - training, whistleblowing, safer-partnering checks, case management.
5. Financial sustainability & Foreign Exchange(FX) - cash-flow forecasting, pragmatic FX controls.
6. Cyber/data - access controls, MFA, training, incident response.
7. Reputation/comms - content approvals, complaints handling.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity governing document is a CIO Foundation model constitution registered with charity commission on 8th March 2016 amended on 21st November 2017.

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charity Act 2011.

##### **Future Plans**

Priorities for 2025/26 include: strengthening humanitarian programmes; launching the Abdullah Aid waqf (endowment) to support long-term sustainability; expanding volunteer engagement; and investing in data/AI to enhance overseas operations.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1165916

##### **Principal address**

81 Upton Lane  
London  
E7 9PB

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**Trustees**

Rizwan Patel - Chair

Umar Patel

Masihullah Patel

Firoz Patel

**Chief Executive Officer**

Shakil Malji

**Auditors**

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20/10/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee - Rizwan Patel

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Abdullah Aid

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Abdullah Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 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 Auditors' 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Abdullah Aid

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable organisation has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting record and returns; 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 which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Abdullah Aid

### **Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework within which the charitable organisation operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charitable organisation's ability to operate or to avoid material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable organisation for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), employment legislation, taxation legislation and anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, internal audit and the Trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks and irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with Charity Commission, review of donor audit reports, and reading of minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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Owing to inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**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.

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Date: 21/10/25

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes				
Donations and legacies	2	857,668	7,462,135	8,319,803	8,609,480
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	266,149	-	266,149	234,142
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Charitable Activities		5,061	8,980,801	8,985,862	5,194,832
Support Costs		342,889	-	342,889	264,198
Governance Costs		134,216	-	134,216	73,805
<b>Total</b>		748,315	8,980,801	9,729,116	5,766,977
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		109,353	(1,518,666)	(1,409,313)	2,842,503
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		177,626	3,587,526	3,765,152	922,649
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		286,979	2,068,860	2,355,839	3,765,152

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	10,935	-	10,935	10,141
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	13	46,913	-	46,913	123,107
Cash at bank		273,699	2,068,860	2,342,559	3,663,272
		320,612	2,068,860	2,389,472	3,786,379
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(44,568)	-	(44,568)	(31,368)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		276,044	2,068,860	2,344,904	3,755,011
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		286,979	2,068,860	2,355,839	3,765,152
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		286,979	2,068,860	2,355,839	3,765,152
<b>FUNDS</b>	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				286,979	177,626
Restricted funds:					
Restricted Funds				2,068,860	3,587,526
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				2,355,839	3,765,152

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20/10/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee - Rizwan Patel

The notes form part of these financial statements



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Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	(1,316,086)	2,566,015
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(1,316,086)	2,566,015
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,627)	(11,315)
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,627)	(11,315)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(1,320,713)	2,554,700
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		3,663,272	1,108,572
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		2,342,559	3,663,272

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>(1,409,313)</b>	<b>2,842,503</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	3,832	2,806
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	76,194	(75,347)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	13,201	(203,947)
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>	<b>(1,316,086)</b>	<b>2,566,015</b>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/1/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	3,663,272	(1,320,713)	2,342,559
	<u>3,663,272</u>	<u>(1,320,713)</u>	<u>2,342,559</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,663,272</u>	<u>(1,320,713)</u>	<u>2,342,559</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Statutory Information**

Abdullah Aid is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered with Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered office address can be found at the information page.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment            - 25% on cost

Fixtures and Fittings           - 20% on cost

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.



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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### **2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

<b>Restricted Donations</b>	<b>31.12.24</b>	<b>31.12.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Afghanistan	130,385	176,836
Bangladesh	14,479	6,000
Egypt	73,050	-
Ethiopia	39,165	-
Gambia	206,253	869,700
Guinea	24,000	-
Guinea Bissau	119,645	14,600
India	440,241	12,540
Indonesia	291,768	28,029
Jordan	304,075	-
Lebanon	372,046	123,441
Libya	-	69,052
Morocco	35,706	148,244
Nepal	-	106,204
Niger	10,050	-
Nigeria	49,702	-
Pakistan	596,675	186,337
Palestine	2,938,199	1,762,685
Panama	100,000	-
Sierra Leone	-	132,149
Somalia	52,909	76,616
South Sudan	10,050	-
Sri Lanka	97,212	95,702
Syria	225,998	1,309,576
Tanzania	598,030	179,582
Turkey	-	1,244,323
Togo	82,940	-
Uganda	1,070	-
United Kingdom	32,849	22,201
Various	35,240	-
Yemen	580,398	539,385
<b>Other Restricted Funds</b>		
Zakaat	-	706,001
Sadaqah	-	279,250
Lillah	-	25,471
	<b>7,462,135</b>	<b>8,116,923</b>
<b>Unrestricted Donations</b>	<b>857,668</b>	<b>492,556</b>
<b>Total Donations and Gifts</b>	<b>8,319,803</b>	<b>8,609,479</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	<b>31.12.24</b>	<b>31.12.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	<b>66,700</b>	<b>62,265</b>
Fundraising Costs	<b>199,449</b>	<b>171,877</b>
	<b><u>266,149</u></b>	<b><u>234,142</u></b>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 6) £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
Charitable Activities	<b>8,985,862</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,985,862</b>
Support Costs	<b>-</b>	<b>342,889</b>	<b>342,889</b>
Governance Costs	<b>-</b>	<b>134,216</b>	<b>134,216</b>
	<b><u>8,985,862</u></b>	<b><u>477,105</u></b>	<b><u>9,462,967</u></b>

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**5. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	31/12/24	31/12/23
	£	£
Afghanistan	201,000	220,995
Palestine	2,549,515	1,586,489
Pakistan	654,624	326,410
Panama	100,000	-
India	509,441	16,715
Yemen	736,100	449,195
Sri Lanka	120,410	77,440
Bangladesh	14,479	18,700
The Gambia	680,893	429,195
Guinea	24,000	-
Guinea Bissau	119,645	72,300
Niger	10,050	-
Nigeria	49,702	26,826
Sierra Leone	104,609	49,840
South Sudan	10,050	-
Syria	969,000	470,325
Tanzania	598,030	349,694
Togo	82,940	-
Uganda	1,070	-
United Kingdom	18,547	38,726
Indonesia	291,768	105,008
Lebanon	474,072	-
Jordan	304,075	143,675
Nepal	34,854	38,082
Egypt	73,050	-
Ethiopia	39,165	3,000
Libya	-	70,250
Morocco	72,902	111,048
Somalia	57,200	52,918
Turkey	-	301,020
Various	35,240	236,222
Monitoring & Evaluation Travel	49,430	47,276
	<b>8,985,861</b>	<b>5,242,108</b>

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**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	£	costs	£
	£	£	£	£
Support Costs	72,260	270,629	-	342,889
Governance Costs	-	-	134,216	134,216
	<u>72,260</u>	<u>270,629</u>	<u>134,216</u>	<u>477,105</u>

Support costs (finance, HR, IT, premises) and governance costs (audit, board and regulatory compliance) are apportioned to activities based on proportion of direct grant spend by country/programme, reviewed annually. In 2024, support costs totalled £342,889 and governance costs £134,216.

**7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>12,000</u>	<u>18,056</u>

	Audit Fees	Accountancy Fees	Total
	£	£	£
Current Auditors	8,400	3,600	12,000
	<u>8,400</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>12,000</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year, trustee expenses amounted to £13,984 (2023: £3,057).

The majority of these costs related to travel expenses, including £11,772 incurred for fundraising activities and £2,212 for monitoring charitable projects overseas.



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**9. STAFF COSTS**

	<b>31.12.24</b>	<b>31.12.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>248,156</b>	140,826
Social security costs	<b>20,668</b>	8,752
	<b><u>268,824</u></b>	<u>149,578</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>31.12.24</b>	<b>31.12.23</b>
Admin and Management	<b>7</b>	5
	<b><u>7</u></b>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31.12.22**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	<u>492,556</u>	<u>8,116,924</u>	<u>8,609,480</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	234,142	-	234,142
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	-	5,194,832	5,194,832
Support Costs	216,922	47,276	264,198
Governance Costs	59,963	13,842	73,805
<b>Total</b>	<u>511,027</u>	<u>5,255,950</u>	<u>5,766,977</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(18,471)	2,860,974	2,842,503
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	196,097	726,552	922,649
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>177,626</u>	<u>3,587,526</u>	<u>3,765,152</u>

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**11. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The Key Management Personnel comprises of the Board of Trustees and the CEO.

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2024	11,315	6,116	17,431
Additions	-	4,627	4,627
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At 31 December 2024	11,315	10,743	22,058
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2024	2,262	5,028	7,290
Charge for year	2,262	1,571	3,833
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At 31 December 2024	4,524	6,599	11,123
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2024	6,791	4,144	10,935
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At 31 December 2023	9,053	1,088	10,141
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**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Other Debtors	46,913	123,107
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**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Taxation and social security	6,173	4,118
Other creditors	38,395	27,250
	<u>44,568</u>	<u>31,368</u>

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	177,626	109,353	286,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	3,587,526	(1,518,666)	2,068,860
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,765,152</u>	<u>(1,409,313)</u>	<u>2,355,839</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	857,668	(748,315)	109,353
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	7,462,135	(8,980,801)	(1,518,666)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,319,803</u>	<u>(9,729,116)</u>	<u>(1,409,313)</u>

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	196,097	(18,471)	177,626
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	726,552	2,860,974	3,587,526
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>922,649</u>	<u>2,842,503</u>	<u>3,765,152</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	492,556	(511,027)	(18,471)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	8,116,924	(5,255,950)	2,860,974
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,609,480</u>	<u>(5,766,977)</u>	<u>2,842,503</u>

**Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds of £2,068,860 (2023:£3,587,526) at 31st December 2024 represents the balance carried forward on a number of different projects over different countries as disclosed in Note 2 and Note 5.

**Unrestricted Designated Funds**

This fund is used to cover the charity's overhead costs.

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#### **16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity had the following related party transactions, all conducted at arm's length and in the charity's best interests:

##### **1. Trustee-connected grants**

Aggregate grants to partner charities with trustee board overlap totalled £1,996,282 (Tanzania - £1,114,389, The Gambia - £680,893 and Afghanistan - £201,100) and (2023: £1,000,643).

Relationship: an Abdullah Aid trustee also serves on the boards of the partner entities.

Year-end balances: £22,406 is payable to Afghanistan as at 31 Dec 2024.

##### **2. Services from trustee-connected entity**

Book-keeping services: £6,696 (2023: £8,105) provided by a trustee's accountancy firm, procured and approved in line with the conflicts policy and benchmark to market rates.

Year-end payable: £6,480 is payable as at 31st Dec 2024 (2023 : £4,200)

During the year the charity procured governance, risk and compliance consultancy services from SureTrust Limited, a company in which Dr Firoz Patel (trustee) is a director/shareholder. Fees for the year totalled £2,900 at 31 December 2024. The engagement was conducted on normal commercial terms at arm's length and authorized in line with the charity's conflicts policy; the interested trustee took no part in the decision and did not vote.

No other trustee received remuneration for acting as a trustee

##### **Trustee remuneration and donations**

Trustees donated £747 (2023: £1,704), with no conditions attached.

No trustee received remuneration for their role.

##### **Trustees' Expenses**

See Note 8

#### **17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no post-balance-sheet events requiring adjustment or disclosure.



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**18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The charity's basic financial instruments comprise cash, receivables and payables, all measured at amortised cost under FRS 102. The charity is exposed to:

1. Credit risk on receivables (low; managed via active credit control).
2. Liquidity risk (managed through cash-flow forecasting and reserves).
3. Currency risk arises where grants are disbursed in foreign currencies (managed pragmatically; not material relative to scale).
4. No derivatives are used. At year-end Cash at bank was £2,342,559; receivables £46,913 and payables totalled £44,568.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
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	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations & Gifts	7,952,593	8,116,924
Gift aid	310,372	405,060
Sponsorships	-	18,310
Income - Ticket Sales	56,838	69,186
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	8,319,803	8,609,480
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	8,319,803	8,609,480
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Advertising	66,700	62,265
Fundraising Costs	199,449	171,877
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	266,149	234,142
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Donations	8,985,862	5,242,108
<b>Support costs</b>		
Management		
Rents and rates	15,989	16,258
Insurance	18,425	2,014
Light and heat	2,415	1,593
Telephone	3,572	4,962
Postage and stationery	11,258	19,124
Subscriptions	6,281	8,502
Volunteer Expenses	5,359	5,819
Uniform	1,031	-
Repairs & Renewals	4,098	4,585
Depreciation of tangible assets	3,832	2,806
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	72,260	65,663

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	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>Management</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Salaries	248,156	140,826
Social security	20,668	8,752
Other Costs	-	837
Bank charges	1,805	844
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	270,629	151,259
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	12,000	18,056
Legal & Professional fees	15,122	16,375
Consultancy Fees	100,398	31,269
Book-Keeping	6,696	8,105
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	134,216	73,805
 Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	9,729,116	5,766,977
 Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(1,409,313)	2,842,503

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