MUSLIM CHARITIES FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1166149

Details

Other names	MCF
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-03-21
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Activities

Objects: The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and organisations that predominately engage in charitable activity (in particular but without limitation Muslim led charities) based in the United Kingdom, and the effective use of their charitable resources, in particular but not exclusively by: - 1. promoting cooperation and coordination among such charities and organisations. 2 providing representation and advocacy on behalf of such charities and organisations; 3 providing and exchanging information, guidance, education, training, technical and professional support and assistance; 4 promoting and undertaking research into the efficiency of charities and organisations, disseminating the useful results. and 5. Providing services or making grants and donations to assist charities and organisations to develop their charitable activities, projects and services or other as the trustees may determine in their absolute discretion from time to time.Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Activities: The Muslim Charities Forum is an umbrella organisation for Muslim-led international NGOs, based in the UK. Since our inception in 2007 we have promoted collaborative working and knowledge sharing while supporting our member organisations through advocacy, training and research.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£518,177	£435,767	£343,317	6
2023-12-31	£357,447	£350,917	-	-
2023-03-31	£475,738	£450,867	-	-
2022-03-31	£346,793	£503,815	-	-
2021-03-31	£513,023	£237,707	£386,528	2

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Moazzam Malik CMG	Chair	2022-07-04
Dr HANY Abdel Gawad EL-BANNA OBE		2016-03-21
Javeria Hashmi		2024-01-01
Lamees Hafeez		2026-02-12
Mukhtar Amirali Karim		2023-01-01
SHUAIB YUSAF		2016-12-12
Saffa Mir		2021-04-01
Shahid Bashir		2024-01-29
Sofia Buncy MBE - DL		2025-06-02
Toib Olomowewe		2025-06-02
Ziaur Rahman Salik		2025-09-15

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REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

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We are grateful to the following individuals: Baroness Bennet Teresa Dumasy for their continued support and expertise.

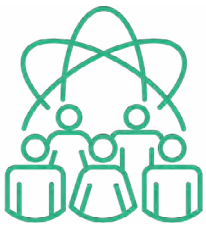
WHAT WE DO

In order to champion change the way we do at MCF, we work in three key areas:

Support

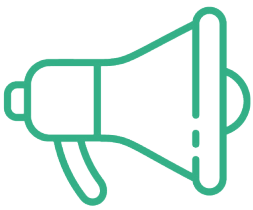
We empower our members and their teams with tailored services designed to enhance their capabilities and equip them to navigate an evolving charity landscape. By strengthening accountability, efficiency and impact, we help charities achieve their full potential. Members benefit from free or affordable opportunities for both organisational and personal development.

Connect



We foster meaningful connections between MCF members, charities, NGOs, regulatory bodies, civil society, academia and the private sector. By strengthening these networks, we increase sector-wide impact and open doors to resources, collaborations and opportunities that would be difficult to access alone.

Represent



We are the collective voice of British Muslim charities. By actively engaging with policymakers and key stakeholders, we ensure that the needs, challenges and contributions of our sector are recognised and represented at a national level.

TRUSTEES

Hameed Al-Asaly

Director of Emerging Markets at Human Appeal

Dr Hany El-Banna OBE

Founder of MCF (Independent)

Javeria Hashmi

Deputy CEO of READ Foundation UK

Khalid Javid

CEO of Muslim Aid

Madiha Raza

Associate Director, Global Public Affairs and Communications (Independent)

Moazzam Malik CMG

Chairman of MCF (Independent)

Mukhtar Karim

CEO of The Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust

Saffa Mir

Charities Education and Social Enterprise Lawyer (Independent)

Shahid Bashir

Deputy CEO of Muslim Hands

Shuaib Yusaf

MCF Treasurer & CEO of Al-Khair Foundation

Tufail Hussain

Director of Islamic Relief UK

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Dear Friends and Partners,

The past year has, once again, presented significant challenges for our communities and sector, stretching our organisations to their limits. At home, we have witnessed some of the most shocking forms of disinformation, hate, and discrimination, particularly through the Islamophobic riots that have targeted Muslim communities and institutions across the country.

Abroad, we have observed a continued disregard for international law and the sanctity of human life, from Gaza to Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These conflicts have led to significant civilian casualties, displacement, and the destruction of critical infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, and places of worship, as well as the targeting of humanitarian workers and medical personnel. And, of course, the climate crisis persists as one of the most formidable threats of our time.

As challenges continue to evolve, so too does our resolve to ensure that Muslim-led charities are equipped, empowered, and recognised for their invaluable contributions. MCF has remained steadfast in its mission to support and represent our members while trying to dismantle barriers to fairness and inclusion across the sector.

In 2024, MCF deepened its advocacy efforts—championing the sector's resilience in the face of economic pressures, addressing systemic barriers and tackling discrimination within and outside the charitable space. We worked to ensure that Muslim charities have access to the resources, networks, and representation necessary to thrive. Through strategic engagement with policymakers at all levels: our hosting of the Civil Society Covenant Roundtable, we have reinforced the essential role of faith-based charities in the UK's social fabric, advocating for serious recognition and fairer funding and treatment across the sector.

This year also marked unequivocal growth for MCF, with preparatory work underway for the launch of the Women's Network within Muslim charities, further supported by the release of the sixth edition of the Forum, The Blessings of the Sisters. This was followed by our first-ever Senior Leadership Retreat in October and the continued success of our Future Leaders Programme. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to uplifting and empowering Muslim-led charities, fostering leadership, and promoting long-term sustainability within the sector.

At the heart of MCF's mission lies our vision of a thriving and well-supported charitable sector, where Muslim-led organisations are empowered to serve their communities without barriers. By supporting, connecting, and representing our members, we work collaboratively, amplify collective impact, and ensure that the sector's contributions are recognised at all levels. Through this, we continue to build a network rooted in shared values, mutual support, and the unwavering pursuit of positive change.

As we look ahead to 2025, MCF remains dedicated to building a stronger, more inclusive sector—one where collaboration flourishes, discrimination is challenged, and Muslim-led charities are recognised as vital contributors to society. Our focus will be on strengthening infrastructure support, advocating for equitable funding opportunities, and ensuring that Muslim-led organisations have a seat at the table in policy discussions that shape the future of our sector and country.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the MCF team, our dedicated Board of Trustees, and our members, partners, and funders who stand with us in this mission. Together, we will continue to build a resilient and thriving future for our sector and the communities we serve.

Yours,
Moazzam Malik CMG
Chair, Board of Trustees

CEO'S MESSAGE

Salam Dear Colleagues and Supporters,

2024 was a year of both significant growth and considerable challenge for MCF and the wider sector. As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that our collective resilience, dedication and adaptability have been instrumental in navigating the complexities facing our communities today.

Throughout the year, MCF has remained committed to its core mission: strengthening the sector through research, advocacy, and collaboration. We have continued to address critical issues such as financial access, policy engagement and climate-conscious charitable work. We have also stood proud and steadfast in the face of adversity– speaking out about the despicable Islamophobic riots of 2024 and the rampant discrimination we face at all levels. At the same time, we have worked tirelessly to support Muslim-led organisations in overcoming practical challenges, whether through our capacity improvement programmes, policy initiatives, or sector-wide networking opportunities.

One of our proudest achievements this year was our inaugural Senior Leadership Retreat, which brought together key figures from across the Muslim charity sector for a reflective and quality time, dedicated to collaboration, knowledge sharing and strategic growth. We were also honoured to facilitate peer learning and strengthen partnerships, ensuring that Muslim-led charities across the UK can continue to thrive and maximise their collective impact.

We were delighted to launch a special edition of The Forum, celebrating the contributions of Muslim women in the charity sector while also addressing the numerous challenges they face. This edition, titled The Blessings of the Sisters, featured insights and inspiring stories from remarkable female colleagues on topics such as Islamophobia, sustainability, volunteering, education, and global advocacy. This important publication, along with its well-attended launch event, highlighted not only the importance of recognition for women in the third sector but also their vital role in its conception, continued growth, and existence.

Our research efforts have also played a key role in highlighting pressing challenges, helping to inform decision-makers and drive meaningful change. A highlight of the year was the expansion of our sustainability and environmental initiatives, marked by the success of our Seeds for Tomorrow event, which spotlighted the launch of our report titled ***Climate Action within Muslim-led Charities and Organisations in the UK***. The report emphasised the environmental responsibilities and contributions of charities and stressed the importance of investing more time and resources in this area.

MCF is determined to build on this momentum. We will continue advocating for systemic change in funding structures, fostering stronger collaborations within the sector and ensuring that grassroots organisations have the tools and resources to thrive. The road ahead is not without obstacles, but together and through the Grace and Will of Allah, we can shape a future where the sector is more inclusive, resilient, and impactful than ever before.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our members, partners, funders and the incredible MCF team for their unwavering dedication. Your commitment to this work is what makes our collective impact possible, and I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the coming year.

Yours faithfully,
Fadi Itani OBE
Chief Executive Officer

MCF'S STORY

Who We Are

Founded in 2007 by Dr. Hany El-Banna, Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) was established to address the growing presence of British Muslim-led charities and their role in social good—both in the UK and globally. His vision was to create a cohesive, well-connected charity sector where organisations could support one another, share best practices and collaborate to meet the needs of their communities.

Over the years, MCF has evolved into the UK's primary network for Muslim charities, with over 300 connected charities and a growing core membership. Our work strengthens the sector by connecting; supporting and advocating for Muslim-led charities – ensuring they are recognised, represented and well-resourced.

Our Mission

MCF empowers Muslim-led charities to achieve their full potential: fostering an environment where they can operate with integrity, effectiveness and sustainability. We bridge gaps between all rungs of the philanthropic ladder; interconnecting charities, policymakers and funders to build a more accountable, transparent and impactful sector.

Our Vision

A world where Muslim charities lead the way in tackling social challenges, delivering humanitarian aid with excellence and dignity as well as shaping policies that support sustainable change.

OUR CORE VALUES

Humanity

We believe in serving all people with dignity and respect – recognising the God-given equality of all human beings.

Accountability

We are stewards of the resources entrusted to us, ensuring transparency and responsibility in all our actions.

Transparency

Our faith drives us to be truthful, reliable and open about our policies, resources and impact.

Effectiveness

We strive to be efficient, resourceful and impactful, avoiding wastefulness and maximising our efforts.

Excellence

We aim for excellence in leadership, governance and service, operating ethically and professionally. We share best practice in all areas to ensure excellence is achievable and collective.

STRENGTHENING THE MUSLIM CHARITY SECTOR

How MCF expanded its reach, supported its members, and strengthened governance across the sector.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Established in 1989, Al Basar specialises in treating sight loss and preventing blindness, working in 45 countries and saving the sight over 22.6 million people so far.

> **The integration of BIF into the MCF family is not just a milestone for both organisations but a beacon of hope for millions of people who suffer from preventable blindness. It's a partnership that promises to bring about significant advancements in health and wellbeing for communities in Africa and Asia, reinforcing the global commitment to a more inclusive and just world.**

In February, we r delighted to welcome returning members Muslim Aid.

Established in 1985, Muslim Aid deliver long term development sustainable living poor communities plus emergency relief to multiple countries across the world.

VOLUNTEERS WEEK: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS

In June 2024, we joined the sector in celebrating 40 years of commemorating the contributions of the volunteering community!

Ingrained within the charity sector are seeds of opportunity. None of it would be possible without the efforts of those who organise, fundraise, market and host events – driving change within their organisations.

LAUNCH OF OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS BOARD

Get involved! Our NEW Volunteers Board

As a volunteer, you can make a huge difference to the lives of others and learn valuable skills at the same time!

Volunteers make up a large part of civil society up and down the country – and there are many ways in which you can contribute, gain experience and get involved.

Browse the latest volunteering opportunities below and do something amazing today!

Volunteers' Week 2024 saw the exciting launch of MCF's brand-new 'Volunteer Opportunities Board': a game-changer for Muslim-led charities across the UK!

This dynamic platform, features a wide range of volunteer roles from charities within our network, it fosters collaboration and ensures volunteers can easily access meaningful ways to get involved!

https://www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk/volunteer-roles/

Additionally, MCF was invited to deliver a workshop to introduce 'Vision for Volunteering' as part of our partnership, leading discussions on innovative approaches to volunteer management.

MCF SENIOR LEADERS' RETREAT 2024: BUILDING A STRONGER SECTOR

In October 2024, MCF hosted its inaugural Senior Leaders' Retreat at The Willows Training Centre in Bedfordshire. The retreat provided a unique space for 35 leaders within the Muslim charity sector to reflect, strategise and collaborate on the sector's most pressing challenges.

Speakers included: Dr Samantha May (University of Aberdeen), Aleema Shivji (former Chief Impact Officer, Oxfam), Dr Iqbal Asaria (Islamic finance expert) and Sam Carey (NCVO). As well as David Holdsworth (CEO, Charity Commission) and Ha Cole (Chief AI Officer, Microsoft), both of whom were featured guests at the Senior Leaders' Dinner. The topics that were discussed ranged from balancing emergency relief and long-term development and impact, rightsholder-focused approaches to aid, digital transformation and strengthening governance, sustainable financial models, addressing Islamophobia and more key areas.

MCF SENIOR LEADERS' RETREAT 2024: BUILDING A STRONGER SECTOR

Feedback & Next Steps

100% of attendees found the networking opportunities valuable.

Key takeaways:

- A shift towards rightsholder-led aid delivery.
- Stronger governance and financial sustainability.
- Collective advocacy on key sector challenges, including financial de-risking and policy influence.

"This retreat laid the foundation for greater sector-wide collaboration and long-term strategic planning, ensuring that Muslim charities remain resilient, innovative, and impact-driven in the years to come."

- An Attendee, Senior Leadership Retreat 2024

GOVERNANCE & CAPACITY BUILDING

Step Up Resources Released

At the end of last year, with the kind support of City Bridge Foundation, we expanded our “Step-Up” series by releasing a new set of policy templates and practical guides aimed at bolstering the operational efficiency of Muslim-led charities. These resources are designed to assist organisations in establishing robust frameworks across various operational areas, including finance, governance, safeguarding and fundraising. By providing these comprehensive tools, MCF supports the sector in implementing best practices and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

Digital Fundraising Webinar and Guide

In November 2024, we at MCF hosted an online session titled “Impactful Digital Fundraising: Developing a Strategy that Helps You Effectively Engage with Communities.” This event marked the launch of a comprehensive guide aimed at enhancing the digital fundraising capabilities of member organisations. The webinar featured insights from Ali Sajaad and Adil Ali, co-founders of Amanahfy, a technology company.

To consolidate the importance of the points brought up in the webinar, we partnered with Amanahfy to launch the “Digital Community Fundraising Guide”. This guide aims to enhance the digital fundraising capabilities of member organisations by providing strategies to effectively engage communities through online platforms.

It covers key topics such as current trends in digital fundraising, the importance of peer-to-peer initiatives, and the development of efficient digital plans. This initiative underscores MCF’s commitment to supporting its members in navigating the evolving digital landscape, ensuring they can sustain and amplify their vital work within the community.

POLICY INFLUENCING PROGRAMMES

MCF's impact in advocating for fairer policies for charities and Muslim communities.

PROGRESS ON DE-RISKING PROJECT

In May 2024, MCF continued its efforts to tackle financial hurdles in the charity sector by participating in a high-level roundtable with partners Conciliation Resources, Bond UK, and Charity Finance Group (CFG), on the topic of de-risking. The discussion focused on whether a legal right to a bank account could help charities overcome barriers to financial inclusion. It was an event that attracted a diverse range of stakeholders: including regulators, banks, infrastructure bodies, charities and FCDO representatives.

MCF CONTRIBUTES TO A REPORT TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MCF contributed to a report submitted by the Community Policy Forum to the UN Human Rights Committee: addressing the UK's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other international human rights obligations. The report highlights several ways the UK is failing to uphold the rights of British Muslim communities.

PUBLIC POLICY ENGAGEMENT 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS

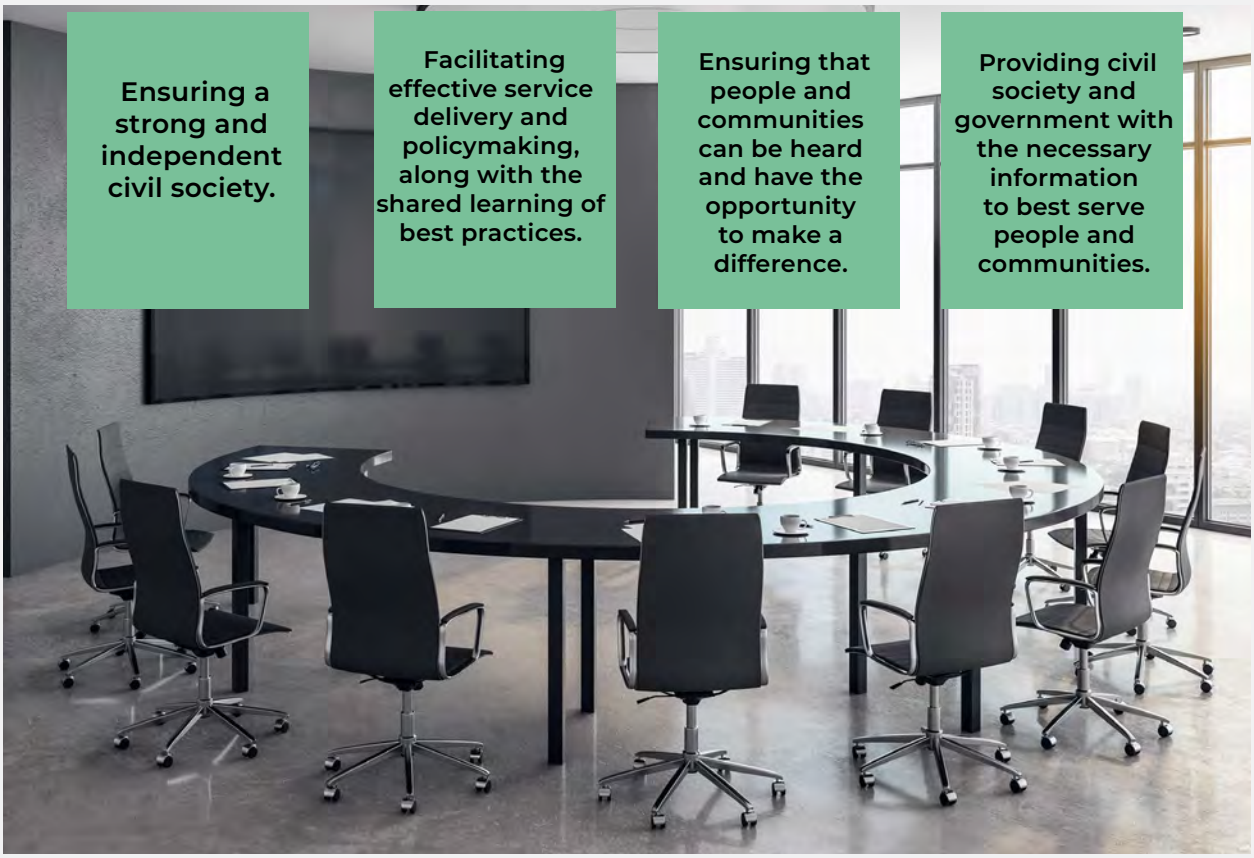
Ahead of the General Election on the 4th of July, we shared some of the pressing issues impacting Muslim charities; the communities they serve and what MCF would like to see moving forward, the purpose of the campaign was to: increase charities' awareness, advocate for sectoral policy asks and inform the public. Key outputs for the campaign included: toolkits for charities, policy priorities and coverage of Party Manifestos.

Our resource was downloaded by many individuals and organisations across the Muslim charities sector.

CIVIL SOCIETY COVENANT ROUNDTABLE

The 10th of December of last year marked a pivotal online roundtable discussion as part of the Civil Society Covenant consultation. This event was instrumental in shaping the future collaboration between civil society organisations and public bodies, including local and central government. The Civil Society Covenant, introduced in draft form by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in October 2024, outlines four key principles intended to redefine and enhance this working relationship.

Recognition	Partnership	Participation	Transparency
Ensuring a strong and independent civil society.	Facilitating effective service delivery and policymaking, along with the shared learning of best practices.	Ensuring that people and communities can be heard and have the opportunity to make a difference.	Providing civil society and government with the necessary information to best serve people and communities.



The roundtable ensured that voices from various communities, particularly those with lived experiences, were adequately represented in the consultation process.

Hosting this discussion was a significant milestone for MCF, as it exemplified our dedication to facilitating critical conversations that influence policy and promote systemic change. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, we aimed to bridge gaps between communities and policymakers, ensuring that the resulting Civil Society Covenant would be reflective of and responsive to the needs of all sectors within society.

KEY EVENTS, REPORTS AND CAMPAIGNS THAT SHAPED THE YEAR

At the end of 2023, MCF embarked on a research project titled ‘Climate Action within Muslim-led Charities and Organisations in the UK.’

This study aimed to:

- **Assess current levels of engagement**
- **Identify barriers**
- **Pinpoint areas for support**
- **Offer recommendations to help increase engagement with climate issues across the sector.**
- **With 30 organisations—including INGOs, NGOs, grassroots and mosques—participating in our research, we gained a better understanding of climate action within the Muslim-led charity and voluntary sector.**

64

Physical Copies sent to individuals active in the climate space, within the Muslim charitable sector.

54

copies downloaded

CLIMATE REPORT LAUNCH EVENT: SEEDS FOR TOMORROW

On 16th May 2024, MCF hosted the Seeds for Tomorrow climate action conference at WWT London Wetland Centre, marking the launch of our new report: *Climate Action within Muslim Charities and Organisations in the UK.*

The event featured opening remarks from CEO Fadi Itani OBE on MCF's climate work and the urgency of the crisis, followed by insights from Mukhtar Karim (CEO, Lady Fatemah Trust) on impactful climate initiatives.

A panel discussion explored how Muslim-led charities can lead on climate action, with speakers Shazia Arshad (Islamic Relief UK), Dr Lutfi Radwan (Willowbrook Farm), and Kamran Shezad (IFEES).

Three workshops tackled challenges raised in our research, co-led by Zero Hours & Muslims Declare, Climate Outreach, and Hope for the Future.

Panel with Kamran Shezad, Dr Lufti Radwan, Shazia Arshad and Zamzam Ibrahim. - 'How Muslim-led Charities and Organisations can Take Greater Climate Leadership'

Feedback from Attendees

“Thank you for the invite. The event exceeded our expectations, and we left feeling educated about climate change not only from a practical perspective but also Islamic which should always be the starting point; so thank you.”

“Great event Mash’Allah and much appreciated, it would be great to see more events from MCF and ways we can get involved with the organisation.”

“Really great event - well done”

“Looking forward to attending a similar event”

30+

Attendees

Some of the key audience takeaways included:

- **Understanding the importance of Muslim voices in the climate conversation and how climate action aligns with Islamic values.**
- **Commitment to increasing engagement with climate-related issues through lifestyle changes, advocacy, or supporting community initiatives.**
- **Recognising the long-term benefits of climate action, such as community resilience and cost savings**

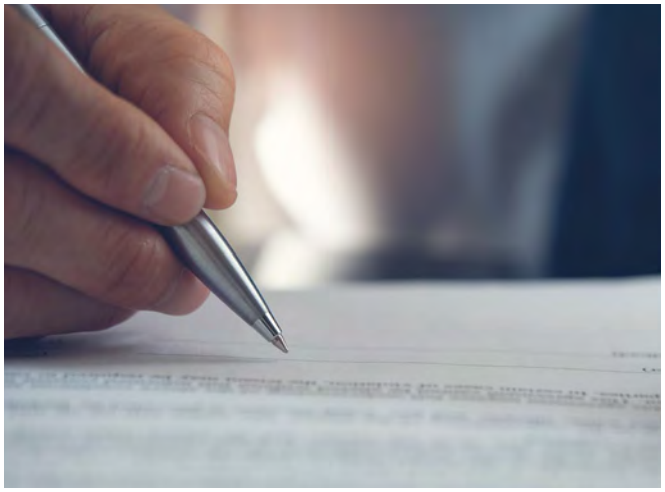
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 2024

The Great Big Green Week, led by The Climate Coalition, took place from 8th to 16th June. MCF participated in a communications campaign to raise awareness about the effects of climate change and shared resources on combating climate change as charities. We also highlighted the sustainable farming project of our member, Lady Fatemah Trust, which focuses on land regeneration and poverty alleviation in Pakistan. The campaign aimed to inspire collective action and political commitment to protect the planet.

Additionally, we joined Islamic Relief at an Interfaith picnic during The Great Big Green Week in Waterloo, promoting sustainable choices and climate action across communities.

MCF SIGNS CLIMATE AND NATURE BILL (CANBill)

The Climate and Nature Bill (CANBill) is a legislative proposal aimed at addressing and tackling the dual crises of climate change and loss of biodiversity in the UK. The bill seeks to stablish legally binding targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and restore the country's natural habitats; all with the aim of bringing them in line with current scientific findings and recommendations.



OUR RESPONSE TO THE ISLAMAPHOBIC RIOTS

2024 was a difficult year for not only Muslim-led charities, but for all Muslims in the UK. In August, our CEO, Fadi Itani OBE, authored an article in Civil Society addressing the alarming rise of hate-fuelled riots and Islamophobia across the UK, as a result of misinformation discerning the distressing events in Southport. Fadi highlighted the pervasive issue of Islamophobia, exacerbated by divisive political rhetoric and media narratives that often scapegoat Muslim communities. These events underscore the urgent need for a comprehensive strategy to combat far-right extremism and systemic inequality.

He emphasised the critical role that both the government and the voluntary sector must play in uniting the nation and confronting the root causes of such violence. As well as suggesting policy recommendations to address existing economic disparities and calling on the new government to formally recognise and define Islamophobia.

Fadi asserted that unity requires concerted efforts from all sectors to build a just and equitable society. He reaffirmed MCF's commitment to collaborating with the government and other organisations to heal divisions and foster lasting social cohesion.

MCF ATTENDS 'FOCUS ON ISLAMOPHOBIA AND UNDERSTANDING MUSLIM COMMUNITIES' WEBINAR

A month later, on September 25th, our CEO attended 'the first dedicated conversation for national funders on Islamophobia' hosted by BBC's Children in Need.
Chaired by Fozia Irfan (CiN), the talk brought experts together to discuss the definition of Islamophobia; the existential challenges the Muslim community faces; how the narrative is being leveraged against Muslims and what action funders need to be taking in order to address these problems.
Speakers included: Baroness Warsi, Fadi Itani OBE (Muslim Charities Forum) Bilal Hussain (Runnymede Trust) and Majid Iqbal (Islamophobia Response Unit).

“Inspiring Stories: The Blessings of the Sisters” Launch Event

On 22nd April 2024, we launched the sixth issue of The Forum, titled “Inspiring Stories: The Blessing of the Sisters,” celebrating the contributions of women in the Muslim-led charity and voluntary sector. The private launch event in Westminster featured opening remarks from MCF Independent Trustee Saffa Mir and CEO Fadi Itani. We also heard a Quran recitation by Imam Kazi Luthfur Rahman, and a motivational reminder from Shaykh Haytham Tamim. Prominent figures, including Baroness Natalie Bennett of Manor Castle, also delivered talks.

This was followed by a Q&A panel discussion with panellists Hanan Ashgeh (Behaviour Practitioner and Founder of Goodwill Caravan), Yashmin Harun BEM (Founder and Chair of Muslimah Sports Association), Dr Sofia Buncy MBE (Founder of the Muslim Women in Prison Resettlement Project), and Zamzam Ibrahim (UN Advisor and Climate Justice Campaigner).

53 guests

120 downloaded copies

150 copies sent to policy makers

200 copies distributed to individulas

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

GIVE SMART GIVE SAFE CAMPAIGN 2024

Translated into Urdu, Arabic and Bangla for the first time

During Ramadan, MCF continued its annual 'Give Smart Give Safe' campaign, aimed at helping donors give with 'Ihsaan' (excellence). The campaign encourages simple checks on chosen charities: verifying charity registrations, confirming their impact, and ensuring donation sites are secure.

"Helen Stephenson, CEO of the Charity Commission, said: "Charitable donations during Ramadan will be a lifeline for the millions in need across the globe. But sadly, fraudsters are all too aware of this and can take advantage of this time of increased charitable giving."

Gerald Oppenheim, CEO of the Fundraising Regulator said: "The generous donations made by the British Muslim community during Ramadan generates huge levels of valuable support for work on good causes both at home and overseas. However, there are sadly those who may wish to take advantage of this generosity."

Fadi Itani OBE, CEO of Muslim Charities Forum, said: "Unfortunately, due to this willingness to give, there are illegitimate requests for money each year or those which are financially unsafe. To protect their donations, it's important for donors to stay aware, check for regulated charities and secure donation methods. This will help ensure their funds reach those who are suffering and make a difference in improving their lives. "

Ahlam Kostani, Operations Coordinator, and Abdulsami Arjumand, Policy and Advocacy Lead featuring on Islam Channel to discuss the importance of mindful, safe giving.

MEMBERS SERVICES

In 2024, Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) facilitated several Member Working Groups to foster collaboration and address key issues within the sector. These groups provided platforms for staff from member charities to discuss challenges, share best practices and support one another in their respective service areas

KEY WORKING GROUPS INCLUDED

Finance and Compliance:

Focused on financial management, regulatory adherence and strategies to enhance transparency and accountability.

UK Programmes:

For the purpose of developing a matrix of Muslim-led UK organizations; identify gaps and be strategic in where charities focus their efforts and are receiving funding.

Fundraising and Communications:

With the aim of establishing standards in ethics and communications when organisations launch fundraising campaigns.

International Programmes:

Aims to build the capacity of British Muslim-led organisations to deliver impactful and dignified programmes for rightsholders in international contexts.

People & Culture:

The purpose is to foster a collaborative, inclusive and supportive environment across the sector to better develop practices and processes.

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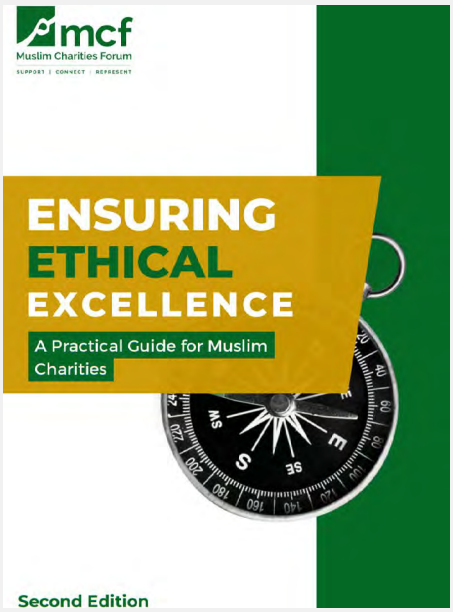

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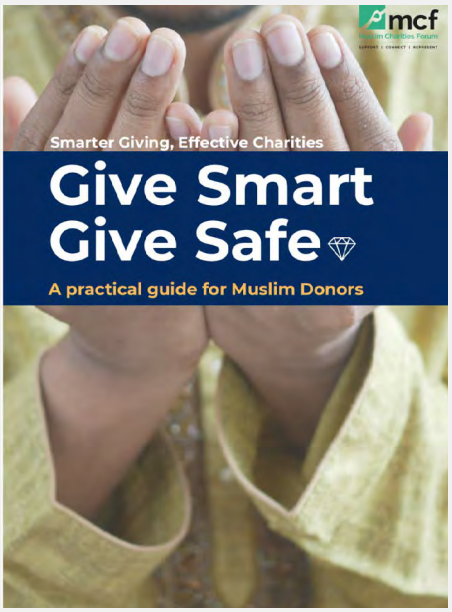

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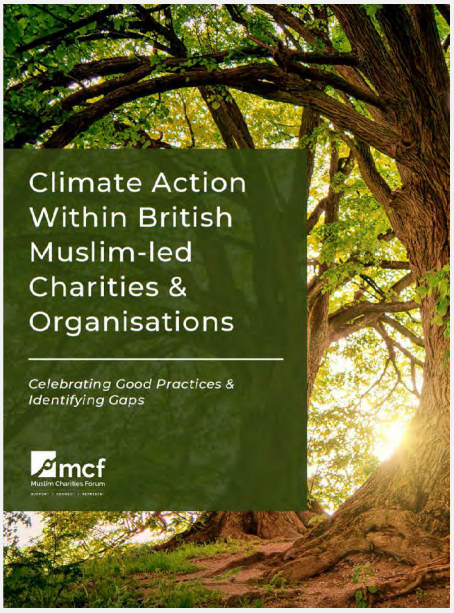

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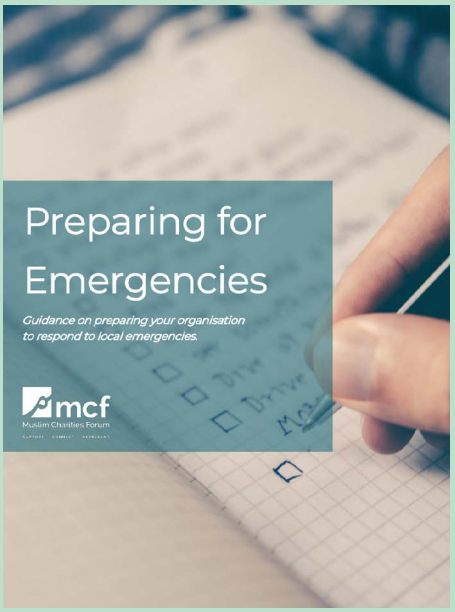

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Digital Community Fundraising Guide – *November 2024*

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Muslim Charities Forum received donations, grants and other income worth £518,177 compared to £357,447 in year ended 31 December 2023. The statement of Financial Activities portrays that Muslim Charities Forum spent £435,767 on charitable activities.

At 31 December 2024 we carried forward a positive bank balance of £349,152.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of MCF that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. It is also the MCF policy to hold sufficient funds, currently three months for administrative expenditures, or currently at £50,000 for closure of the charity should the need arise. The current level of unrestricted reserves, as at 31 December 2024, is £327,318.

Risk management

The trustees continue to assess the major risks to which MCF is exposed to and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Beside the reliance on Members' fees, the charity has made good progress in diversifying its funding model and it is now attracting support from some Trusts and Foundations. The trustees have discussed this and recommended more focus on this area and in addition attracting more members, as well as exploring support from philanthropists with a keen interest in developing the Muslim charity sector.

Exclusively Charitable Activities

The members come from a wide spectrum of social and charitable backgrounds. The organisations and NGOs who benefit from the implementation of the aims of MCF are diverse. All their activities are regarded as "exclusively charitable" as defined by English law. The Board of trustees assists charities and organisations whose aims and activities are all entirely "exclusively charitable". The Board of trustees are fully aware of this requirement.

Public Benefit

As a charity, Muslim Charities Forum must be able to demonstrate that its objects and activities are for the public benefit as required by the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have all reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have ensured that Muslim Charities Forum's objects and activities comply with this statutory requirement. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity. This Report explains our main activities and achievements in carrying out our aim.

Statement of 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).

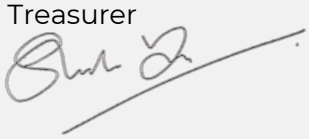
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing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

Moazzam Malik CMG
Chairman

Shuaib Yusaf
Treasurer



Date: 02/06/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Muslim Charities Forum

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in
connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Howard , FCA
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2nd Floor, Regis House,
45 King William Street,
London, EC4R 9AN

Date: 02/06/2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**295,677**	**222,500**	**518,177**	*357,447*
TOTAL INCOME		**295,677**	**222,500**	**518,177**	*357,447*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	**214,483**	**221,284**	**435,767**	*350,917*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**214,483**	**221,284**	**435,767**	*350,917*
NET INCOME		**81,194**	**1,216**	**82,410**	*6,530*
Transfer between funds		**85,329**	**(85,329)**	**-**	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**166,523**	**(84,113)**	**82,410**	*6,530*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**160,795**	**100,112**	**260,907**	*254,377*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**327,318**	**15,999**	**343,317**	*260,907*

The notes on pages 39 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £	31 December 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		**36**		54
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**2,050**		16,250	
Cash at bank and in hand		**349,152**		258,220	
		351,202		274,470	
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	11	**(7,921)**		(13,617)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**343,281**		260,853
NET ASSETS			**343,317**		260,907
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		**15,999**		100,112
Unrestricted funds	12		**327,318**		160,795
TOTAL FUNDS			**343,317**		260,907

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on their behalf, by: and signed on 02/06/2025

Moazzam Malik CMG
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("Charities SORP (FRS 102)"), Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Charities Act 2011 (as amended by the provisions of the Charities Act 2022).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Muslim Charities Forum constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Reporting period

The period of financial reporting covers the year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The comparative information covers the nine month period from 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2023. These differing length accounting periods will have an impact on the comparability of certain numbers within these financial statements.

1.3 Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' Report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding
amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	-	33% reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	33% reducing balance

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	*Total funds*
	2024	2024	2024	*2023*
	£	£	£	*£*
Donations	**1,290**	**-**	**1,290**	*135*
Projects and other income	**110,137**	**222,500**	**332,637**	*283,112*
Membership income	**184,250**	**-**	**184,250**	*74,200*
Total donations and legacies	**295,677**	**222,500**	**518,177**	*357,447*
Total 31 December 2023	*275,107*	*82,340*	*357,447*	

3. DIRECT COSTS – CURRENT YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2024 £	*Total 2023 £*
Wages, salaries & social security	**-**	**80,287**	**80,287**	*75,158*
Depreciation	**-**	**18**	**18**	*17*
Travel and subsistence	**-**	**1,566**	**1,566**	*1,413*
Bank charges	**-**	**260**	**260**	*279*
Membership fees	**-**	**201**	**201**	*552*
Rent, insurance & utilities	**-**	**31,728**	**31,728**	*24,520*
Sundry expenses	**-**	**291**	**291**	*407*
Printing, postage & stationery	**-**	**1,909**	**1,909**	*1,179*
Professional & legal	**4,620**	**1,931**	**6,551**	*5,578*
Project expenses	**-**	**312,956**	**312,956**	*241,814*
	4,620	**431,147**	**435,767**	*350,917*

DIRECT COSTS – PRIOR PERIOD

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2023 £
Wages, salaries & social security	-	75,158	75,158
Depreciation	-	17	17
Travel and subsistence	-	1,413	1,413
Bank charges	-	279	279
Membership fees	-	552	552
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	24,520	24,520
Sundry expenses	-	407	407
Printing, postage & stationery	-	1,179	1,179
Professional & legal	4,500	1,078	5,578
Project expenses	-	241,814	241,814
	4,500	346,417	350,917

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Restricted funds 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**	*Total funds 2023 £*
Governance	**4,620**	**-**	**4,620**	*4,500*

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE-BY-EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Total 2024 £	*Total 2023 £*
Charitable Activities	**431,147**	*346,417*
Expenditure on governance	**4,620**	*4,500*
	435,767	*350,917*

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the charity	**18**	*17*

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).
During the year, no trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).
During the year, no trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

7. EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £4,620 including VAT (2023: £4,500).

8. STAFF COSTS

	Total 2024 £	*Total 2023 £*
Wages - Administrative expenses	**80,287**	*75,158*
Wages - Project expenses	**164,288**	*134,107*
	244,575	*209,265*

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 6 (2023: 9).

One employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 in the year. (2023: none).

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	**1,970**	**9,195**	**11,165**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	1,954	9,157	11,111
Charge for the year	5	13	18
At 31 December 2024	**1,959**	**9,170**	**11,129**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	**11**	**25**	**36**
At 31 December 2023	**16**	**38**	**54**

10. DEBTORS

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Trade debtors	**2,050**	*16,250*

11. CREDITORS

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Trade creditors	**2,624**	*4,222*
Other taxation and social security	**677**	*395*
Accruals	**4,620**	*9,000*
	7,621	*13,617*

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	160,795	235,677	(154,483)	85,329	**327,318**
The Tudor Trust	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	**-**
Restricted funds					
Anchor Programme	-	96,000	(94,827)	-	**1,173**
Barrow Cadbury Trust	24,534	11,250	(21,469)	(14,315)	**-**
Bridging Divides	-	77,250	(62,424)	-	**14,826**
The Climate Action Project	2,148	8,000	(7,278)	(2,870)	**-**
NCS	68,144	-	-	(68,144)	**-**
UK Response Project	5,286	30,000	(35,286)	-	**-**
Total of funds	260,907	518,177	(435,767)	**-**	**343,317**

Description of Restricted Funds

Anchor Programme: is a restricted grant which aims to deliver research, resources and training to support and share best practice in governance, finance, fundraising and safeguarding.

Barrow Cadbury Trust: is a restricted grant to map Muslim organisations in the UK, their contributions and challenges with a view to strengthen the sector as a whole.

Bridging Divides: is a restricted project which aims to deliver policy development and advocacy, to strengthen representation of the London Muslim-led charity sector and build capacity for minority communities.

The Climate Action Project: is restricted funding which aims to increase the British Muslim-led charitable sector's understanding, response and commitment to climate action.

UK Response Project: is restricted grants in relation to strengthening the profile of Muslim-led charities to ensure the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities are prioritised. The grants are from Islamic Relief, Muslim Hands and Al-Khair Foundation

STATEMENT OF FUNDS – PRIOR PERIOD

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	127,086	235,107	(204,815)	3,417	**160,795**
The Tudor Trust	1,050	40,000	(41,633)	583	**-**
Restricted funds					
Barrow Cadbury Trust	17,982	22,500	(15,948)	-	24,534
Global Majority Fund	-	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
The Climate Action Project	10,097	8,000	(15,949)	-	2,148
NCS	64,474	47,840	(44,170)	-	68,144
UK Response Project	33,688	-	(28,402)	-	5,286
Total of funds	**254,377**	**357,447**	**(350,917)**	**-**	**260,907**

13. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	36	-	**36**
Current assets	332,653	15,999	**348,652**
Creditors due within one year	(5,371)	-	**(5,371)**
	327,318	**15,999**	**343,317**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	54	-	54
Current assets	174,358	100,112	274,470
Creditors due within one year	(13,617)	-	(13,617)
	160,795	**100,112**	**260,907**

14. **COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES**

At 31 December 2024 the Charity had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	31 December 2024	*31 December 2023*
	£	*£*
Not later than 1 year	**28,050**	*28,050*

15. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

	Received £	**Paid £**	**Balance at year end £**
Zakat House	-	30,600	-
Human Appeal	6,250	-	-
Islamic Relief UK	45,000	-	-
Muslim Aid	22,500	-	-
Muslim Hands	35,000	-	-
Al Khair Foundation	25,000	-	-
The Lady Fatemah Trust	43,000	-	-
Read Foundation	2,500	-	-

The charity has received funds or made payment to other organisations where the Trustees have involvement as follows:

Zakat House - Dr. Hany El Banna is the Chair and an MCF trustee.
Human Appeal – Hameed El Asaly is a Director and an MCF trustee
Islamic Relief UK - Tufail Hussain is the UK Director and an MCF trustee.
Muslim Aid – Khalid Javid is the CEO and an MCF trustee.
Muslim Hands – Shahid Bashir is the Deputy CEO and an MCF trustee.
Al-Khair Foundation - Mr Shuaib Yusaf is the Chief Executive and an MCF trustee.
The Lady Fatemah Trust - Mukhtar Karim is the CEO and an MCF trustee.
Read Foundation – Javeria Hashmi is the Deputy CEO and an MCF trustee.

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We are the UK network for British Muslim charities working for social good in the UK and abroad. Through our network, we aim to collectively build a more accountable, transparent and efficient British Muslim charitable sector, in order to improve our ability, both as individual organisations and as a sector, to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

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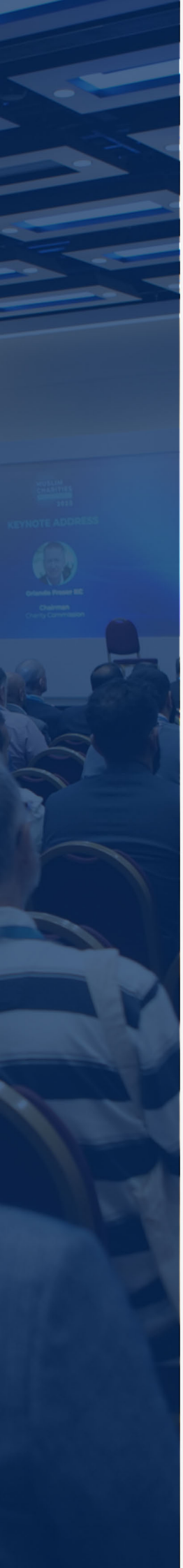

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	Chair: Moazzam Malik CMG Hameed El Asaly Dr Hany Abdul Gawad El-Banna OBE Syed Lakthe Hassanain Tufail Hussain Mukhtar Karim Saffa Mir Madiha Raza Shuaib Yusaf
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SOLICITORS	Bates Wells 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1B

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS:

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO OUR FUNDING PARTNERS:

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS:

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Dear Friends,

2023 has been another busy year for Muslim Charities Forum (MCF). Our role has always been to provide support, to connect the sector and to represent British Muslim charities and those that they serve, to ensure they have a voice and access to the resources they need. I am delighted to share this report with you. It sets out our activities for the April – December period (nine months, as we are adjusting our financial year).

In 2023, we continued to conduct research and present findings across a number of pressing issues affecting the sector, their service users and donors. From ongoing climate change to the Cost-of-Living crisis, the MCF team has sought to examine how multiple, external factors impact the work of both NGOs and INGOs.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Muslim Charities Convention: The Blessings of The Collective held in October. I was delighted to see so many familiar faces from across the civil society sector coming together to celebrate the contribution of Muslim charities in the UK and abroad.

This year we were pleased to secure further support from a number of funders including City Bridge Foundation who are investing in our capacity to enable system change in and for our sector. Infrastructure support is vital to help social action and charitable work flourish, thrive and improve resilience. This is a pressing need considering recent global crises and increased financial pressures. We look forward to working with all our partners in building stronger foundations to ensure charities and community organisations of all sizes have the tools they need to continue to grow sustainably.

The British Muslim charity sector is continuing to grow fast reflecting the communities they draw from. I hope that many of these growing organisations will chose to join MCF, unlocking the potential for collaboration, partnership and impact.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our members, partners, funders, my fellow board members and MCF's dedicated staff for their commitment to make the blessings of the collective a reality.

Yours,
Moazzam Malik CMG
Chair

CEO'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Supporters,

As an infrastructure and members-led network, we continue to support, connect and represent the sector as we respond to needs. Our research and relationships with British Muslim charities inform our work and ensure that MCF can provide resources and support in delivering best practice and ensuring our charities can reach their full potential.

2023 was no exception and as this report highlights, the MCF team have continued to work across a variety of areas, responding to needs and the ever-evolving social action landscape.

This year, we invested more effort in climate action by assisting organisations and colleagues who are working to mitigate the effects of climate change on disadvantaged communities. We also continued working with various partners to address the enduring financial challenges faced by organisations as a result of de-risking and debanking.

I am pleased to report that this year, we have advanced our initiatives in Sector Improvement, Policy, and Advocacy in response to urgent concerns raised by our colleagues throughout the sector. From crisis communication strategies to analysing the effects of the cost of living on donor behaviour, we are committed to delivering pertinent information and support to organisations of varying sizes.

Of course, our biggest achievement of the year was the Muslim Charities Convention The Blessings of The Collective which we held in London. Hosting over 40 speakers, 26 exhibitors and sold-out tickets to over 300 delegates, this fully-packed one-day conference was an amazing opportunity to connect and learn together. At MCF we truly believe in the blessings that arise from collaboration and raising one another up and we were honoured to see so many of you that day who share our vision. My sincere thanks go to the team, volunteers, speakers and facilitators who invested their time and knowledge in making the day successful and possible.

Our sector is growing, while the needs of the various communities we serve are increasing at a faster rate, exceeding the available time and resources. This places more pressure on us to be more innovative and increase our capacity to empower and support grassroots charities and community groups further.

The journey to persuade friends and partners in the funding sector about the importance of system change, as well as the necessity and benefits of strategically supporting infrastructure networks such as MCF, continues.

Yours faithfully,
Fadi Itani OBE
Chief Executive Officer

THE MCF STORY

Our founder, Dr Hany El Banna, has dedicated his lifetime to one of philanthropy, helping others and creating innovation for social good. Back in 2007, in response to the growing number of British Muslim-led charities, his vision was for a strong and unified charity sector that serves the needs of the community together. He identified the importance of unity and therefore set out to create a forum where Muslim charities could come together to learn and support one another.

Muslim Charities Forum was created to be a source for Muslim social action which would enable Muslim charities to become more effective and reach their full potential. In 2007, MCF was formed as a space for charities to connect, represent and support one another and within the mainstream charity sector. Fifteen years later and we are now the UK network for British Muslim charities working for social good in the UK and abroad, connected with over 400 charities serving people in need to combat poverty, homelessness, sickness, or suffering.

Through our network, we collectively build a more accountable, transparent, and efficient Muslim charitable sector to improve our ability, both as individual organisations and as a sector, to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

OUR CORE VALUES

1

HUMANITY

We believe that all human beings are created equal and with the same God-given dignity: serving humankind regardless of any differences is one of the most noble actions any person can undertake.

2

ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe that all resources are made available by God in the form of trust: we are 'trustees' of the resources at our disposal and we are accountable to the people we serve, the public, regulatory bodies and ultimately to God for our actions.

3

TRANSPARENCY

Our shared faith encourages us to be truthful and reliable, and to keep records of our interactions. Therefore, we are committed to be clear and open about our policies, our resources, and our impact.

4

EFFECTIVENESS

We strive to be productive and to avoid wastefulness. Therefore, we are committed to conducting efficient allocation of resources and to monitor our performance.

5

EXCELLENCE

Our values and ethics, founded in our faith, mean we aim for excellence in all that we do. Therefore, we are committed to operate in a legal, ethical, and professional way, doing things with sincere intentions and in the best, most correct, and most complete manner.

WHAT WE DO

We pursue our vision and mission by working in three fundamental areas:

WE SUPPORT

We support MCF members and their staff by providing a range of services to enhance their capabilities and help them to respond to a rapidly evolving environment. Through sector improvement, we strive to support our charities to strengthen their accountability to stakeholders, improve their efficiency and have greater impact. Members benefit from: Free/affordable opportunities for organisational and individual development and growth.

WE CONNECT

We improve connections between MCF members and other charities and NGOs (international and domestic), regulatory bodies, civil society actors, academia, and the private sector, so that together we can be more impactful. Members benefit from: Access to networking opportunities within the British Muslim and wider charitable sector, which are difficult to access as a single organisation.

WE REPRESENT

We listen to the needs and challenges of MCF members and provide a joint voice and representation for the British Muslim charitable sector at a national level.

OUR TRUSTEES

Hameed Al-Alsaly
Director of Emerging Markets at Human Appeal

Dr. Hany El-Banna OBE
Founder of MCF (Independent)

Madiha Raza
Public Affairs and Communications Expert (Independent)

Moazzam Malik CMG
Chairman of MCF (Independent)

Mukhtar Karim
CEO, The Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust

Saffa Mir
Charities, Education and Social Enterprise Lawyer (Independent)

Shuaib Yusaf
MCF Treasurer & CEO of Al-Khair Foundation

Syed Lakhte Hassanain
Chairman of Muslim Hands

Tufail Hussain
Director of Islamic Relief UK

INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT

Funding Partners

CITY BRIDGE FOUNDATION

During this period, we were honoured to receive support from **City Bridge Foundation**, London's biggest independent charity funder. Their support enabled us to launch our Advocacy stream of work, representing the sector in pressing issues and working to remove barriers to growth.

Membership

The following charities joined Muslim Charities Forum as members during the period April–July 2023:

Deen Relief

Goodwill Caravan

National Zakat Foundation™

The MCF Team

Samiira Hasan, a former Future Leader with MCF, joined the staff team as **Climate Action Lead.** The role is supported by the **Aziz Foundation**.

Abdulsami Arjumand joined as **Policy and Advocacy Lead**, working on supporting the issues which affect the sector to raise representation. This role is supported by **City Bridge Foundation.**

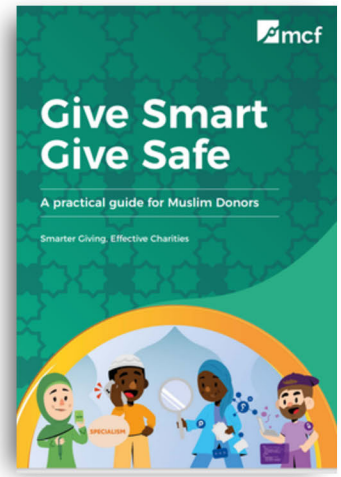
Mudaser Ali joined the team as **Head of Development** with a focus on sector improvement. This role is supported by **City Bridge Foundation.**

Outreach Communications

We continued to connect and inform our colleagues across the sector through MCF Monthly, our email newsletter. Featuring highlights from the work of the team, partners, the latest news, grant and job opportunities, the readership of the monthly newsletter has grown to more than 800 subscribers.

GIVE SMART GIVE SAFE 2023

For the third year, MCF continued the educational campaign of raising knowledge and awareness among donors about **safe online charitable giving** through an animated video series, social media posts, and MCF's practical Give Smart Give safe guide. This campaign took place during the holy month of Ramadan when giving increases and British Muslims give in excess of £100 million to domestic and international causes. The campaign aims to promote safer giving and effective charities with key topics including **charity registration, zakat compliance, admin costs, Gift Aid, the contentious 100% donation policy, addressing misinformation** and other related topics.



Give Smart Give Safe Guide

GSGS social media campaign

As part of the social media campaign, adverts ran across Islam Channel platforms during the month of Ramadan.
On the 6th of April MCF's CEO Fadi Itani and Digital Media Officer intern Sumaya Chowdhry discussed the GSGS campaign in more detail at **Islam Channel on 'The Big Ramadan Show'.**

Sumaya Choudhury, *Future Leader* and Fadi Itani, *CEO* featuring on Islam Channel

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

In partnership with **NfP Research**, MCF launched a survey to conduct national research into the impact of the Cost-of-Living crisis on volunteering and charitable giving of the UK Muslim community.

The report launched on the 13th December was supported by an online roundtable discussion about the key findings and was well received across the sector.

Key findings from those British Muslims surveyed included:

1. British Muslims share many common concerns – though some are unique to this community.
2. The cost-of-living crisis has hurt personal finances.
3. British Muslims were likely to anticipate spending cutbacks.
4. Donation motivators and methods tend to be faith- based.
5. Volunteering is popular, but has become more difficult.

2021-2022 edition

British Muslim Charitable Giving Report II

Report Launch & Roundtable discussion

CLIMATE ACTION

To continue our work in climate action awareness, on the 18th May MCF held a **Climate Action Round-table** to coordinate and discuss how organisations can implement climate action in preparation for the Great Big Green Week. Key speakers included **Islamic Relief UK**, **The Climate Coalition, Ummah for Earth** and **Greenpeace MENA.**

- Climate Action Roundtable discussion

COP28

MCF promoted continued awareness and provided key updates and calls to action across social media for the duration of **COP28**, the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC which was held in Dubai from 30th November - 12th December.

COP28 Social Media Posts

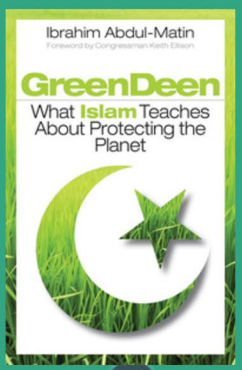
GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 2023

During the **Great Big Green Week**, MCF promoted sustainable practices by sharing knowledge, projects, tips and resources for individuals and organisations in the sector for climate action.

These included:

- **Big Green Jummah** - MCF encouraged climate action awareness by reaching out to UK mosques to dedicate their Khutbah on Friday 16th of June to embracing sustainability as Muslims and looking after the environment.
- **Islam Channel 'Salaam Britain'** - MCF was invited to discuss the Great Big Green Week and the Big Green Jummah project. Sumaya discussed the positive response to this campaign and MCF's success stories as an organisation raising awareness about the responsibility of the Muslim community as khalifas of this world.
- Samiira undertook climate communications training with **Media Trust** (Weston Communicating Climate Programme | Media Trust)
- 29th September - MCF created a **blog post** to highlight the impact of government decision-making concerning climate action. Charity leaders are asking the government to reconsider their decisions as this will exacerbate the suffering of many vulnerable groups.
- 24th October - MCF takes part in the **International Day of Climate Action** with The Climate Action Survey, researching how Muslim charities and organisations can be supported in implementing sustainable practices and environmental projects. Also, a giveaway for the first 20 respondents included receiving a free copy of 'Green Deen What Islam Teaches about Protecting the Planet'.

Sumaya Choudhury, Future Leader on Islam Channel's 'Salaam Britain' for GBGW



Green Deen What Islam Teaches about Protecting the Planet

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Muslim Charities Forum
Sign up today to benefit from MCF membership.
Through our network, we aim to collectively build a more accountable, transparent and efficient British Muslim charitable sector, in order to improve our ability—both as individual organisations and as a sector.
Please note that MCF membership is open to UK-registered charities only.
Download our Membership Brochure Now
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MUSLIM CHARITIES CONVENTION 2023

In October we were delighted to organise and host **The Blessings Of The Collective, our first ever Muslim Charities Convention 2023 (MCC23).**

Held in London on **October 12th,** this inaugural event culminated many months of work and organisation to bring together key speakers, specialist workshops, networking, advice and support to over **300 delegates from across the sector.**

Tickets went on sale on July 12th and sold out, attracting colleagues and supporters from across the UK for a full day conference. With over **40 speakers,** and **26 exhibitors**, the event focused on the potential of Muslim charities working together to expand their impact.

Keynote speakers included **Sarah Owen MP**, **Orlando Fraser** Chair of the Charity Commission and **Gerald Oppenheim**, Chief Executive of the Fundraising Regulator, and Trustee and Deputy Chair at National Emergencies Trust.

Workshops covered topics like **governance, safeguarding, pioneering women, cybersecurity, fundraising**, **charity investment and communications** crisis management.

We were honoured to have **Pfida** as Platinum Partner for MCC23 - an ethical fin-tech striving to provide equal and fair opportunities to save and invest with Shariah compliance.

Euro Quality Foundation as Gold Partner - a charitable arm of Euro Quality Lambs that distributes funds to inspirational organisations and projects that eliminate poverty & social injustice.

MCF member **The Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust** as Gold Partner & small charities Delegates Sponsor. Long-serving members **Al-Khair Foundation** and **Islamic Relief** provided their support as a Gold Partner too.

Bates Wells solicitors were announced as our legal partner and **Barrow Cadbury Trust** as strategic partner.

The event was supported by a media campaign across **BBC Radio**, sector and mainstream news outlets, raising awareness of the value and contribution of UK Muslim-led charities. It was a very busy day, our efforts were rewarded with excellent attendance and positive feedback from multiple colleagues and organisations who described it as **"long-awaited"** and **"the highlight of the year"**.

A huge thank you to the MCF team and volunteers who made the day possible.

- Orlando Fraser, Chair of the Charity Commission
- with Chairman Moazzam Malik

Over **40** speakers

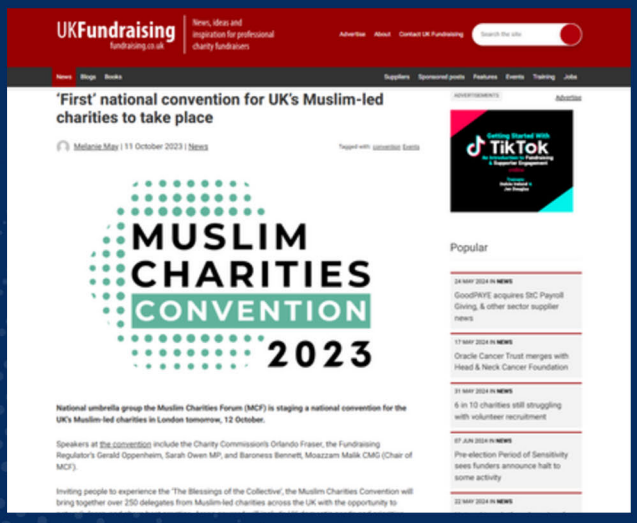
Over **300** delegates

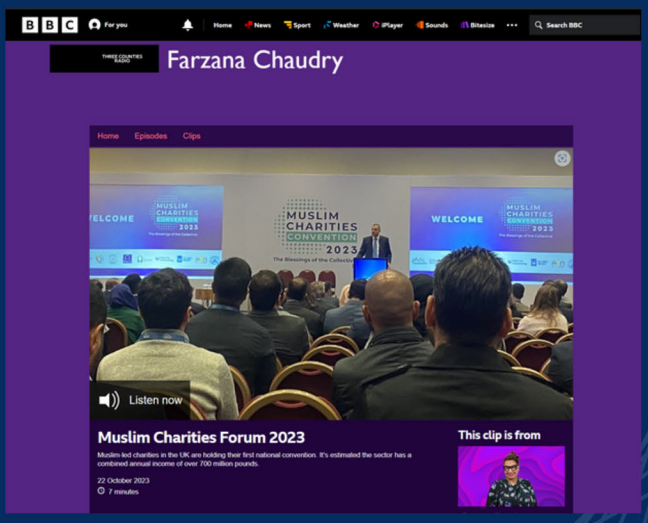
9 workshops

26 exhibitors

1 full day

12 breakouts and panels





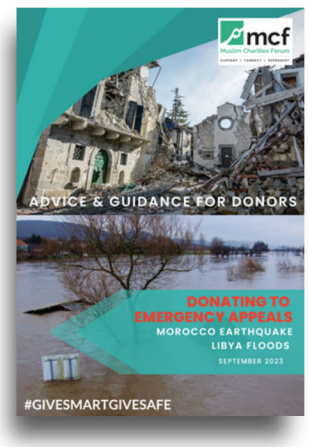
MCC23 media coverage; UKFundraising, BBC News

With gratitude to our Convention Partners:

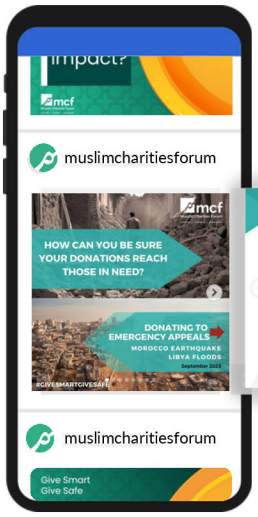
GLOBAL CRISIS RESPONSE

2023 saw an unprecedented number of international crises and natural disaster. As part of our work to support our INGO colleagues, we provided strategic support to colleagues working on the ground in disaster areas, coordinating situational updates and response.

These included producing social media posts and an updated **Donor Emergency Guide** for the Morocco Earthquake (8th Sept) and the Libya floods (10 Sept).



Donor Emergency Guide



Social media awareness posts

DE-RISKING

A long-term issue affecting many charities within the Muslim and mainstream charitable sector, we continued our work in raising awareness of the financial obstacles and challenges faced by many of our organisational colleagues.

MCF launched a survey about de-banking and de-risking to compile important evidence that highlights the barriers Muslim non-profit organisations face when accessing mainstream banking. On the 14th August, our CEO published a Civil Society article, discussing the banking issues that members have faced for decades and calling for awareness and action.

We also partnered with Bond, Charity Finance Group, and Conciliation Resources to conduct a comprehensive survey concerning the issue of debanking and derisking faced by Muslim charity organisations to understand the impact of counter-terrorism regulations.

Our CEO, penned another article for Civil Society magazine on November 15th, shedding light again on the obstacles faced by Muslim-led charities due to sudden bank account closures. He emphasised the need for banks to address these challenges and urged for a thorough review of banking practices along with increased transparency in decision-making processes.

PARTNERSHIPS

As part of our work representing the sector, we partner with mainstream organisations to raise awareness of concerns, barriers, and to work collaboratively to improve social action and civic engagement.

On the 22nd June we were delighted to announce our partnership with **Vision for Volunteering**. A movement dedicated to creating a diverse and innovative future for volunteering.

We were also honoured to join **Climate Action for Associations (CAFA)** - a membership striving to implement sustainability programmes to make organisational changes across the sector.

In the same month, from our long-term relationship supporting the Great Big Green Week, we were delighted to announce that we have joined The Climate Coalition - an organisation committed to tackling climate change via government advocacy and campaigns, such as GBGW which MCF has been a part of since 2021 to protect and restore UK nature.

DOMESTIC OUTREACH & RESPONSE

- 2nd May - MCF Future Leaders took part in an **engaging Q&A** with the Lord Mayor of Westminster, **Hamza Taouzzale** about his journey into politics.
- MCF joined an **evening hosted by H.E. Mr Osman Koray Ertas**, the new ambassador, to thank Muslim charities for their humanitarian efforts for the Syria and Turkiye Earthquake victims earlier this year. MCF also presented him with a small token of appreciation for his hospitality.
- 11th May - MCF joined Muslim Hands at **'The Open Kitchen'**, providing essential resources, such as free hot food to those in need in the community of Hounslow.
- Future Leaders attended the **NCS Take Action Event** - an opportunity to reflect on the skills developed and to boost confidence as a changemaker.
- 1st June - 7th June: MCF celebrates **Volunteers Week** by featuring the work of different volunteers across the British Muslim charity sector on social media.
- August 2023 MCF was hosted by **Sufra NW** London at Stonebridge, a charity organisation and food/support hub providing support to the local community.

Evening hosted by Turkish ambassador H.E. Mr Osman Koray Ertas

Lord Mayor of Westminster Hamza Taouzzale with MCF Future Leaders

PUBLICATIONS

Over the past year, MCF has published select literary pieces, on topical regions as well as updating existing publications. This includes:

A special Zakat Edition of the Forum

Special edition of The Forum - Zakat: Modern Challenges and Practical Solutions. A range of articles by diverse contributors from the sector, covering different elements of Zakat, including Sharia governance, Islamic jurisprudence, localisation of Zakat, Digital Zakat Distribution and how Zakat is beyond a mere transaction handled by Muslim charities.

The British Muslims Charitable Giving Report II

A report that gives insight into British Muslim charities and Muslim donors' experiences and attitudes.

The British Muslims Charitable Giving Report

Our first report looked at donor awareness and behaviours across the community and sector, providing valuable insights into the motivations and barriers to fundraising.

FINANCIAL REPORTING SECTION

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Muslim Charities Forum received donations, grants and other income worth £357,447 compared to £475,738 in year ended 31 March 2023. The statement of Financial Activities portrays that Muslim Charities Forum spent £346,417 on charitable activities.

At 31 December 2023 we carried forward a positive bank balance of £258,220.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of MCF that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. It is also the MCF policy to hold sufficient funds, currently three months for administrative expenditures, or currently at £50,000 for closure of the charity should the need arise. The current level of unrestricted reserves, as at 31 December 2023, is £160,795.

Risk management

The trustees continue to assess the major risks to which MCF is exposed to and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Beside the reliance on Members' fees, the charity has made good progress in diversifying its funding model and it is now attracting support from some Trusts and Foundations. The trustees have discussed this and recommended more focus on this area and in addition attracting more members, as well as exploring support from philanthropists with a keen interest in developing the Muslim charity sector.

Exclusively Charitable Activities

The members come from a wide spectrum of social and charitable backgrounds. The organisations and NGOs who benefit from the implementation of the aims of MCF are diverse. All their activities are regarded as "exclusively charitable" as defined by English law. The Board of trustees assists charities and organisations whose aims and activities are all entirely "exclusively charitable". The Board of trustees are fully aware of this requirement.

Public benefit

As a charity, Muslim Charities Forum must be able to demonstrate that its objects and activities are for the public benefit as required by the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have all reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have ensured that Muslim Charities Forum's objects and activities comply with this statutory requirement. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity. This Report explains our main activities and achievements in carrying out our aim.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' REPONSIBILITIES

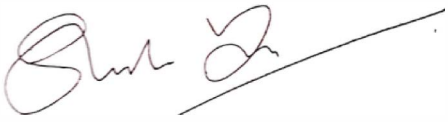
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 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 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 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, 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.

Moazzam Malik CMG
Chairman



Shuaib Yusaf
Treasurer

Date: 20/08/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MUSLIM CHARITIES FORUM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Howard, FCA
Azets
2nd Floor, Regis House
45 King William Street
London, EC4R 9AN

Date: 29 August 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 31.12.23 £	Restricted funds 31.12.23 £	Total funds 31.12.23 £	*Total funds 31.03.23 £*
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2	275,107	82,340	**357,447**	*475,738*
Total income		**275,107**	**82,340**	357,447	***475,738***
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	246,448	104,469	**350,917**	*450,867*
Total expenditure		**246,448**	**104,469**	350,917	***450,867***
Net income / (expenditure)		**28,659**	**(22,129)**	6,530	***24,871***
Transfer between funds		4,000	(4,000)		
Net movement in funds		**32,659**	**(26,129)**	6,530	***24,871***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		128,136	126,241	**254,377**	*229,506*
Total funds carried forward		**160,795**	**100,112**	260,907	***254,377***

The notes on pages 29 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023 £	£	31 March 2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		54		71
Current assets					
Debtors	10	16,250		54,965	
Cash at bank and in hand		258,220		204,708	
		274,470		259,673	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	(13,617)		(5,367)	
Net current assets			260,853		254,306
Net assets			260,907		254,377
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	12		100,112		126,241
Unrestricted funds	12		160,795		128,136
Total funds			260,907		254,377

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20/08/2024 and signed on their behalf, by:

Moazzam Malik CMG
Trustee

The notes on pages 29 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Muslim Charities Forum constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Reporting period

The period of financial reporting covers the nine month period from 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2023. The comparative information covers the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. These differing length accounting periods will have an impact on the comparability of certain numbers within these financial statements.

1.3 Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the trustees' Report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	-	33% reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	33% reducing balance

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Liabilities and provisions

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 or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 31.12.23 £	Restricted funds 31.12.23 £	Total funds 31.12.23 £	*Total funds 31.03.23 £*
Donations	135	-	**135**	*763*
Projects and other income	200,772	82,340	**283,112**	*318,925*
Membership income	74,200	-	**74,200**	*156,050*
Total donations and legacies	**275,107**	**82,340**	**357,447**	***475,738***
Total 31 March 2023	201,621	274,117	***475,738***	

3. DIRECT COSTS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 31.12.23 £	*Total 31.03.23 £*
Wages, salaries & social security	-	75,158	**75,158**	*112,533*
Depreciation	-	17	17	34
Travel and subsistence	-	1,413	**1,413**	*4,471*
Bank charges	-	279	**279**	*267*
Membership fees	-	552	**552**	*208*
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	24,520	**24,520**	*25,762*
Sundry expenses	-	407	**407**	*2,743*
Printing, postage & stationery	-	1,179	**1,179**	*575*
Professional & legal	4,500	1,078	**5,578**	*7,558*
Project expenses	-	241,814	**241,814**	*296,716*
	4,500	**346,417**	350,917	***450,867***

DIRECT COSTS - PRIOR YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	*Total 31.03.23 £*
Wages, salaries & social security	-	112,533	***112,533***
Depreciation	-	34	***34***
Travel and subsistence	-	4,471	***4,471***
Bank charges	-	267	***267***
Membership fees	-	208	***208***
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	25,762	***25,762***
Sundry expenses	-	2,743	***2,743***
Printing, postage & stationery	-	575	***575***
Professional & legal	4,500	3,058	***7,558***
Project expenses	-	296,716	***296,716***
	4,500	**446,367**	***450,867***

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 31.12.23 £	Restricted funds 31.12.23 £	Total funds 31.12.23 £	*Total funds 31.03.23 £*
Governance	4,500	-	**4,500**	*4,500*

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE-BY-EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Total 31.12.23 £	*Total 31.03.23 £*
Charitable activities	346,417	*446,367*
Expenditure on governance	4,500	*4,500*
	350,917	***450,867***

6. NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	31 December 2023 £	*31 March 2023 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the charity	17	*34*

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration (Year ended 31 March 2023 - £NIL).
During the year, no trustees received any benefits in kind (Year ended 31 March 2023 - £NIL).
During the year, no trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (Year ended 31 March 2023 - £NIL).

7. EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £4,500 including VAT (Year ended 31 March 2023 : £4,500).

8. STAFF COSTS

	Total 31.12.23 £	*Total 31.03.23 £*
Wages - Administrative expenses	75,158	*112,533*
Wages - Project expenses	134,107	*179,227*
	209,265	***291,760***

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the period was 9 (Year ended 31 March 2023: 11).

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 in the period. (Year ended 31 March 2023: One employee received remuneration between £80,000 and £90,000 in the year)

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2023	1,970	9,195	11,165
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	1,949	9,145	11,094
Charge for the period	5	12	17
At 31 December 2023	1,954	9,157	11,111
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	16	38	54
At 31 March 2023	21	*50*	*71*

10. DEBTORS

	31 December 2023 £	*31 March 2023 £*
Trade debtors	16,250	*54,965*

11. CREDITORS

	31 December 2023 £	*31 March 2023 £*
Trade creditors	4,222	*68*
Other taxation and social security	395	*799*
Accruals	9,000	*4,500*
	13,617	*5,367*

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	*127,086*	235,107	(204,815)	3,417	**160,795**
The Tudor Trust	*1,050*	40,000	(41,633)	583	**-**
Restricted funds					
Barrow Cadbury Trust	*17,982*	22,500	(15,948)	-	**24,534**
Global Majority Fund	-	4,000	-	(4,000)	**-**
The Climate Action Project	*10,097*	8,000	(15,949)	-	**2,148**
NCS	*64,474*	47,840	(44,170)	-	**68,144**
UK Response Project	*33,688*	-	(28,402)	-	**5,286**
Total of funds	***254,377***	**357,447**	**(350,917)**	**-**	**260,907**

Description of Restricted Funds

Barrow Cadbury Trust: is a restricted grant to map Muslim organisations in the UK, their contributions and challenges with a view to strengthen the sector as a whole.
Global Majority Fund: the funding is co-financed by Comic Relief and National Emergencies trust in relation to specific terms set out by the donor.
The Climate Action Project: is restricted funding which aims to increase the British Muslim-led charitable sector's understanding, response and commitment to climate action.
NCS: is funding in relation to the provision of 9 month placement opportunities for young people aged 18-24 years.
UK Response Project: is restricted grants in relation to strengthening the profile of Muslim-led charities to ensure the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities are prioritised. The grants are from Islamic Relief, Muslim Hands and Al-Khair Foundation.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	*159,434*	179,621	(211,969)	**127,086**
The Tudor Trust	*10,283*	22,000	(31,233)	**1,050**
Restricted funds				
VCSEP	*1,564*	-	(1,564)	**-**
Barrow Cadbury Trust	*10,835*	19,350	(12,203)	**17,982**
Global Majority Fund	*22,087*	4,000	(26,087)	**-**
The Climate Coalition	*915*	14,000	(4,818)	**10,097**
NCS	*7,516*	216,767	(159,809)	**64,474**
UK Response Project	*20,000*	20,000	(6,312)	**33,688**
Total of funds	***229,506***	**475,738**	**(450,867)**	**254,377**

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 31.12.23 £	Restricted funds 31.12.23 £	Total funds 31.12.23 £
Tangible fixed assets	54	-	**54**
Current assets	174,358	100,112	**274,470**
Creditors due within one year	(13,617)	-	**(13,617)**
	160,795	**100,112**	**260,907**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 31.03.23 £	Restricted funds 31.03.23 £	Total funds 31.03.23 £
Tangible fixed assets	71	-	**71**
Current assets	133,432	126,241	**259,673**
Creditors due within one year	(5,367)	-	**(5,367)**
	128,136	**126,241**	**254,377**

14. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2023 the Charity had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	31 December 2023 £	*31 March 2023 £*
Not later than 1 year	**28,050**	*16,400*

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	Received £	Paid £	Balance at period end £
Zakat House	-	20,950	-
Human Appeal	18,750	-	-
Islamic Relief UK	6,500	-	-
Muslim Hands	6,200	-	-
Al Khair Foundation	6,500	-	-
The Lady Fatemah Trust	44,000	-	**15,000**

The charity has received funds or made payment to other organisations where the trustees have involvement as follows:

Zakat House - Dr. Hany El Banna is a chair and the MCF trustee.
Human Appeal – Hameed El Asaly is a Director and an MCF trustee.
Islamic Relief UK - Tufail Hussain is the UK Director and an MCF Trustee.
Muslim Hands - Syed Lakthe Hassanain is the Chairman and an MCF Trustee.
Al-Khair Foundation - Mr Shuaib Yusaf is the Chief Executive and the MCF Treasurer.
The Lady Fatemah Trust - Mukhtar Karim is the CEO and an MCF Trustee.

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Registered Charity No. 1166149

We are the UK network for British Muslim charities working for social good in the UK and abroad. Through our network, we aim to collectively build a more accountable, transparent and efficient British Muslim charitable sector, in order to improve our ability, both as individual organisations and as a sector, to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

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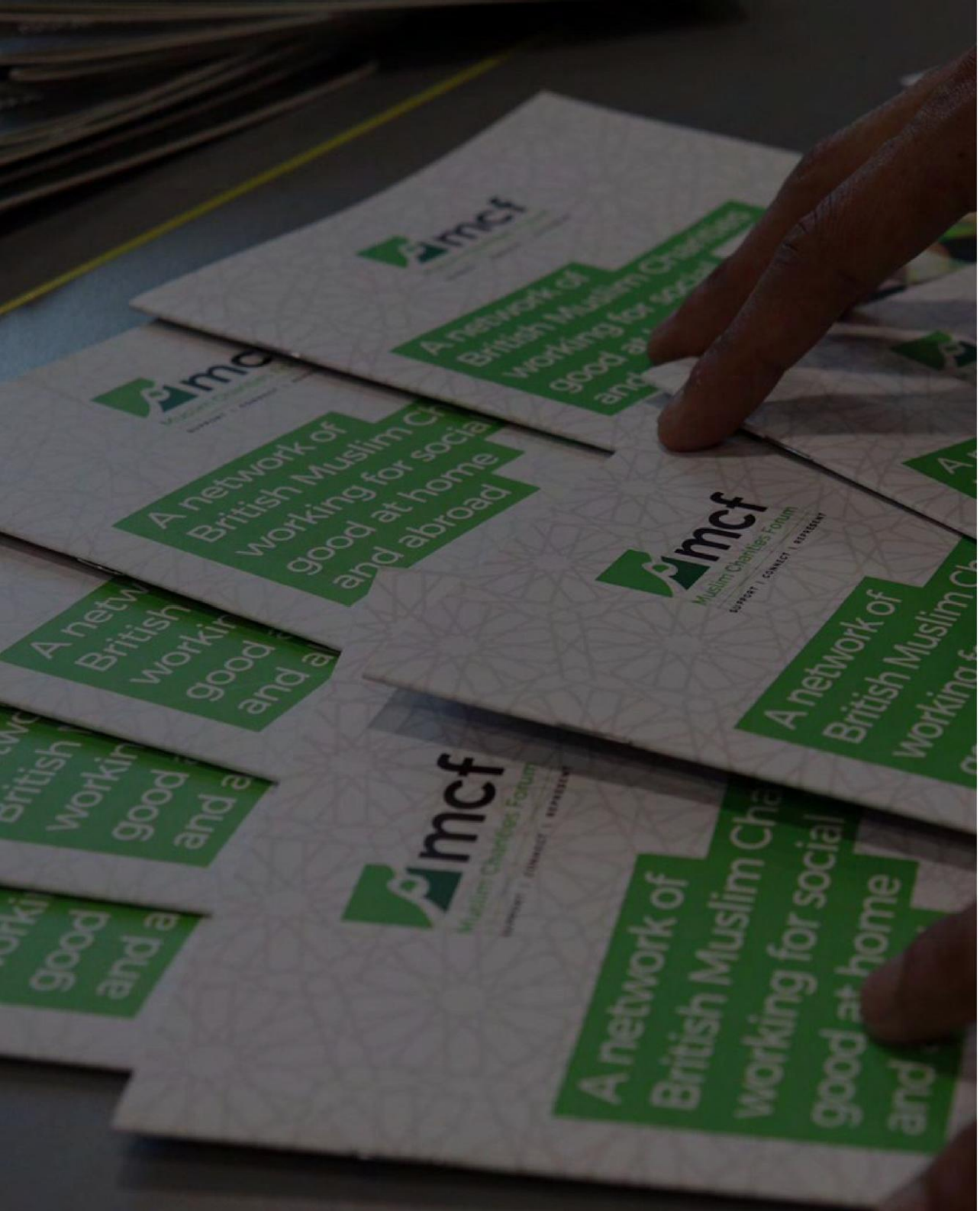

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

TRUSTEES	Hameed El Asaly Dr Hany Abdul Gawad El-Banna OBE Syed Lakthe Hassanain Tufail Hussain Mukhtar Karim (Appointed January 2023) Moazzam Malik CMG (Appointed July 2022) Saffa Mir Madiha Raza Shuaib Yusaf
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BANKS	Unity Trust Bank 9 Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2HB HSBC Bank plc 130 New Street Birmingham B2 4JU
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER	1166149
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Azets Regis House 45 King William Street London, EC4R 9AN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Fadi Itani OBE
SOLICITORS	Bates Wells 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1B

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS:

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Joining the MCF Family :

December 2022 — The Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust

March 2023 — Deen Relief

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO OUR FUNDING PARTNERS:

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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

The past year for the charity sector has been about rebuilding and recovery. Following the Covid19 and Cost-of-Living crises, the British Muslim charity sector has continued to support those disproportionately affected across diverse and marginalised communities in the UK and abroad. At home, the challenges have been compounded by the long-term impact of austerity measures; and abroad, compounded by ongoing conflict situations notably in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East, Ukraine and elsewhere.

Muslim-led charities are no strangers to working in challenging conditions. With a growing donor base and expanding reach, the sector has continued to strive to respond to emerging needs. In many places, Muslim-led charities are on the front lines helping those who have been failed by wider social support, and those suffering deeply-embedded poverty, crisis, natural disasters, and displacement.

Against this backdrop, Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) continues to connect communities, and to support – and celebrate - the British Muslim charity sector. Building on last year's progress and initiatives, MCF has worked across a range of projects to deliver impact for our members and network. Notable initiatives have included presenting findings from a 12-month research project on the scale of the Muslim charity sector at the House of Commons, exploring perspectives on Zakat with a report and workshops led by leading scholars and practitioners, and continuing work on raising environmental awareness in faith communities.

With a strong commitment to nurture the next generation, MCF has been able to bring through another cohort of 'Future Leaders' in partnership with the National Citizens Service. These young interns have brought fresh perspectives to our initiatives and made significant contributions in leading a range of MCF projects. We hope their experiences with MCF and our partners will help them develop their skills and excel in their future endeavours as well as deepen their engagement in the third sector as a pathway to improved social and community mobility.

Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Chair of MCF. I have learned a lot, been inspired by the work of the sector, but am also deeply conscious of the challenges we face and the work that lies ahead. I would like to extend my deep thanks to the Board of Trustees, our CEO Fadi, the entire MCF team, and all our partners. I look forward to the year ahead and continuing collaboration with the MCF family to help shape, support and showcase the contribution of British Muslim charities in providing essential support to people both in the UK and abroad.

Yours,
Moazzam Malik CMG
Chair

CEO'S MESSAGE

This year has been one of both tremendous challenge and exciting growth. As the UK and wider world has continued to recover from the long-term effects of the Covid19 pandemic, we have also experienced the Cost-of-Living crisis placing additional pressures on civil society.

For MCF, we continue to be resilient, supporting, connecting and representing our network which has grown this year to over 300 charitable Muslim-led organisations across the UK. The last couple of years have seen a huge number of new grassroots charities responding to gaps in public need by forming user-led groups to support their local communities. For our INGO charities, the year has also been challenging with international disasters and crisis continuing to test efforts of the fight against poverty.

For myself, even after 30 years within this sector, I continue to be humbled and amazed by the drive and motivation of our community in helping others in need. The sector is now extremely diverse both within the community make-up and in service delivery, but we remain united in faith and working for the greater good.

This year, MCF has continued our journey in expanding our services and access to support charities of all sizes. This included in our work in climate action and donor awareness as we take a strategic approach to long term best practice.

I have been delighted that the team published this year our flagship report, Bridges of Hope, to a welcome reception in the House of Commons and I extend my sincere appreciation to the staff and volunteers who worked so tirelessly to bring this together and the charities who responded to our research. This report has proved essential in uncovering the scale and strengths of the sector and their valuable contribution to social action. However, it has also allowed us to uncover common challenges and address misconceptions and we look forward to working on addressing these issues in work to come.

This year, our founder Dr Hany El-Banna stepped down from his role as Chair of MCF. We are eternally grateful and inspired by his work in the humanitarian sector with MCF and beyond and we wish him well for the future. It has been our honour to welcome in his place Moazzam Malik CMG to the role of Chair. From a background of international development and diplomacy, we are delighted to have his expertise and his support for the MCF cause and look forward to working with him for years to come Insha'Allah.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to our partners who have supported crucial schemes of work. Their belief in the need for infrastructure support for UK charities means that we have been able to continue expanding, growing, supporting, connecting and representing the sector.

Yours,
Fadi Itani OBE
Chief Executive Officer

THE MCF STORY

Dr. Hany El-Banna established Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) in 2007 to address the growing presence of British Muslim-led charities working for social good in the UK and abroad. His vision encompassed fostering a cohesive and robust British Muslim charity sector that could collectively serve the community's needs. Recognising the paramount importance of unity, Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) was created as a platform where Muslim charities could come together and extend mutual support.

The inception of Muslim Charities Forum aimed to amplify social action, empowering British Muslim charities to enhance their effectiveness and realise their complete potential through connecting with one another and the sharing of best practice. MCF became a hub for charities to connect, advocate for one another, and integrate within the broader charity sector. Fast forward sixteen years, and we have evolved into the primary UK network for British Muslim charities, with over 300 connected charities and an increasing number of core members.

Through our network, we work together to build a more accountable, transparent, and efficient sector to improve our ability—both as individual organisations and as a community —to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

OUR CORE VALUES

1

HUMANITY

We believe that all human beings are created equal and with the same God-given dignity: serving humankind regardless of any differences is one of the most noble actions any person can undertake.

2

ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe that all resources are made available by God in the form of trust: we are 'trustees' of the resources at our disposal and we are accountable to the people we serve, the public, regulatory bodies and ultimately to God for our actions.

3

TRANSPARENCY

Our shared faith encourages us to be truthful and reliable, and to keep records of our interactions. Therefore, we are committed to be clear and open about our policies, our resources, and our impact.

4

EFFECTIVENESS

We strive to be productive and to avoid wastefulness. Therefore, we are committed to conducting efficient allocation of resources and to monitor our performance.

5

EXCELLENCE

Our values and ethics, founded in our faith, mean we aim for excellence in all that we do. Therefore, we are committed to operate in a legal, ethical, and professional way, doing things with sincere intentions and in the best, most correct, and most complete manner.

WHAT WE DO

Stronger together

SUPPORT

We support MCF members and their staff by providing a range of services to enhance their capabilities and help them to respond to a rapidly evolving environment. Through sector improvement, we strive to support our charities to strengthen their accountability to stakeholders, improve their efficiency and have greater impact. Members benefit from: Free/affordable opportunities for organisational and individual development and growth.

CONNECT

We improve connections between MCF members, with other charities, regulatory bodies, policy-makers, funders and academia so that together we can be more impactful. Members benefit from: Access to networking opportunities within the British Muslim and wider charitable sector, which are difficult to access as a single organisation.

REPRESENT

We represent Muslim-led British charities by serving on working parties and steering groups for mainstream bodies and policy-makers and advocating for a positive environment, recognition and support. We aim to act as a voice for the sector, representing a range of diverse views and communities working together with one singular aim for the betterment of civil society.

OUR TRUSTEES'

Hameed Al-Alsaly
Director of Emerging Markets at Human Appeal

Dr. Hany El-Banna
Founder of MCF (Independent)

Madiha Raza
Public Affairs and Communications Expert (Independent)

Moazzam Malik
Chairman of MCF (Independent)

Mukhtar Karim
CEO, The Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust

Saffa Mir
Charities, Education and Social Enterprise Lawyer (Independent)

Shuaib Yusaf
MCF Treasurer & CEO of Al-Khair Foundation

Syed Lakhte Hassanain
Chairman of Muslim Hands

Tufail Hussain
UK Director of Islamic Relief UK

INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT

MCF Staff

We have been delighted to welcome **Baris Varli** as **National Emergencies and Membership Coordinator** to the team in January 2023. Baris joins us to lead on work for members, domestic and international crisis response.

Asalaamu Aleikum,

It's been an honour to be a part of MCF's mission to serve the 'Muslim Charity and Voluntary Sector' as well as its vision to see it collectively working together.

This year has been tough and riddled with several humanitarian disasters. Starting with the impacts of the floods in Pakistan; then the Türkiye/Syria earthquake, the Moroccan, Afghanistan earthquakes alongside the floods in Libya and the conflicts taking place in Africa as well as in the Middle East.

Our community and its organisations have responded to each disaster in mass support of their brothers and sisters, both at home and abroad. Seeing their efforts first hand and speaking to them during these challenging times has been an honour. I pray Allah continues to aid us, support us, and collectively bless our efforts.

Future Leaders Programme

It has been another amazing year supporting Future Leaders who have joined us on our paid internship programme, supported by National Citizen Service (NCS).

MCF Appoints New Chairman

November 2022

In a significant milestone for the Muslim Charities Forum (MCF), Dr. Hany El Banna made the decision to step down from his position as Chair. This pivotal moment coincided with the Annual General Meeting on the 14th November, where strategic objectives for the upcoming year were outlined and a new chairperson was appointed.

During the AGM, it was officially announced that Moazzam Malik CMG was elected as the new chair would assume his role of Chair for Muslim Charities Forum, joining the current Board of Trustees. The occasion, marked as a Reception, featured a fireside chat involving both the outgoing and incoming chairpersons, hosted by our Future Leader Hana Qureshi.

The event drew a diverse audience representing charities of various sizes and scopes, underscoring Dr. Hany's profound influence within the Muslim charities sector over the past few decades.

The day was commemorated through jubilations and heartfelt testimonials from longstanding members and colleagues, reflecting on shared experiences and providing candid insights into Dr. Hany's journey. The Yunus Emre Institute graciously hosted the event.

We are delighted to welcome Moazzam Malik CMG to the role of Chair for MCF. With a distinguished background in senior leadership positions within the Department for International Development and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, notably as the UK ambassador to Indonesia, Moazzam brings a wealth of expertise in international development and establishing partnerships with prominent organizations. His extensive experience managing the UK's engagement with Western Asia and the Middle East, focusing on governance issues, particularly for individuals from less economically developed backgrounds, reinforces his suitability for this role.

OUR FUTURE LEADERS

In partnership with the **NCS for the UK Year of Service**, MCF have for the past few years hosted our Future Leaders internship programme. Targeted towards 18 to 24-year olds, this programme places young and ambitious people in paid roles serving the UK communities. Specific to MCF, the programme gives the opportunity for young people to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in Civil Society, with a particular gearing towards international aid and development, and within the British Muslim Charities Space.

During 2022 – 2033, we welcomed 17 Future Leaders interns to the MCF staff team on placements of 9 months. Noah, Zoheb, Jawad, Mohammed, Omar, Sharmin, Nazarena, Taher, Maysoon, Zaynab, Malik, Shiela, Tasneem, Lukman, Sumaya, Hana and Unaisa were involved in many different projects and events, including research and development. Each Future Leader took ownership of a key project, worked with senior leadership and leading stakeholders to develop insight and impact for the wider sector.

Project work:

Zakat Strategy: Zakat research and development including a focused workshop and a specialist edition of the MCF's annual journal The Forum.

Bridges of Hope: The Future Leaders worked on compiling the data, case studies and formatting of the Bridges of Hope report from a 12-month research project into the scale of the British Muslim Charitable Sector. This was subsequently hosted with a reception in Whitehall, further details can be found within this report.

Humanitarian Research Publications: Compiling topical reports focusing on key current affairs to inform our members and the wider public. Including our Cost-of-Living short report, Ethical Excellence guide and the Insights series including spotlight on humanitarian issues in the Horn of Africa.

Graphic Design: Designing and creating various resources including social media posts, reports, publications and videos to support all project delivery across the team.

Social Media development: Creating digital content and growing MCF's social media channels across Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.

> "The experience has taught me to be more adaptable and agile. I would certainly recommend the programme since it's a launch pad for young people to get into the charity sector."

Muhammad Alkarmi
Graphic Designer

> "MCF has given me the opportunity to learn different skills from many different projects and people. The future leaders programme has really allowed me to experience a professional work environment and develop my skills across the board."

Taher Abdelrahman
Research & Development Assistant

> "At such a young age, the future leaders programme has provided me with the opportunity to lead teams has taught me skills like data analysis and teamwork and has really propelled my ability to get employed after the programme."

Zaynab Ali
Community Support & Engagement Officer

> "The thing I enjoyed the most about working at MCF is the constant challenge, doing new things every now and then, working on different projects. This taught me to be resilient."

Jawaad Daaboul
Research & Development Assistant

Training and development:

Future Leaders are supported through a structured development plan which runs throughout their placement, facilitated by both NCS and MCF. These included curated capacity-building sessions delivered by guests and specialists at the MCF offices. Together, these provided an environment conducive to personal and professional development, as well as widening their insights into the sector.

These included:

- One-off sessions and masterclasses delivered by sector specialists and experts, including **Baroness Warsi**, lawyer, politician and member of the House of Lords.
- A **digital storytelling workshop** delivered by Halil Sumerkan, UK Digital Lead at TRT World.
- Financial Awareness and breaking into **Corporate Finance workshop** by Murtaza Jessa (of Hays McIntyre) and Sohaib Ashraf (of IFG).
- On site masterclasses at **Chatham House**, Speakers House in Parliament (delivered in conjunction with MMK), as well as sessions on charity law with Bates Wells.
- The **NCS retreat** in Nottingham. The sessions hosted here built on key leadership skills as well as developing knowledge around other Future Leaders projects.
- Attending the **Labour Party & Conservative Party Conference 2022** where Future Leaders had the opportunity to share their experience at MCF and showcase their achievements with MPs.

MCF MEMBERSHIP OFFER DEVELOPMENT

This year we focused on developing our membership offer to enable greater access to MCF resources and support for a wider range of charities.

As the British Muslim-led charity sector grows, MCF has adapted our membership options to improve access for smaller charities who are seeking support.

The new annual membership offer:

Gold Investor	For organisations with an annual income **over £20m.**
Silver Investor	For organisations with an annual income between **£10m and £20m.**
Band A	For organisations with an annual income between **£6m and £10m.**
Band B	For organisations with an annual income between **£1m and £6m.**
Band C	For organisations with an annual income between **£500k and £1m.**
Band D	For organisations with an annual income **under £500k.**

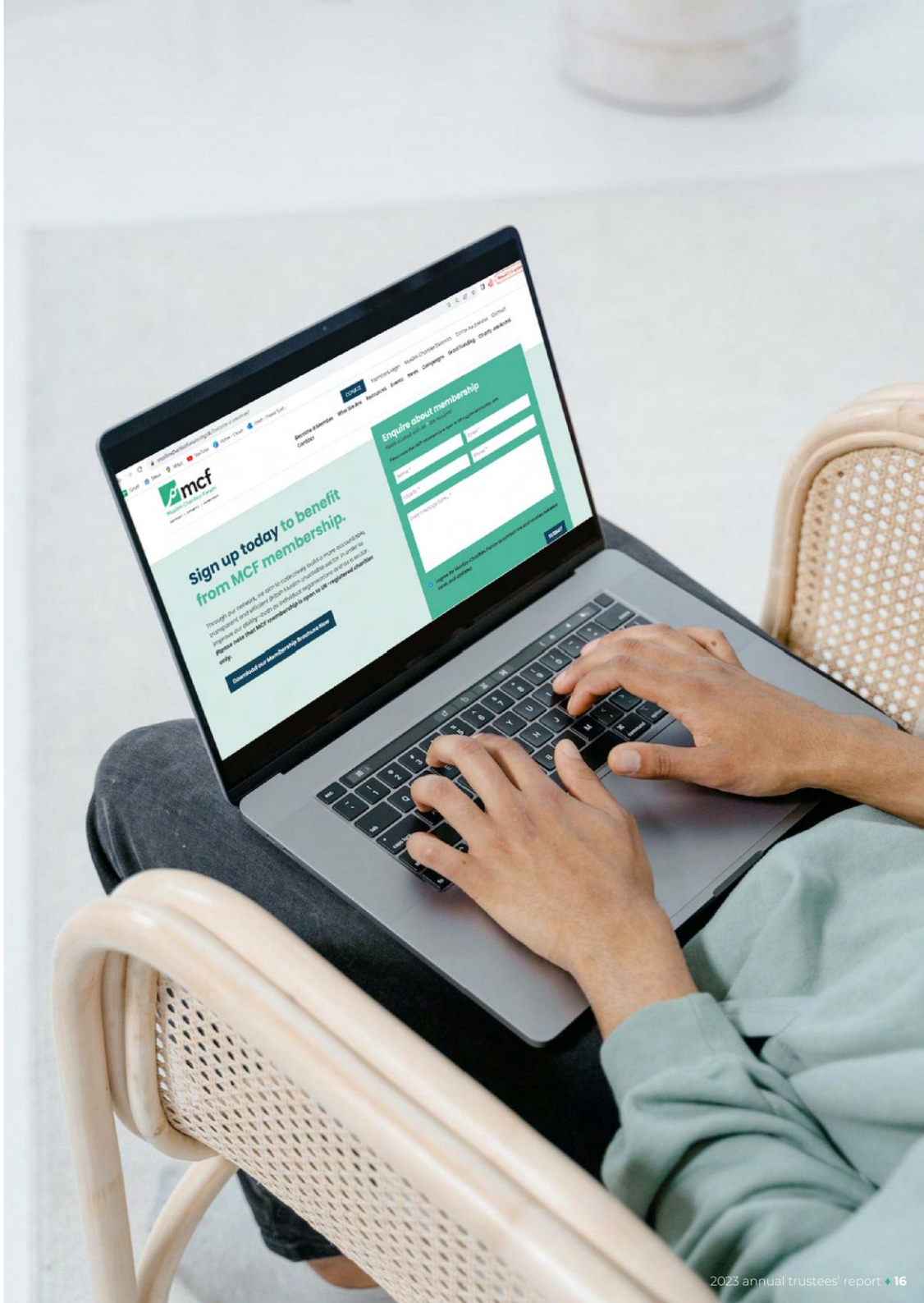
Each membership level offers a range of benefits in proportion to the organisation size with *Gold Investors* invited to join the MCF Board of Trustees. Expanding the membership offer has improved inclusion for grassroots and new charities who need early-stage support.

OUR IMPROVED WEBSITE

In June 2022, MCF undertook a review of the MCF website ***www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk***

The website was found to need updating to reflect the range of services on offer and to improve the user experience (UX).

In August 2022, we were proud to unveil our new look website. The new site features a range of resources and information that was not previously available, including a Jobs Board featuring vacancies across the sector and a Charity Directory. In addition, news, features and events are now easily accessible and supported by a robust social media strategy.



GIVE SMART GIVE SAFE

During Ramadan 2022, we were delighted to launch our annual *Give Smart Give Safe* campaign once more for the third year. This public-facing campaign seeks to grow awareness amongst the Muslim community about the importance of giving consciously to credible charities. Each year during Ramadan, the British Muslim community donate more than **£130 million to domestic and international causes.**

The Give Smart Give Safe campaign launched across social media and the MCF site to inform donors on the common signs to be aware of and to spread the importance of good fundraising practice among charities.

Sumaya Choudhury, *Future Leader* and Fadi Itani, *CEO* featuring on Islam Channel

Give Smart Give Safe campaign 2022:

- The **Be Smart** video series: CEO Fadi featured in short videos shot across different locations to speak about donations and best practice.
- Media coverage with **Islam Channel** and **BMTV**, allowing us to reach a wider audience.
- **Public Donor Survey**, available online and designed to gain insight into the widespread volunteer and donation (including Zakat) practices of Muslims in the UK.
- **Donor Personality Test**, a spin-off of the personality types tests, which helped donors better understand their behaviour and share their character online.
- The '*Give Smart Give Safe*' guide on ensuring that donors could safely give zakat, and on giving to correctly registered charities.

GIVE SMART GIVE SAFE DIGITAL AUDIENCE:

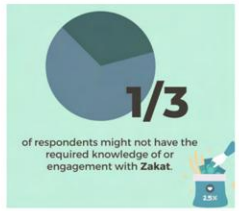
During Ramadan, we had total of **320** unique users of which **291** were brand new users.

BRITISH MUSLIMS CHARITABLE GIVING REPORT

There are
450+
grassroots/local organisations who are part of the British Muslim community (and growing)

There are
150+
international non-governmental (INGOs) that are headquartered within the UK

Muslims give
£500m
to charity per annum in the UK



BRIDGES OF HOPE REPORT LAUNCH

Following 12 months of mapping and research of the sector, kindly supported by the Barrow Cadbury Trust, we were delighted to launch the **Bridges of Hope** report sharing our key findings, aimed at mapping the grassroots Muslim organisations that worked throughout the UK.

The research stage was conducted under the slogan **"Tell The Story, Celebrate The Work"**, it covered multiple case studies of regional charities and in particular their scale and scope of work, and how challenges such as Covid-19 affected their work, amongst other issues that they may have been facing.

Surveying over 400 British Muslim Charities with domestic social action services, the report launched to a packed room at the House of Commons filled with experts, partners and supporters from across civil society, on the 4th of July in 2022, to an audience of MPs and Lords, as well as other charities and news organisations. Presented by two of our Future Leaders Noah and Zoheb, the report received a positive reception, and worked as a culmination of efforts from the wider MCF team and their research into mapping different organisations.

CASE STUDIES

JANNATY WOMEN'S SOCIAL SOCIETY

Jannaty Women's Social Society was established in 2010 with a vision to empower women and girls from disadvantaged BAME backgrounds. Aiming to improve their quality of life and those around them, resulting in stronger and more connected communities. They reach over 1000 women and work especially with the more vulnerable amongst them, such as Afghan asylum seekers. Their participation in Jannaty's activities has improved their English language skills as well as their confidence and social involvement.

Some of Jannaty's projects include:

- **Digital skills sessions** covering Staying Safe Online, Shopping Safe Online and Parental Controls in partnership with **Clarion Futures** Digital Skills team.
- Social events including family trips to seaside towns, recipe competitions, picnics in the park and cultural events.
- Through a partnership with **Talk for Health**, they have a peer counselling programme where participants learn open and truthful talking, empathic listening, basic counselling skills and how to set up an ongoing group.
- **Sewing classes**, which led to **seven** women being selected to participate in a professional garment design training programme with a guaranteed job offer at the end.

For a long time, they have struggled to prove themselves to local authorities, having been overlooked as a community player. Over time this has improved through increased partnerships, discussions with stakeholders and demonstrating the positive impacts of their work. Jannaty has benefited from funding through MCF from the behalf of the Comic Relief Global Majority Fund for the funding of the organisation's core costs. This has resulted in better data collection and communication with their members, informing and improving their activities, funding applications and reporting. It has also enabled them to mentor and upskill their volunteers. Jannaty's work changes the lives of not only the 1000 women they directly serve, but also benefits their families, friends and the extended community of Islington

HAND ON HEART

Hand on Heart is a charity which helps rough sleepers and asylum seekers with packs of essential items. These vary depending on the time of year but can include PPE, toiletries, sleeping bags, hoodies, hats, sun cream and more.

Hand on Heart have expanded from when they started in 2018 giving **200 packs a year** to now distributing **7000 across 25 UK locations,** and have begun to create back-to-school packs for children from low-income families which include stationary, activity books, folders, scientific calculators, maths sets etc. Their packs have been delivered to Afghan and Ukrainian refugees and they have been able to help asylum seekers with phones, bikes, laptops, footballs and other equipment.

Hand on Heart are building a community through giving people the opportunity to help with their hands – families get their children involved, schools help make back-to-school packs, and even care homes are starting to make the packs now too. The charity has found this to be a fantastic way to bring all parts of the community together to help those in need.

Some of the challenges that Hand on Heart have include storage space, transport, and grants training for securing finances to have paid staff leading operations around the country. Their future goals are to partner more with other kinds of organisations, to help better signpost those in need to other organisations, for example to medical assistance, shelter, and job help.

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 2022

As part of MCF's commitment to sustainable practice and climate action, we were delighted to once more work with The Climate Coalition on the Great Big Green Week.

We worked in partnership with faith and charity leaders and representatives, delivering a campaign across social media to promote climate awareness and practical tips on mitigating individual efforts on the climate, as well as protecting the environment.

This year, our work featured working with schools and **The Scouts Association** to host activities based on climate awareness for children and to educate young people on climate awareness, through practical activities.

With the support of the **Muslim Council of Britain**, we had also encouraged mosques to host Friday Jummah talks and sermons (Green Jummah) surrounding climate and environmental awareness, with a call to action.

6 scout groups took part

14 schools engaged and sent resources

178 young people took part in climate action and green activities

100 mosques took part in the Green Jummah

COP27, the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference took place in Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt in November 2022.

MCF, as part of the Climate Coalition, we shared messaging to inform and remind the public of our Islamic values in protecting the environment in support of the conference messaging and public awareness. Social media posts were shared across channels from a range of Muslim charity leaders including Community Leaders, Imams, and practitioners.

IMPROVING ZAKAT PRACTICES

As part of our focus on Zakat policy, practice and delivery, we held a Zakat Conference on 11th May 2022 for charities and community leaders and professionals.

This was held in conjunction with the **British Board of Scholars and Imams** and attracted over **40 delegates** to a day of workshops and discussions about the future of Zakat for the sector. Further thanks must be extended to **Al-Khair Foundation** and **Euro Quality Foundation** for their sponsorship, as well as the **Humanitarian Academy for Development** for hosting us. The day comprised of prepared sessions, delivered by six scholars and practitioners, presented on their research papers. Holding formal sessions on topics concerning the nuances of Zakat collection and distribution, Zakat rating systems and common Fiqhi questions on Zakat, this proved to be a hugely informative snapshot of the wider workings of Zakat, and how charities can action these practices.

THE FORUM: ZAKAT EDITION

Following this high-level and hugely successful event, we launched a call for papers of contributions from scholars and practitioners for wider publication. This has resulted in the publication of a Zakat journal edition of the Forum, our twice-yearly specialist publication. To date, this edition has proved to be highly popular with over 130 digital downloads from the MCF site. (check the Publications section for more details).

FINANCIAL ACCESS WORKSHOP

Reports from charities across the sector around accessing banking continue to cause concerns. To continue to advocate and support charities who have been disproportionately affected by bank de-risking, we hosted a financial workshop collaboration with Conciliation Resources and BOND in July 2022. The event bought in key stakeholders and representatives from various sectors together for a roundtable discussion.

Attendants to this hybrid-style event saw over 50 representatives from various sectors, such as banking, charity regulation, from the FCDO, and most importantly a range of charity practitioners – with a mix of both mainstream charities and Muslim Charities.

Industry experts including Dr. Teresa Dumasy, from Conciliation Resources, offered insights into the complexities of the issues faced by these organisations, also addressing lack of public awareness. Points of discussion included holistic methods, systemic issues, case studies and working group sessions.

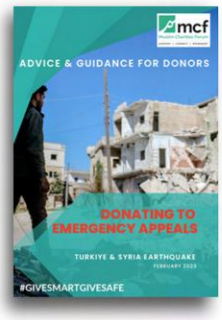
INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

MCF were proactive in its response to the Syria-Türkiye earthquake that occurred in early 2023. Working with member organisations, we coordinated crucial conversations from teams on the ground to establish immediate and ongoing needs.

MCF acted crucially in devising and hosting multiple emergency coordination meetings geared to British Muslim charities, whereby members offered live updates from the region, as well as insights from various organisations.

Further sessions included the Consul General of the Turkish Embassy, focusing on the immediate and longer-term efforts of donors and charities.

We also published Donor Guidance for Emergency Appeals, a guide detailing the most effective ways to respond to crisis. We coordinated with the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) to offer joint guidance and published across our social media channels.



DOMESTIC OUTREACH & RESPONSE

UK Resilience Programme

Following the strategy plan, and borne out of the Covid-19 response, MCF had focused on re-establishing working relationships with organisations and charities that we had previously worked with, supported or discovered through our mapping project. Working with the support of Al-Khair Foundation, Muslim Hands and Islamic Relief, we created a UK resilience plan, linking to MCF's wider Sector Improvement Programme, with the objective of having a more collaborative and wider network of domestic organisations.

The early stages of this programme followed our 'Bridges of Hope' initiative, mapping out lesser-known grassroot Muslim-led organisations who have responded to the Covid19 pandemic and subsequent Cost-of-Living crisis.

Following this, MCF reached out to learn more about their capacity, challenges that they have and are facing and facilitating discussion on how we can better support them.

This work continues as we feed into future policy, advocacy and governance work to address the barriers and challenges faced by smaller organisations meeting the needs of historically marginalised communities

Cost-of-Living Crisis Strategic Support

In conjunction with **Theos Thinktank,** MCF hosted a Cost-of-Living roundtable event on 2nd March 2022 for members, including key representatives from the third sector. The event focused on the topic of how the Cost-of-Living crisis had affected minority groups and those already suffering intersectionality. Further discussion points ensued on how charities were reacting to this, sharing of best practice, ideas and resources to combat ongoing need.

Following this, we prepared and published a ***Cost-of-Living report*** and resources to support wider organisations.

Key Findings:

- **40%** of Muslims are living in the poorest localities. (MCB)
- The Cost-of-Living crisis is affecting **recruitment** and **retention** of volunteers. (Theos)
- **Food banks** caught in a viscous cycle of falling donations and increased need. (Theos)
- NZF received an application for zakat support every **40 minutes** over the last year. (2022)

Training & Briefing Webinars

We continued to host a series of webinars, in response to topical developments throughout the year learning from our continued relationships with our network.

Communication in Emergencies' Webinar April 2022
This session was facilitated by one of our future leaders, Nazarena Plumb and centred on crisis communication. Speakers included Al Manar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre and the National Emergencies Trust, this was a session on communicating during crises, drawn from their experiences including the Grenfell disaster.

Grant Funding Workshop 19th October 2022
Following on from the learnings and insights of our Bridges of Hope report, this was a strategic area we felt we had to address, especially as less than 50% of Muslim-led charities were receiving Trust & Foundation funding. Our funding consultant Louise Butt presented an introductory session to understanding and finding grant funding, detailing what Trust and Foundations are looking for and how to craft a winning application.

Safer Recruiting Webinar 29th November 2022
Presented with the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme (MDS). This centred on the uncontrolled movement of individuals between charitable organisations who are not permitted to work with children or vulnerable adults or those who may pose risk of harm. Facilitated by Louise Butt in November 2022, this was attended by over 20 organisations. We are grateful for the colleagues from Islamic Relief UK, Human Appeal, and the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme for their support in delivering the webinar.

With thanks to: almanaar MUSLIM CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTRE · NATIONAL EMERGENCIES TRUST · MISCONDUCT DISCLOSURE SCHEME · ISLAMIC RELIEF UK

PUBLICATIONS

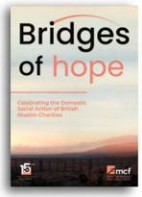
Over the past year, MCF has published select literary pieces, on topical regions as well as updating existing publications. This includes:

A special Zakat Edition of the Forum

Working with different scholars and practitioners, this was a unique submission – building on our Zakat improvement initiative. Focusing on the contemporary challenges of the times and offering a solutions-based approach to these issues, this special edition of the Forum was the latest culmination of MCF's continuous work on the Zakat project. Including submissions such as 'tackling fraud in Digital Zakat Distribution; amongst other entries, this was a first-of-its-kind publication available to our members and the wider public. The aim of this was to help raise awareness on issues that are crucial in effective donation, intersecting with one the pillars of Islam.

Publishing the Bridges of Hope report

Carrying on from our stakeholder mapping work, this report compiles our findings of the different grassroots Muslim-led charities and organisations, offering a brief insight into select works and statistical breakdowns. The report was also published in a paper copy, sent out to our network and distributed at the launch.



Cost of Living Crisis guide

A short report focusing on the impact of the ongoing financial crisis impacting charity services and offering resources and sign-posting.

Ensuring Ethical Excellence guide

Following on from its previous issue, the Ethical Excellence guide is aimed at charities and organisations, presenting a palatable guide for Muslim charities and how they can navigate the differing aspects of managing a charity, from safeguarding to donor acknowledgement, from an ethical and an Islamically coherent standpoint.

2022 edition of the Forum

This fourth edition of the Forum brings together submissions from different practitioners and academics from the Third Sector, providing a cursory look at the state of the Muslim charitable space. Working together with practitioners and academics from across the charitable field, select submissions ranged from assessing the operational struggles of the Muslim charity sector, to the importance of philanthropy and policymaking from an international perspective.

'Insights' series – Horn of Africa

The Insight series aims to bring topical developments but on a regional basis, offering a pack-sized and digestible update on the ongoing conditions of different regions, for our members and the wider public. For this issue, the Horn of Africa was the subject of focus, highlighting certain challenges that were unique to the region, and how these should be considered.

FINANCIAL REPORTING SECTION

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Muslim Charities Forum received donations, grants and other income worth £475,738 compared to £346,794 in 2021/2022.

At the end of the fiscal year 2022/2023 we carried forward a positive bank balance of £204,708.

The statement of Financial Activities portrays that Muslim Charities Forum spent £450,867 on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of MCF that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. It is also the MCF policy to hold sufficient funds, currently three months for administrative expenditures, or currently at £40,000 for closure of the charity should the need arise. The current level of unrestricted reserves, as at 31 March 2023, is £128,136.

Risk management

The trustees continue to assess the major risks to which MCF is exposed to and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Beside the reliance on Members' fees, the charity has made good progress in diversifying its funding model and it is now attracting support from some Trusts and Foundations. The trustees have discussed this and recommended more focus on this area and in addition attracting more members, as well as exploring support from philanthropists with a keen interest in developing the Muslim charity sector.

Exclusively Charitable Activities

The members come from a wide spectrum of social and charitable backgrounds. The organisations and NGOs who benefit from the implementation of the aims of MCF are diverse. All their activities are regarded as "exclusively charitable" as defined by English law. The Board of Trustees assists charities and organisations whose aims and activities are all entirely "exclusively charitable". The Board of Trustees are fully aware of this requirement.

Public benefit

As a charity, Muslim Charities Forum must be able to demonstrate that its objects and activities are for the public benefit as required by the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have all reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have ensured that Muslim Charities Forum's objects and activities comply with this statutory requirement. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity. This Report explains our main activities and achievements in carrying out our aim.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' REPONSIBILITIES

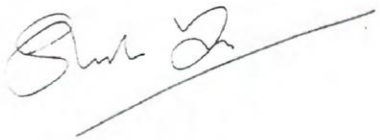
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 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 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 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, 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.

Moazzam Malik CMG
Chairman



Shuaib Yusaf
Treasurer

Date: 02/01/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MUSLIM CHARITIES FORUM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Howard, FCA
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2nd Floor, Regis House
45 King William Street
London, EC4R 9AN

Date: 05 January 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2	201,621	274,117	**475,738**	*346,793*
Total income		**201,621**	**274,117**	475,738	***346,793***
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	243,202	207,665	**450,867**	*503,815*
Total expenditure		**243,202**	**207,665**	450,867	***503,815***
Net movement in funds		**(41,581)**	**66,452**	24,871	***(157,022)***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		169,717	59,789	**229,506**	*386,528*
Total funds carried forward		**128,136**	**126,241**	254,377	***229,506***

The notes on pages 31 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	*2022 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		**71**		*105*
Current assets					
Debtors	10	**54,965**		25,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		**204,708**		213,818	
		259,673		239,318	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	**(5,367)**		(9,917)	
Net current assets			**254,306**		***229,401***
Net assets			254,377		***229,506***
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	12		**126,241**		*59,789*
Unrestricted funds	12		**128,136**		*169,717*
Total funds			254,377		***229,506***

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 02/01/2024 and signed on their behalf, by:

Moazzam Malik
Trustee

The notes on pages 31 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Muslim Charities Forum constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' Report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	-	33% reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	33% reducing balance

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

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 or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Donations	763	-	763	*2,600*
Projects and other income	44,808	274,117	318,925	*212,535*
Membership income	156,050	-	156,050	*131,657*
Total donations and legacies	**201,621**	**274,117**	475,738	***346,792***
Total 2022	*161,824*	*184,968*		*346,792*

3. DIRECT COSTS - CURRENT YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2023 £	*Total 2022 £*
Wages, salaries & social security	-	112,533	112,533	*86,926*
Depreciation	-	34	34	*52*
Travel and subsistence	-	4,471	4,471	*199*
Bank charges	-	267	267	*262*
Membership fees	-	208	208	*132*
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	25,762	25,762	*15,929*
Sundry expenses	-	2,743	2,743	-
Printing, postage & stationary	-	575	575	*931*
Professional & legal	4,500	3,058	7,558	*5,963*
Project expenses	-	296,716	296,716	*393,422*
	4,500	**446,367**	450,867	***503,816***

DIRECT COSTS - PRIOR YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	*Total 2022 £*
Wages, salaries & social security	-	86,926	*86,926*
Depreciation	-	52	*52*
Travel and subsistence	-	199	*199*
Bank charges	-	262	*262*
Membership fees	-	132	*132*
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	15,929	*15,929*
Printing, postage & stationary	-	931	*931*
Professional & legal	3,930	2,033	*5,963*
Project expenses	-	393,422	*393,422*
	3,930	**499,886**	*503,816*

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Governance	4,500	-	4,500	*3,930*

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE-BY-EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Total 2023 £	*Total 2022 £*
Charitable activities	446,367	*499,886*
Expenditure on governance	4,500	*3,930*
	450,867	***503,816***

6. NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the charity	34	*52*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

7. EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £4,500 including VAT (2022 - £3,930).

8. STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 11 (2022: 6).

One employee received remuneration between £80,000 and £90,000 in the year. (2022: One employee received remuneration between £60,000 and £70,000 in the year)

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	1,970	9,195	11,165
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	1,939	9,121	11,060
Charge for the year	10	24	34
At 31 March 2023	1,949	9,145	11,094
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	21	50	71
At 31 March 2022	*31*	*74*	*105*

10. DEBTORS

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Trade debtors	54,965	*25,500*

11. CREDITORS

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Trade creditors	68	*4,475*
Other taxation and social security	799	*2,412*
Accruals	4,500	*3,030*
	5,367	***9,917***

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS- CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	*159,434*	179,621	(211,969)	**127,086**
The Tudor Trust	*10,283*	22,000	(31,233)	**1,050**
Restricted funds				
VCSEP	*(1,564)*	-	1,564	**-**
Barrow Cadbury Trust	*10,835*	19,350	(12,203)	**17,982**
Global Majority Fund	*22,087*	4,000	(26,087)	**-**
The Climate Coalition	*915*	14,000	(4,818)	**10,097**
NCS	*7,516*	216,767	(159,809)	**64,474**
UK Response Project	*20,000*	20,000	(6,312)	**33,688**
Total of funds	***229,506***	**475,738**	(450,867)	**254,377**

Description of Restricted Funds

VCSEP: is a restricted grant in relation to specific terms set out by the donor.
Barrow Cadbury Trust: is a restricted donation to map Muslim organisations in the UK, their contributions and challenges with a view to strengthen the sector as a whole.
Global Majority Fund: the funding is co-financed by Comic Relief and National Emergencies trust in relation to specific terms set out by the donor.
The Climate Coalition: is a restricted grant in relation to The Great Big Green Week project.
NCS: is funding in relation to the provision of 9 month placement opportunities for young people aged 18-24 years.
UK Response Project: is restricted grants in relation to strengthening the profile of Muslim-led charities to ensure the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities are prioritised. The grants are from Islamic Relief, Muslim Hands and Al-Khair Foundation.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS- PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	*147,348*	134,325	(122,239)	159,434
The Tudor Trust	-	27,500	(17,217)	10,283
Restricted funds				
VCSEP	-	21,767	(23,331)	(1,564)
Barrow Cadbury Trust	*12,500*	12,500	(14,165)	10,835
Global Majority Fund	*226,680*	30,000	(234,593)	22,087
The Climate Coalition	-	10,000	(9,085)	915
NCS	-	90,702	(83,186)	7,516
UK Response Project	-	20,000	-	20,000
Total of funds	***386,528***	**346,794**	(503,816)	**229,506**

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	71	-	71
Current assets	133,432	126,241	259,673
Creditors due within one year	(5,367)	-	(5,367)
	128,136	**126,241**	**254,377**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	105	-	105
Current assets	179,529	59,789	239,318
Creditors due within one year	(9,917)	-	(9,917)
	169,717	**59,789**	**229,506**

14. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 March 2023 the Charity had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Not later than 1 year	16,400	*18,450*

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	Received £	Paid £	Balance at year end £
Zakat House	-	24,600	-
Human Appeal	25,000	-	22,550
Islamic Relief UK	25,000	-	-
Muslim Hands	35,000	-	-
Al Khair Foundation	35,000	-	-
The Lady Fatemah Trust	2,500	-	22,500

The charity has received funds or made payment to other organisations where the Trustees have involvement as follows:

Zakat House - Dr. Hany El Banna is the Chair of Zakat House and an MCF Trustee.
Human Appeal – Hameed El Asaly is a Director and an MCF Trustee.
Islamic Relief UK - Tufail Hussain is the UK Director and an MCF Trustee.
Muslim Hands - Syed Lakthe Hassanain is the Chairman and an MCF Trustee.
Al-Khair Foundation - Mr Shuaib Yusaf is the Chief Executive and the MCF Treasurer.
The Lady Fatemah Trust - Mukhtar Karim is the CEO and an MCF Trustee.

Registered Charity No. 1166149

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& FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

TRUSTEES

Dr Hany Abdul Gawad ElBanna OBE
Moazzam Malik CMG (Appointed July 2022)
Syed Lakthe Hassanain
Shuaib Yusaf
Tufail Hussain Khan
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

A message from Moazzam Malik CMG.

The last 12 months have been deeply challenging for the Muslim charity sector in ways many of us have not experienced before. Although the Covid19 pandemic has begun to normalise, this past year has been one of continued response and recovery. The effects of national lockdowns linger on communities – particularly the most disadvantaged - in the UK and across the world. The climate crisis is exacerbating vulnerabilities and causing suffering due to extreme weather, including drought and floods; and in many parts of the world we see deep seated poverty as people struggle with conflict. At home here in the UK, the cost of living crisis is putting communities under pressure, especially those that are already most marginalised.

Our role at the Muslim Charities Forum, (MCF) has always been to provide support, to connect the sector and to represent British Muslim charities and those that they serve, to ensure they have a voice and access to the resources they need. As this Annual Report sets out, MCF has sought to deliver projects and programmes to support our members' efforts to build better, together – to create resilience.

Our work this year has included researching the scale and potential of the Muslim charity sector, celebrating the amazing work of both staff and volunteers. We were honoured to be selected as an Intermediary Partner for Comic Relief to ensure that vital funding could reach charities across the UK. And as 'stewards of this earth', our work highlighting the need for environmental awareness, sustainable and ethical aid delivery is becoming a major theme as we seek to build good practice.

This year, we were delighted to mentor another cohort of 'Future Leaders', young interns funded by the National Citizens Service, bringing their talent and commitment to our work and learning the skills that will enable them to suceed in their chosen field. I hope that we will deepen further the sector's engagement with young people over the coming years – they are the future.

The British Muslim charity sector is continuing to grow fast reflecting the communities they draw from. I hope that many of these growing organisations will chose to join MCF, unlocking the potential for collaboration, partnership and impact.

Lastly as the newly appointed Chair, I would like to take a moment to thank Dr Hany El Banna, our Founder, for his many years of service. His leadership and inspiration at MCF and across the sector has been simply outstanding.

I look forward to working with you – MCF's members and partners – to support and showcase the contribution that Britain's Muslim communities are making at home and abroad. If you have advice on how I can best do that, please do get in touch.

Yours,

Moazzam Malik CMG
Chairman, Muslim Charities Forum

CEO'S FOREWORD

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

A Message from Fadi Itani.

For the past 15 years, the Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) has helped British Muslim charities strengthen and develop their excellent work for those in need, through support, connection, and representation. The events that have transpired within the past two years have had a massive impact on not just the charity sector but the world around us. Through the COVID 19 pandemic, rising global crisis and living costs, we have seen first-hand how daily lives can change dramatically for us all.

Despite this, MCF has continued to flourish, working in new ways and with new partners to ensure we can continue providing response and reliability for those we support. As always, we are driven and inspired by our faith, reminded of our reasoning of serving a higher purpose in our efforts to help others. We recognise that with a changing world, change in response from us all is necessary to ensure we can provide aid to those most in need.

The last 12 months have brought continued challenges from the pandemic and worsening threat of global warming, deepening humanitarian crisis across the world. But we are reminded that ""Verily, Allah will not change the condition of a people as long as they do not change themselves" (al-Ra'd 13:11) and that we have a duty to look after not only one another but also His Earth to ensure a greener, fairer future.

Our work taking part in The Great Big Green Week, highlighting COP26, joining voices with others against UK Aid cuts, distributing vital funding, creating discussion and action around innovation and zakat or building pathways for Future Leaders of the sector have all centred around change and creating a stronger, brighter future for the Muslim charity sector and ultimately, for those in the most need. For INGOs we have continued to provide support, representing them on the issues which affect their delivery in reaching those living in remote and vulnerable communities. For NGOs, we have expanded, recognising the needs and responsive work here in the UK. Bringing the sector together, despite our individual challenges, understanding our mutually held values remains the way forward in building a more resilient global community.

As a user-led network, we continue to support, connect and represent the sector as we respond to need. Our research and relationships with British Muslim charities inform our work and ensure that MCF can provide resources and support in delivering best practice and ensuring our charities can reach their full potential. I look forward to the year ahead and the exciting changes we have in store as we continue to build the sector, for the sector.

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our supporters, partners, funders and members as we embark on taking MCF forward in new directions. Your support and belief in our work motivates us and strengthens us as an organisation and we are truly thankful.

Yours faithfully,

Fadi Itani OBE
Chief Executive Officer, Muslim Charities Forum

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

THANK YOU TO PARTNERS

THE MCF STORY

Our founder, Dr Hany El Banna, has dedicated his lifetime to one of philanthropy, helping others and creating innovation for social good. Back in 2007, in response to the growing number of British Muslim-led charities, his vision was for a strong and unified British Muslim charity sector that serves the needs of the community together. He identified the importance of unity and therefore set out to create a forum where Muslim charities could come together to support one another.

Muslim Charities Forum was created to be a source for social action which would enable British Muslim charities to become more effective and reach their full potential. In 2007, MCF was formed as a space for charities to connect, represent and support one another and within the mainstream charity sector. Fifteen years later and we are now the UK network for British Muslim charities working for social good in the UK and abroad, connected with over 400 charities serving people in need to combat poverty, homelessness, sickness or suffering.

Through our network, we collectively build a more accountable, transparent, and efficient Muslim charitable sector, to improve our ability—both as individual organisations and as a sector—to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

“THROUGH OUR NETWORK, WE AIM TO COLLECTIVELY BUILD A MORE ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT AND EFFICIENT BRITISH MUSLIM CHARITABLE SECTOR, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR ABILITY—BOTH AS INDIVIDUAL ORGANISATIONS AND AS A SECTOR—TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD.”

OUR VALUES

HUMANITY

We believe that all human beings are created equally and with the same God-given dignity: serving human-kind regardless of any differences is one of the most noble actions any person can undertake.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe that all resources are made available by God in the form of trust: we are 'trustees' of the resources at our disposal and we are accountable to the people we serve, the public, regulatory bodies and ultimately to God for our actions.

TRANSPARENCY

Our shared faith encourages us to be truthful and reliable, and to keep records of our interactions. Therefore, we are committed to be clear and open about our policies, our resources, and our impact.

EFFECTIVENESS

Our shared faith encourages us to be productive and to avoid wastefulness. Therefore, we are committed to conducting efficient allocation of resources and to monitor our performance.

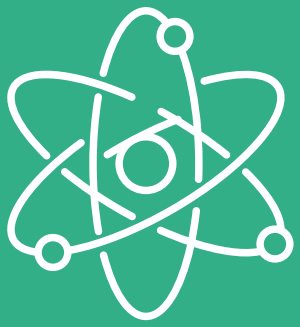
EXCELLENCE

Our shared faith encourages us to strive for excellence in all that we do. Therefore, we are committed to operate in a legal, ethical, and professional way, doing things with sincere intentions and in the best, most correct, and most complete manner.

WHAT WE DO

SUPPORT

We support MCF members and their staff by providing a set of services to enhance their capabilities and help them to respond to a rapidly evolving environment—so that they can strengthen their accountability to stakeholders, improve their efficiency and have greater impact. Members benefit from: Free/affordable opportunities for organisational and individual development and growth.



CONNECT

We improve connections between MCF members and with other charities and NGOs (international and domestic), regulatory bodies, civil society actors, the academia, and the private sector, so that together we can be more impactful.
Members benefit from: Access to networking opportunities within the British Muslim and wider charitable sector, which are difficult to access as a single organisation.

REPRESENT

We represent Muslim-led British charities by serving on working parties and steering groups for mainstream bodies and policy-makers and advocating for a positive environment, recognition and support.

WHO ARE WE

OUR TRUSTEES'

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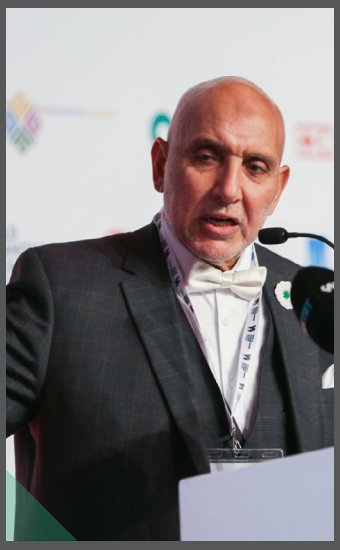
CHAIRMAN OF MCF



DR. HANY EL-BANNA

FOUNDER OF MCF

SYED LAKHTE HASSANAIN

CHAIRMAN OF MUSLIM HANDS

SAFFA MIR

CHARITIES, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SOLICITOR

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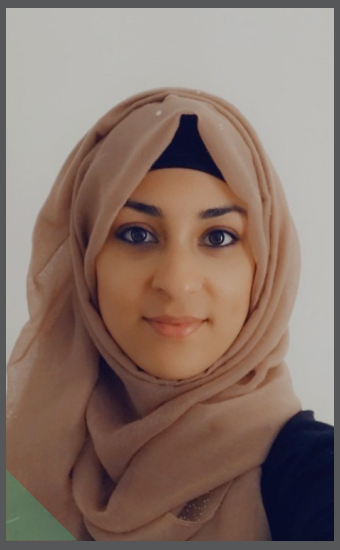
UK DIRECTOR OF ISLAMIC RELIEF UK



MADIHA RAZA

SENIOR GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS OF IRC

HAMEED AL-ALSALY

DIRECTOR OF EMERGING MARKETS AT HUMAN APPEAL

SHUAIB YUSAF

TREASURER & CEO OF ALKHAIR FOUNDATION

ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

MCF BOARD

In April 2021, we were honoured to welcome Saffa Mir as an independent board member to MCF. Saffa joins us with a wealth of experience from the legal and charity sector, as an Education and Charities Solicitor. Her extensive skills and knowledge in the areas of charity law, risk management, fundraising and strategy will support and guide MCF over the next year.

MCF MEMBERSHIP

In June 2021, Ummah Welfare Trust, UK-based international relief and development charity joined MCF as a member. Established in 2001, Ummah Welfare Trust has grown to serve people across 20 countries, working to alleviate poverty and suffering. Alongside current members, MCF look forward to working with Ummah Welfare Trust to inform and inspire our work.

THE FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

In 2021, we formed partnership with National Citizen Service (NCS) to develop our Future Leaders programme. This programme supports placements for graduates and young people, providing skills, experience and insight into the Muslim charity sector. We were pleased to welcome our biggest cohort so far who have taken ownership of projects, experienced unique and specialist training and contributed to MCF and the wider sector in various roles.

OBE AWARD FOR OUR CEO

MCF CEO Fadi Itani was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his services to Charity and Interfaith Relations during COVID-19 by connecting groups to share resources in the pandemic.

OUR FUTURE LEADERS

MCF's Future Leaders programme offers individuals an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in the charitable third sector, particularly for those interested in international aid and development and Muslim charities.

In 2021, MCF partnered with Volunteering Matters to be part of the National Citizen Service (NCS) UK Year of Service programme to further enhance the Future Leaders programme.

MCF hosted its largest Future Leaders internship cohort so far of 11 young people who have taken ownership of projects, experienced unique and, contributed to MCF and the wider sector.

A well-structured development plan was set for the Future Leaders cohort, through the NCS organised sessions which include virtual and in-person capacity building sessions, in addition to unique and specialised capacity building sessions organised by MCF with a variety of guests who shared their valuable experience and sector insights with them.

Quotes from participating members:

"Constant support and guidance."

"Working with deadlines, how to conduct and lead meetings, communication skills, project management, teamwork"

"I am much more optimistic regarding my job opportunities due to the skills I have gained during my time at MCF"

CAMPAIGNS & PROJECTS

GLOBAL MAJORITY FUND

During the previous year, MCF was selected as Intermediary Partner to distribute funds on behalf of Comic Relief, National Emergencies Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and The Clothworkers Foundation. The Global Majority Fund serves organisations who work with communities facing racial inequality within the UK, responding to emergency needs as a result of the Covid19 pandemic.

Following a competitive selection process, MCF were announced as Intermediary Partners in February 2021 and designed and launched an application process in April 2021, offering grant funding to organisations as project or core costs up to £10,000 for an 9-month period.

Priority was given to eligible charities who could demonstrate a commitment to equality and diversity, strong connections within their local networks and a commitment to innovation and sustainable solutions for positive change.

The Global Majority Fund closed in April 2021 having received **288 applications** requesting **£1.8 million** for charitable causes across the UK. Following the application deadline, MCF conducted an initial sift, followed by shortlisting, due diligence and awarding decisions from an independent panel.

We distributed a total of £230,400 to 22 organisations across the UK to deliver projects and fund core costs in their efforts to support communities facing racial inequality.

Together, these organisations served 15,880 people in need across the UK, delivering a range of services including food banks to homelessness support to mental health counselling, supported by over 200 staff and 371 volunteers.

FIGURES AND STATS

200

STAFF

15,880

IN NEED

£230,400

22 ORGANISATIONS

371

VOLUNTEERS

SUPPORTED ORGANISATIONS'

Aishah Help
MOTHER OF THE BELIEVERS

Bradford Foundation Trust

COPEF SKILLS TRAINING

Ekota Care Trust Ltd

HIMMAH.ORG
grassroot community action

PROMOTING WELL-BEING
InnerCity LIFE

inspirited minds

JANNATY
Women's Social Society

KW TRUST

Lateef PROJECT

THE FLOWHESION FOUNDATION

Old Kent Road Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre
Muslim Association of Nigeria UK (MAN UK)

THE MOSAIC COMMUNITY TRUST
Uniting, Empowering and Celebrating Caring Communities

Muslim Scout Fellowship

MUSLIM WOMEN'S COUNCIL

myh muslim YOUTH helpline

REACH AID TRUST
"Reaching out to those in need"

REFUGEE CAFE

solace
For Revert Sisters in Difficulty

DEAFEAST

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SERVICES THAT TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF BME WOMEN & FAMILIES

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ACHIEVING THE IMPOSSIBLE

CASE STUDIES

MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA UK

Generally, as a charity organisation, we have benefitted immensely from being granted this fund. It came at a time that our outreach and community engagement/support initiative though highly needed was at risk of reducing due to inadequate funding. The Grant not only boost the profile of the organisation as a trusted body to implement projects that support our communities, but it also helped us address and touch on issues that are very important to our services users. Aside from this through organising more activities as a result of this funding, we were able to widen our network of stakeholders across sectors especially, the health sector and our local council, businesses and other professionals whom we had to engage as resource persons, contributors and/or speakers.

With this funding, our organisation was able to organise range of activities which address some of the issues affecting our community and services users, with our 'From Volunteering to Employability intervention' the issue of unemployment, low income and family crisis were addressed and many of our beneficiaries reported it set them on the right track to find solution to these problems. They were able to have information and signpost to accessing public benefits or services and opportunities that are usually challenging for them to harness because of inadequate access to information or because of immigration status and other social and cultural limitations.

CASE STUDIES

HIMMAH

The grant funding has made a significant difference to the work of Himmah – especially the timing of the grant coinciding with many other funds coming to an end. Himmah has experienced a massive growth in demand for our food poverty projects (food bank, Peoples Pantry and hot meals provision) during the pandemic, yet availability of funding is now returning to pre-pandemic levels with many funding sources drying up. This is despite a huge cost of living crisis that is starting to take shape, that means currently we are delivering up to 350 food parcels a week, whilst also growing our Peoples Pantry project, which aims to support people on a tight budget, but where they do have some income and therefore do not need food parcel support.

This grant funding has enabled us to continuously grow the numbers of people who are benefiting from food parcels from Himmah. It has meant we can know in advance how many people we can support, as we have used the funding to support the purchase of food from FareShare. During the final months of the project, we have been providing 100 food parcels a week to Afghan's who are accommodated in Nottingham from the government resettlement scheme and our support enabled them to have more choice and dignity over their food as we made parcels specifically to cater for their dietary needs.

HIMMAH.ORG
grassroot community action

CASE STUDIES

FLOWHESION FOUNDATION

The grant has enabled us to continue to deliver a much needed bi-lingual counselling service in Urdu, Punjabi, Pashtoon and Bengali. We have engaged with women who have had mental health, anxiety, depression and isolation issues due to covid19. We currently have 8 female bi-lingual BACP registered counsellors and 4 trainee counsellors.

The women we engage with face extreme racial inequality when attempting to access mainstream counselling services, due to language barriers and cultural / religious barriers. Therefore, this has given them the opportunity to overcome these barriers through engaging with our experienced counsellors

We have been able to achieve our target to reach 250 BME women by February, who have had access to professional bi-lingual counselling thus allowing them to better manage stress, anxiety, depression bereavement they had experienced due to covid19 pandemic.

THE FLOWHESION FOUNDATION

GIVE SMART GIVE SAFE

During Ramadan (April – May 2021), MCF launched our Give Smart Give Safe campaign to the general public. With donation rates from the British Muslim community peaking during the holy month, this project was aimed at supporting donors and charities with good fundraising practice.

The Give Smart Give Safe campaign objective was to improve understanding and awareness of safe donation practice, particularly when giving online, to ensure that funds are delivered securely to the intended causes.

- **Launched our first-ever 'Muslim Charitable Giving Donor Survey to research the widespread volunteer and donation practices of Muslims in the UK. This survey received 61 detailed responses exploring the motivations and experiences of volunteers and regular donors.**

- **Received more than 200 responses using polls our on social media to investigate donor behaviour.**

- **Created a video highlighting the importance of researching a charity before donating using story-telling perspective which was viewed more than 33,000 times on Twitter.**

- **Produced two information booklets to ensure people give zakat appropriately including the recommendation to give to registered charities.**

- **Published an article with The Chartered Institute of Fundraising to highlight Muslim giving during Ramadan and the importance of safe giving.**

The survey, the first of its kind, was distributed through our networks and social media to gain a better understanding of donors' views on the sector. The survey was divided up into the following sections:

1. Extent of volunteering and how this has been affected by the lockdown

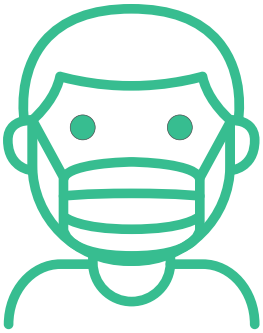
2. Factors affecting donating

3. Donating best practices including zakat policy and administration costs

4. Debates and discussions in the sector

5. Personal details including gender, age, level of qualification and type of employment

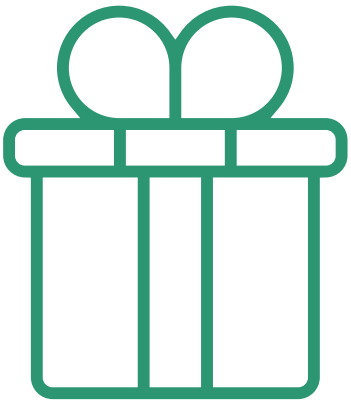
63%



had volunteered within a charity within the last 3 years, including for Covid19 pandemic response.

5%

felt Muslim charities could do more to promote volunteering opportunities.



Only 7.9% donate to local charities. The vast majority of respondents give to large international charities with the reasons being that they preferred to give to well-known names.

The main reasons cited for choosing a charity for donation included transparency, impact reporting and reputation.

60%

felt charities should take administration charges with *10%* of the donation being the most preferred amount.

22%

felt administration charges were a deterrent for donors and there was an overall scepticism of 100% donation policies.

53%

felt charities should take administration charges with 10% of the donation being the most preferred amount.

33%

check to see if a charity has a Zakat policy which makes clear how their donation will be spent.

Despite a huge amount of support for the sector, 33% highlighted concerns about Muslim charities as a whole and shared their thoughts, showing that these concerns need to be addressed in order to maintain support:

"Muslim charities should be as transparent as possible, too many of them have been affected by controversy in recent years… a brief review of charity commission cases or third sector news coverage highlights the problems within the sector"

"I really do not understand where my donations have gone from what I have seen."

"It's interesting when you look at the About Us section of their websites, you get no idea of who is managing many of them"

"Gift Aid does not mean taking 25% is ok for admin. Admin must still be efficient with training & development of staff at the forefront."

" It would be worthwhile knowing what (admin rate) is the average in the sector."

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK SEPTEMBER 2021

As part of our commitment to tackling climate change and promoting better environmental awareness as means of sustainable aid response, MCF took part in The Great Big Green Week hosted by The Climate Coalition. Through the week we worked with faith and charity leaders to promote climate awareness and practical advice on how to live and work to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment.

- **Partnered with Emerald Network, Amaliah and The Muslim Vibe as media partners to produce social media and content for an online campaign across all channels.**
- **Received more than 90,000 impressions and more than 900 engagements from organic posts across 7 days on Twitter alone.**
- **Partnered and supported by involvement from MINAB UK, IFEES, FOSIS, Muslim Scout Fellowship, Muslim Council of Britain, Cambridge Muslim College, British Board of Scholars and Imams (BBSI), plus members and supporters. These individual videos were collectively viewed more than 14,000 times across our YouTube channel.**
- **Produced a toolkit, The Sacred Trust, for charities, businesses and members of the community about the importance of climate change and how to live a greener life.**
- **Created a feature film, The Sacred Trust, https://youtu.be/OlNh9Ahh5Wg that showcased an overview of the effects of climate change & Islamic need to be stewards for the environment. This 4-minute video featured high-end photography to emphasis the need to preserve our world, produced by award-winning film maker Mariam El-Marakeshy.**
- **Featured on Sky News, The Daily Climate Show on Friday 24th September 2021, as MCF organised 300 UK mosques to call for climate change action during Friday sermons 'The Big Green Jummah'.**

COP 26

As part of ongoing work to raise awareness of achieving carbon net zero, we joined calls to global leaders attending COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

- **Produced a video, featuring our CEO Fadi Itani and key figures from across the sector, viewed more than 4300 times on Twitter.**
- **Ran a social media campaign across all platforms with over 12,800 impressions and 600 engagements over the 5-day conference period.**
- **Issued a joint statement with #Faiths4Climate calling for climate action in grassroots communities.**
- **Joined faith leaders in a walk of solidarity to no10 Downing Street.**

Walk or cycle –
drive less!
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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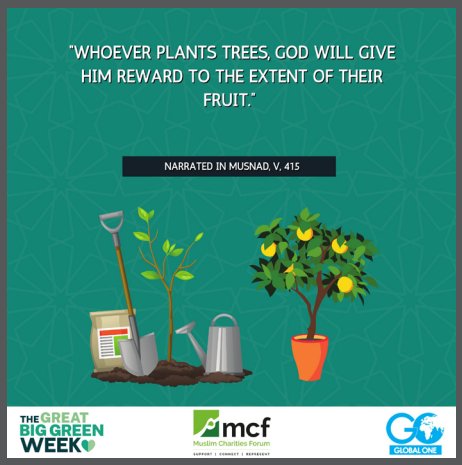
Islamic Help


"WHOEVER PLANTS TREES, GOD WILL GIVE HIM REWARD TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR FRUIT."
NARRATED IN MUSNAD, V, 415
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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Muslim Charities Forum
GLOBAL ONE

"THEY ARE THOSE WHO SPEND NEITHER WASTEFULLY NOR STINGILY, BUT MODERATELY IN BETWEEN."
QURAN (25:67)
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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GLOBAL ONE

Host a local Clean
Up to look after
the spaces around us
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
Imams Online.com

Support local communities through running environmental awareness events
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
Imams Online.com

Encourage attendees to walk to the mosque - it's Sunnah!
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
Imams Online.com

"ALL THE CREATURES THAT CRAWL ON THE EARTH AND THOSE WHICH FLY WITH WINGS ARE COMMUNITIES LIKE YOURSELVES."
QUR'AN (6:38)
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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Muslim Charities Forum

Give in your extra 'pre-loved' clothes and live simply!
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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Muslim Charities Forum
Islamic Help

"DO NOT WASTE WATER EVEN IF YOU WERE AT A RUNNING STREAM"
PROPHET MUHAMMAD PEACE BE UPON HIM
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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"REMOVING HARMFUL THINGS FROM THE ROAD IS AN ACT OF CHARITY (SADAQAH)."
(NARRATED BY ABU DHARR AL-GHAFARI)
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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Seek out knowledge on the journey production of items you consume
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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Muslim Charities Forum
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#GREENJUMMAH
Thank YOU
#GREENJUMMAH
THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
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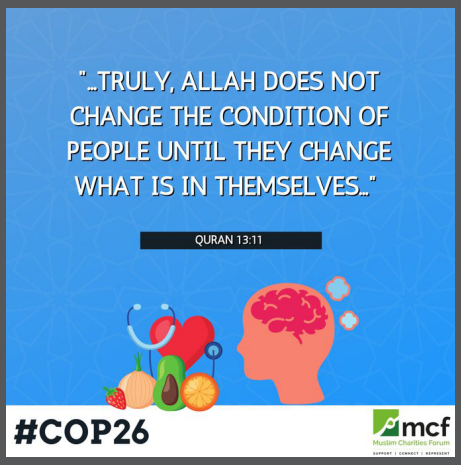
"...TRULY, ALLAH DOES NOT CHANGE THE CONDITION OF PEOPLE UNTIL THEY CHANGE WHAT IS IN THEMSELVES..."
QURAN 13:11
#COP26
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Tackling climate change should be an absolute priority for organisations working with vulnerable people across the world."
Dr Hany El Banna,
Chair Muslim Charities Forum
#COP26
mcf

Reducing deforestation and carbon emissions through our work is vital and we call upon all leaders at #COP26 to do the same."
African Relief Fund
Hossein S Farah,
Chair of African Relief Fund
#COP26
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We call upon all governments and key players to work together at COP26"
Dr Mohammed Ashmawy,
CEO Human Appeal
#COP26
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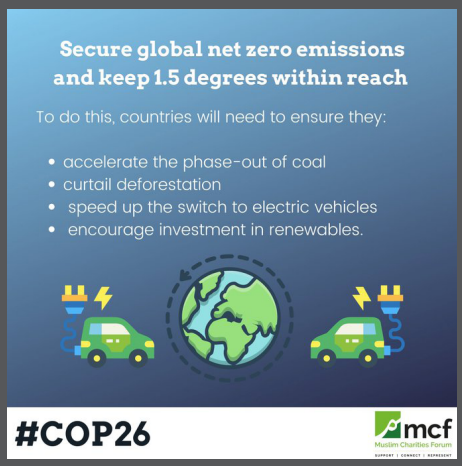
Secure global net zero emissions and keep 1.5 degrees within reach
To do this, countries will need to ensure they:
accelerate the phase-out of coal
curtail deforestation
speed up the switch to electric vehicles
encourage investment in renewables.
#COP26
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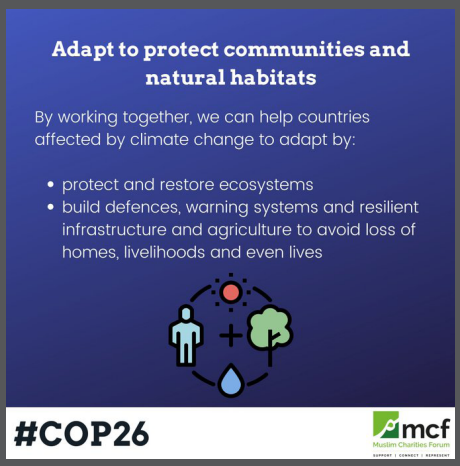
Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats
By working together, we can help countries affected by climate change to adapt by:
protect and restore ecosystems
build defences, warning systems and resilient infrastructure and agriculture to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and even lives
#COP26
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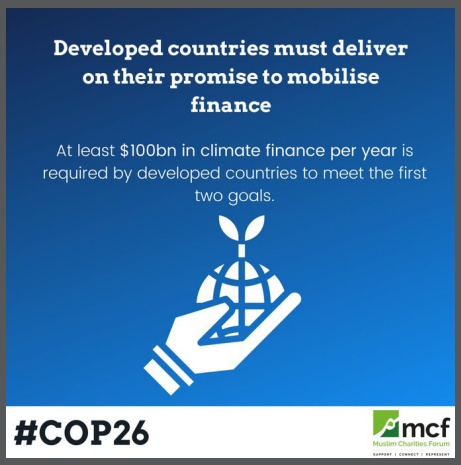
Developed countries must deliver on their promise to mobilise finance
At least $100bn in climate finance per year is required by developed countries to meet the first two goals.
#COP26
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We only have one planet, and with the climate catastrophe coming upon us – we haven't got long."
Dr Husna Ahmed OBE,
CEO Global One
#COP26
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As a developed nation it is our responsibility to take positive and bold action on the climate crisis, especially for the sake of those most vulnerable."
Tufail Hussain
UK Director Islamic Relief
#COP26
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Day by day, we are more accustomed to the dark realities of climate change – and it's why we must act now."
Baroness Warsi
#COP26
mcf

Climate change is predicted to cause a quarter of a million deaths from 2030 onwards if we don't take action now."
Dr Hina Shahid,
Chair Muslim Doctors Association
#COP26
mcf

This is the time for robust declarations about climate change, about the defence of the beauties of the natural environment ."
Sheikh Abdal Hakim Murad,
Dean Cambridge Muslim College
#COP26
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TELL THE STORY, CELEBRATE THE WORK

Thanks to the support of Barrow Cadbury Trust, we were able to launch a new phase of research with the first-ever national mapping of Muslim social action. This research project aimed to identify and celebrate the charitable work carried out by the UK Muslim community.

Our mapping and research launched with surveys across social media and our pre-existing network, contacting small to medium Muslim-led charities over the course of many months, gathering opinions and experiences.

The Surveys Covered:

- **Beneficiary audience and demographic**
- **Scale, scope and location of work**
- **Governance make-up, staff and volunteer workforce**
- **Annual income, funding streams and expenditure**
- **Use of policies such as Volunteer and Safeguarding Policies**
- **Impact of the Covid19 pandemic**
- **Challenges and needs facing groups of all sizes**

Over 400 charities were directly contacted to gather this information. The results of this work were then compiled to be released in a report, available to partners, stakeholders and partners.

ZAKAT IN ACTION

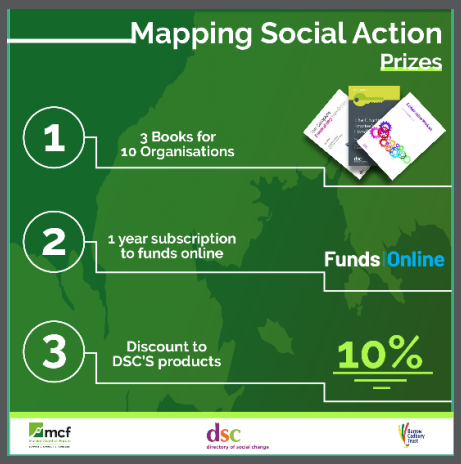
To support INGOs and NGOs who accept Zakat donations, the MCF team commenced research into Zakat best practise to gain an overview with UK charities. To highlight the innovation and diversity of the sector, charities were requested to a case study concerning Zakat delivery.

Key aims and actions:

- **Invitation to prominent Shariah scholars and members of the charity sector to discuss some of the most contentious challenges of Zakat collection and distribution including delivering zakat funds within conflict zones.**
- **Compilation of case studies to enable practitioners to ground their discussion in the practical realities of the sector.**

The learning from this exercise was then fed into the planning and programme of our annual Zakat conference, with the aim of enabling discussion, connecting charities and sharing of resources and ideas to make effective use of Zakat in response to modern-day challenges.

Survey Launch: Mapping Social Action
We're offering over £1000* worth of sector literature and a discounted membership to DSC's funding portal
1. What range of activities do British Muslim charities carry out?
2. Who do British Muslim-led charities help?
3. How many volunteers work in Muslim-led organisations across the UK?
4. Can Muslim-led charities access mainstream funding, like other charitable organisations?
5. Do charities come together to pool resources for charitable projects and if so, how often?


Mapping Social Action
Prizes
1
3 Books for 10 Organisations
2
1 year subscription to funds online
Funds Online
3
Discount to DSC'S products
10%

Mapping Social Action
By British Muslims
3
How many volunteers work in Muslim-led organisations across the UK?

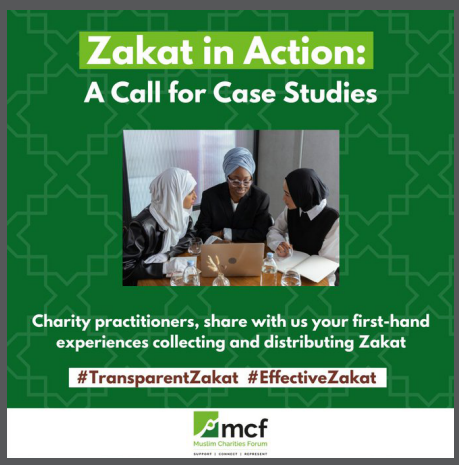
Let's amplify the voices of Muslim-led charities in the sector!
#TellTheStory
#CelebrateTheWork

Let's together amplify the voices of Muslim charities across the UK by sharing one Muslim-led or Muslim-founded organisation.
#TellTheStory
#CelebrateTheWork

#TellTheStory
#CelebrateTheWork
Join us in highlighting the mosaic of the British Muslim charitable sector.
Tell us about your organisation today!

Zakat in Action:
A Call for Case Studies
Charity practitioners, share with us your experiences in collecting and distributing Zakat
#TransparentZakat #EffectiveZakat

#TellTheStory
#CelebrateTheWork
Share in highlighting the mosaic of Muslim-founded or Muslim-led charities in Wales
Let us know about them by filling out one minute form (see caption)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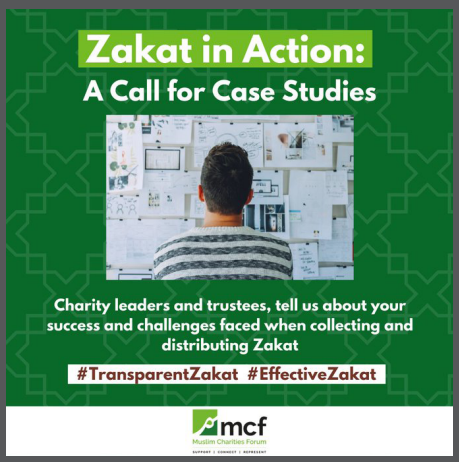

Zakat in Action:
A Call for Case Studies
Charity leaders and trustees, tell us about your success and challenges faced when collecting and distributing Zakat
#TransparentZakat #EffectiveZakat

We need you!
Whether you're a service user, volunteer or staff to tell us about a charitable organisation.
#TellTheStory
#CelebrateTheWork

Let's amplify the voices of Muslim-led charities in the sector!
#TellTheStory
#CelebrateTheWork

STATEMENTS AND MEDIA

Representing the sector as a voice for Muslim charities not only helps to combat poor media coverage but also highlights the value and needs of the community. MCF appeared in several publications through the year.

RECOGNITION AND WORKING TOGETHER:

- Article on transparency between charities and donors. Fadi Itani, CEO, recommend that the sector should aim for a more transparent relationship between donors and charities to limit blind faith donations.

- MCF produced an article for Civil Society media promoting partnership working to increase effectiveness and resilience of small charities.

- We joined the social media campaign and invited people to say Thank You as part of Thank You Day, recognising the dedication of faith communities. https://thankyouday.org.uk/

INTERNATIONAL AID:

MCF contributed to a sub-inquiry into the purpose and future of international aid of INGOs. Using the questions supplied by the International Development Committee (IDC) we collated answers to feed into the committee's recommendations to the new international development strategy.

UK AID:

MCF spoke about why charities must protect the UK aid budget as people in vulnerable conditions still depend on the UK. Plans to cut the UK Aid budget for international development from 0.7% to 0.5%, which equates to a £5 billion loss notwithstanding the humanitarian crisis caused by the pandemic, would have a direct affect on vulnerable communities.

MCF collated a summary of views from across the sector and Muslim community. These included:

"At times of unprecedented need and uncertainty around the world we should rise even further as 'Global Britain' and not surrender our commitments to support for the world's most vulnerable."

Madiha Raza, Board Member, Muslim Charities Forum (MCF)

"Abhorrent decision and a betrayal of the promise that Britain has made to some of the world's poorest communities"

Tufail Hussain, UK Director, Islamic Relief.

"To reduce UK aid during the Covid-19 crisis, when poverty and inequality is still so prevalent in the world and when millions of people are displaced, will have disastrous consequences."

Imam Qasim Ahmad, Founder & Chairman Al-Khair Foundation

ENVIRONMENTALISM:

- In a statement, MCF expresses deep concern about the state of the environment evidenced in the recent IPCC report. MCF calls Muslims to remember their Islamic duty to protect the Earth and urges the Muslim charity sector to do the same.

- MCF joins hundreds of organisations asking Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, to act ahead of COP26 in an open letter published in The Daily Telegraph newspaper.

- Added our voice to a joint statement with Muslim organisations including Muslim Council of Britain, calling for climate action.

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS:

- Joined to add our voice to Adoption Friday, calling for better support for children living in the care system as a duty for the whole Muslim community.
- As part of the Together With Refugees coalition, MCF added our voice to more than 100 national, local and grassroots organisations calling for a better approach to supporting refugees that is kinder, fairer and more effective.
- In response to ongoing concerns within the whole charitable sector, MCF issued a statement on how to be proactive when it comes to safeguarding to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm.

PUBLICATIONS

APRIL 2021
ENSURING ETHICAL EXCELLENCE

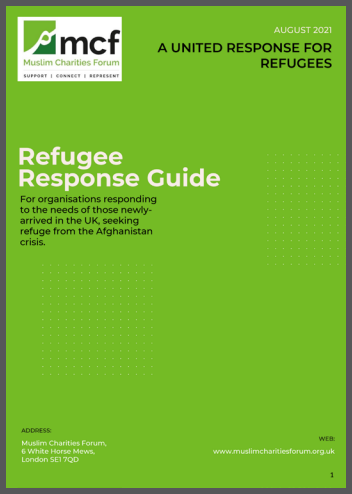
MCF produced a comprehensive guide for the sector on how to ensure that fundraising activities and aid delivery upholds the ethics of our faith and promotes effective social action.

MAY 2021
PARTNERSHIP REPORT WITH LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Following our highly successful partnership with LCF in 2020, we released a joint report and recommendations reflecting on our delivery and key learnings regarding barriers faced by Muslim groups in accessing funding. Barriers to funding strategic report (londoncf.org.uk)

AUGUST 2021
RELEASED REPORT ON AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES RESPONSE

As of 20th August 2021, the UK begun to welcome 5000 refugees and their families who are arriving after a long and traumatic journey. Local grassroots organisations, community groups and individuals started to gather donations, whilst larger charities have been taking steps to meet the needs of food and shelter. To ensure a joined-up and thorough response that provides efficient and effective aid, MCF produced the following short guide to support organisations and ensured a coordinated and effective response.



SEPTEMBER 2021
THE FORUM

Our third edition of our sector journal 'The Forum' took an overview of the Muslim charity sector's response to the pandemic. We acknowledged the support from Muslim communities during the national lockdown and invoke in challenging discussions of how the pandemic heightened inequalities across the UK. We also looked at educational development for Rohingya children, the impact of poverty on children in Pakistan and financial constraints placed on other charities.

FEBRUARY 2022
INSIGHTS – AFGHANISTAN

As part of our ongoing series, we published our second Insights Report in response to emerging or ongoing crises across the world. These Insights are designed to support INGOs working in the afflicted areas, providing advice, guidance, and resources to support the planning and delivery of their aid efforts.

ONWARDS

EVENTS

Despite some ongoing Covid19 restrictions, MCF was able to attend some face-to-face events to represent the sector and mobilise communities.

APRIL 2021:
Worked with Lambeth and the Eritrean Muslim Community Association to distribute test kits in response to the wave of Covid19 infection rates within marginalised and BME communities. This work took place as part of our partnership with the VCSEP.

OCTOBER 2021:
Attended the TogetherWithRefugees rally in Parliament Square to include our voice in the growing call to welcome refugee to Britain and fair treatment.

NOVEMBER 2021:
Joined MCF member, Muslim Hands briefing on the unfolding situation in Afghanistan.

In recognition of the new way of working and to ensure accessibility, we continued to offer and attend online events throughout the year. These included:

Free Ramadan programme
Hosted an Ethical Campaigning during Ramadan online event with guest speakers to share wisdom and knowledge with charities to ensure charities benefit from fundraising ethically, attended by 28 organisations.

Global Majority Fund
As part of our role as Intermediary Partner for Comic Relief, MCF hosted two webinars to introduce the fund and share information on funding criteria and how to submit a successful application. These events were attended by over 75 organisations from across the UK who expressed their interest in the Global Majority Fund.

London #LearnFest
Shared our work with London Community Foundation and UKCF as part of London Funders week of learning, 'Overcoming barriers to funding: a strategic partnership' discussing our two-way learning approach as an example of best practice in building bridges and a need for flexible and fair funding.

Keeping Children Safe safeguarding in faith communities conference
MCF joined a panel of global faith experts to discuss safeguarding within faith-led organisations, reaching over 600 participants through out the world.

UK Muslim Disaster Response
MCF hosted a webinar as part of our ongoing emergency response and coordination programme, to share best practice and planning in the event of crisis. This event was attended by 15 organisations from across the UK.

UKCF 'The damage caused by power imbalance'
CEO Fadi Itani shared MCF's experience in connecting local responding organisations during the pandemic, for UK Community Foundation's 'Together21: Towards equitable and inclusive communities' programme focused on equality, diversity and inclusion.

Camference 2.0
MCF took part in the Camference 2.0, a virtual event hosted by London Funders, to discuss next steps after understanding that funder collaboration was key to ensure an effective pandemic response and extolled the virtues of collaborating beyond the pandemic.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

TRUSTEES REPORT

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Muslim Charities Forum received donations, grants and other income worth £346,793 compared to £513,023 in 2020/2021. At the end of the fiscal year 2021/2022 we brought forward a positive bank balance of £213,818.The statement of Financial Activities portrays that Muslim Charities Forum spent £503,815 on charitable activities.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of MCF that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. It is also the MCF policy to hold sufficient funds, currently three months for administrative expenditures, or currently at £30,000 for closure of the charity should the need arise. The current level of unrestricted reserves, as at 31 March 2022, is £169,716.75

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees continue to assess risks facing MCF and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Beside the reliance on Members' fees, the charity has made good progress in diversifying its funding model and it is now attracting support from some Trusts and Foundations. The trustees have discussed this and recommended more focus on this area and in addition attracting more members, as well as exploring support from philanthropists with a keen interest in developing the Muslim charity sector.

EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The members come from a wide spectrum of social and charitable backgrounds. The organisations and NGOs who benefit from the implementation of the aims of MCF are diverse. All their activities are regarded as "exclusively charitable" as defined by English law. The Board of Trustees assists charities and organisations whose aims and activities are all entirely "exclusively charitable". The Board of Trustees are fully aware of this requirement.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

As a charity, Muslim Charities Forum must be able to demonstrate that its objects and activities are for the public benefit as required by the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have all reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have ensured that Muslim Charities Forum's objects and activities comply with this statutory requirement. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity. This Report explains our main activities and achievements in carrying out our aim.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' REPONSIBILITIES

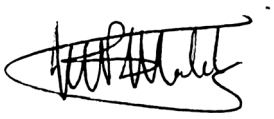
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 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 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 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, 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.

Moazzam Malik CMG
Chairman



Shuaib Yusaf
Treasurer

Date:
30/01/2023

Date:
30/01/2023

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Muslim Charities Forum (the 'charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 34 to 45.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name of principal:	Michael Cooper-Davis
Name of firm:	Price Bailey LLP
Relevant professional qualification or body:	FCCA ACA
Address:	69 Dashwoood House, Old Broad Street, London EC2M 1QS
Date:	31 January 2023

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	161,825	184,968	346,793	*513,023*
TOTAL INCOME		161,825	184,968	346,793	*513,023*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	139,456	364,359	503,815	*237,707*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		139,456	364,359	503,815	*237,707*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		22,369	(179,391)	(157,022)	*275,316*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		147,348	239,180	386,528	*111,202*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		169,717	59,789	229,506	*386,528*

The notes on pages 36 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

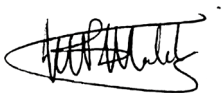
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

BALANCE SHEET

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		**105**		158
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**25,500**		**22,500**	
Cash at bank and in hand		**213,818**		**374,876**	
		239,318		**397,376**	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	**(9,917)**		**(11,006)**	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**229,401**		**386,370**
NET ASSETS			229,506		386,528
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		**59,789**		**239,180**
Unrestricted funds	12		**169,717**		**147,348**
TOTAL FUNDS			**229,506**		**386,528**

The financial statements were approved by the Chairman on *30/01/2023* and signed on their behalf, by:

Moazzam Malik
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Muslim Charities Forum constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' Report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% reducing balance

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

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 or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	**Restricted funds 2022 £**	**Total funds 2022 £**	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	**2,600**	**-**	**2,600**	**-**
Projects & other Income	**27,567**	**184,968**	**212,535**	**398,773**
Memebership income	**131,657**	**-**	**131,657**	**114,250**
Total Donations & legacies	**161,824**	**184,968**	**346,792**	**513,023**
Total 2021	*250,523*	*262,500*	*513,023*	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. DIRECT COSTS – CURRENT YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages, salaries & social security	-	86,926	86,926	86,020
Depreciation	-	52	52	78
Travel and subsistence	-	199	199	66
Bank charges	-	262	262	336
Membership fees	-	132	132	172
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	15,929	15,929	11,842
Telephone, email & fax	-	-	-	132
Printing, postage, & stationary	-	931	931	3,269
Professional & legal	3,930	2,033	5,963	4,613
Project expenses	-	393,422	393,422	131,179
	3,930	499,886	503,816	237,707

DIRECT COSTS – PRIOR YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2021 £
Wages, salaries & social security	-	86,020	86,020
Depreciation	-	78	78
Sundries	-	-	-
Travel and subsistence	-	66	66
Bank charges	-	336	336
Membership fees	-	172	172
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	11,842	11,842
Telephone, email & fax	-	132	132
Printing, postage, & stationary	-	3,269	3,269
Meeting expenses	-	-	-
Professional & legal	3,600	1,013	4,613
Project expenses	-	131,179	131,179
IT Website	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	3,600	234,107	237,707

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Governance	3,930	-	3,930	3,600

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE-BY-EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable Activities:	499,886	234,107
Expenditure on governance:	3,930	3,600
	503,816	237,707

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	52	78

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2021 £NIL).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £3,930 including VAT (2021 £3,600).

8. STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 6 (2021: 2).

One employee received remuneration between £60,000 and £70,000 in the year and in 2022.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	1,970	9,195	11,165
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	1,924	9,084	11,008
Charge for the year	15	37	52
At 31 March 2022	1,939	9,121	11,060
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	31	74	105
At 31 March 2021	46	111	157

10. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Cost		
Trade debtors	25,500	22,500

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	4,475	3,950
Other taxation and social security	2,412	1,806
Accruals & deferred Income	3,030	5,250
	9,917	11,006

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	147,348	134,325	(122,239)	**159,434**
The Tudor Trust	-	27,500	(17,217)	**10,283**
Restricted Funds				
VCSEP	-	21,767	(23,331)	**(1,564)**
Barrow Cadbury Trust	12,500	12,500	(14,165)	**10,835**
Global Majority Fund	226,680	30,000	(234,593)	**22,087**
The Climate Coalition	-	10,000	(9,085)	**915**
NCS	-	90,702	(83,186)	**7,516**
Islamic Relief	-	20,000	-	**20,000**
Total of Funds	386,528	346,794	(503,816)	**229,506**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

VCSEP: is a restricted grant in relation to specific terms set out by the donor.

Barrow Cadbury Trust: is a restricted donation to map Muslim organisations in the UK, their contributions and challenges with a view to strengthen the sector as a whole.

Global Majority Fund: the funding is co-financed by Comic Relief and National Emergencies trust in relation to specific terms set out by the donor.

The Climate Coalition: is a restricted grant in relation to The Great Big Green Week project.

NCS: is funding in relation to the provision of 9 month placement opportunities for young people aged 18-24 years.

Islamic Relief: is a restricted grant in relation to strengthening the profile of Muslim-led charities to ensure the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities are prioritised.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	84,836	250,523	(188011)	**147348**
Restricted Funds				
SAKHAA Grant	23,876	-	(23876)	-
Covid-19 Campaign	2,500	-	(2500)	-
Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	12,500	-	**12,500**
Global Majority Fund	-	250,000	(3,320)	**246,680**
Total of Funds	111,212	513,023	(237,707)	**386,528**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	105	-	**105**
Current assets	179,529	59,789	**239,318**
Creditors due within one year	(9,917)	-	**(9,917)**
	169,717	59,789	229,506

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	158	-	**158**
Current assets	250,528	146,848	**397,376**
Creditors due within one year	(11,006)	-	**(11,006)**
	239,680	146,848	386,528

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

14. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 March 2022 the Charity had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	18,450	7,650

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	Received £	Paid £	Balance at year end £
Zakat House	-	15,000	-
Human Appeal	22,500	-	-
Islamic Relief UK	45,000	-	-
Muslim Hands	25,000	-	-
Al Khair Foundation	25,000	-	-
	117,500	15,000	

The charity has received funds or made payment to other organisations where the Trustees have involvement as follows:

Zakat House Dr. Hany El Banna is a trustee and the MCF Chair.
Human Appeal – Hameed El Asaly is a Director and an MCF trustee
Islamic Relief UK Tufail Hussain is the UK Director and an MCF Trustee.
Muslim Hands Syed Lakthe Hassanain is the Chairman and an MCF Trustee.
Al Khair Foundation Mr Shuaib Yusaf is the Chief Executive and the MCF Treasurer.

In addition, £864 was reimbursed to 1 key management personnel during the year to cover office expenditure incurred.

Muslim Charities Forum

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Registered Charity No: 1166149

We are the UK network for British Muslim charities working for social good in the UK and abroad. Through our network, we aim to collectively build a more accountable, transparent and efficient British Muslim charitable sector, in order to improve our ability, both as individual organisations and as a sector, to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31 MARCH 2021

The network of British Muslim Charities working for social good in the UK and abroad

Registered Charity number: 1166149

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees
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Syed Lakthe Hassanain
Shuaib Yusaf
Tufail Hussain Khan
Madiha Raza
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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

A Message from our Chairman

Dear Friends,

During the past 12 months, we have continued to fulfil our duty in representing the interests and improving the effectiveness of the Muslim NGO sector, through the uncertainties and pressure of the Covid19 pandemic on all global communities.

MCF has continued to represent members and the Muslim charity sector on the issues that affect them and their operations as NGOs.

For example, we have worked closely with colleagues at the Voluntary Community Sector Emergency Partnership (VCSEP) by leading and supporting on mobilisation of Muslim communities and charities across the UK, as well as added our voices to the UK Aid Cuts campaign affecting international development.

This year, we partnered with UK Community Foundations and The London Community Foundation to explore ways to encourage more Muslim-led charities to apply for funding, during the height of the pandemic. We were also proud to acquire funding from Comic Relief, National Emergencies Trust, Esmee Fairbairn and Clothworkers Foundation to distribute as Intermediary Partners through The Global Majority Fund.

MCF's membership has continued to grow and we look forward to welcoming new members into our community. The new members will benefit from their membership with MCF and will bring their own experiences that will assist in strengthening MCF, and the sector as a whole.

It is becoming so much more important to work together and discuss issues concerning the wider charitable and international development sector. MCF has provided such a platform in the past and I look forward to MCF leading the way in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Hany El Banna OBE
Chairman

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY

A Message from our CEO

Dear Colleagues,

For the past 14 years, the Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) has helped British Muslim charities strengthen and develop their good work for those in need, through support, connection and representation.

In March 2020, the Covid19 global pandemic hit the UK, resulting in huge increase in need for aid and support for the UK's most vulnerable people. Across the world, Covid19 added extra challenges and risk to already severely disadvantaged people.

Through this last year, a year unlike any other so far, MCF has worked hard to bring it British Muslim charities together, highlight their good work and ensure that they were able to access mainstream support to meet the changing needs.

During this year, we have adapted our services to respond to the emerging needs within local areas across the UK. BAME communities have been disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, suffering higher rates of infection, poor mental health and financial insecurity. For refugee and those seeking asylum, the pandemic has also had a huge impact. Across the UK small-large grassroots organisations and NGOs responded to this need, despite declining income.

For INGOs, responding to the needs of vulnerable people across the world, Covid19 has also created extra pressure in their fight to protect some of the world's most vulnerable people. Since March 2020, we have responded to the crisis, with the philosophy of 'Together We Can'. The foundation for this approach was through ensuring we respond to real needs, as and when they happen.

MCF conducted a series of research, gathering information from across the UK, publishing our report 'Unmet Needs In The Community'. This was followed by our landmark report 'The Neighbours Next Door' highlighting the good work of Muslim-led charities and the barriers that they face in accessing mainstream support and funding. From this work, we have connected and built relationships with a range of funders including UKCF, The London Community Foundation, Barrow Cadbury and more recently, Comic Relief.

During the year, we have continued to support our members across five key areas of our work: capacity building, knowledge exchange, networking and cooperation, advocacy, and research. We also facilitated important conversations within the sector, between British Muslim INGOs and domestic Muslim charities, to improve mutual understanding and cooperation, alongside mainstream bodies and as part of our remit with the Voluntary Community Sector Emergency Partnership (VCSEP). We have continued representing the views and needs of the sector in meetings and consultations with a wide range of external stakeholders, such as the BAME Steering Group to Civil Minister. We have produced resources, hosted webinars and support around safeguarding, legacies, fundraising and GDPR.

2020 – 2021 has been a year of change and transition for MCF and I am proud of the way in which we have responded to unpredictable and unusual circumstance. We have welcomed new members to the team and sadly bid farewell to others who continue on their careers. I would like to thank previous and current staff, volunteers and the MCF's trustees for their dedication, commitment and support. I would also like to thank the numerous partners and external stakeholders who continue to work with us to improve the effectiveness of the British Muslim charitable sector and to nurture a constructive operating environment. And last, but by no means least, I would like to thank the MCF's members for their ongoing support and trust so that we can deliver on our vision to support British Muslim charities and INGOs in working for social good at home and abroad to transform lives for the better.

Yours sincerely,

Fadi Itani OBE
Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Who are MCF?

Overview

The Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) is the nework for UK based Muslim international and dometic NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) working for social good at home and abroad.

We focus on building a more accountable, transparent and efficient British Muslim charitable sector, so that together we can have a greater impact towards a more just and sustainable world.

Along with our member organisations, we work with a wider network of partners that includes non-member NGOs, regulatory bodies, civil society actors and the academia.

Our diverse network includes both well established and smaller NGOs.
Collectively, our members, have work in over 70 different countries. Internationally, the MCF members serve millions of people in need who live in poor or disaster-stricken regions around the globe.

In the UK, the MCF members respond to local crises and promote social welfare and greater cohesion by working with local communities.

> "Our vision is to see British Muslim charities and INGOs making the biggest difference they can towards a more just and sustainable world."

> "Our mission is to support British Muslim charities and INGOs to reach their full potential and thrive."

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to our Members

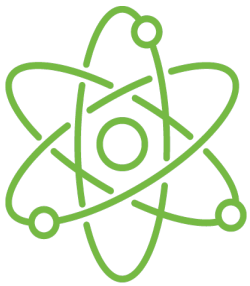
Thank you to our Partners

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Areas of Work

Support

We dedicate much of our efforts to offer our members opportunities to support their good work and provide practical and strategic support across a number of different areas related to their work. We do this by offering workshops specifically tailored and designed to the needs of British Muslim charities, facilitated by the MCF, and delivered by skilled professionals who are experts in their field. We produce a range of research reports, guides and resources to facilitate the development of charities, their areas of work and their staff skills.



Connect

Through our network, we aim to get the right people talking to each other and to promote the benefits of constructive working relations and cooperation between our members and with other charities, NGOs, regulatory bodies, civil society actors, and the academia. One of our top priorities is to provide thought leadership by: i) participating in relevant knowledge exchange platforms; and ii) enabling our members to keep up to date with the latest developments relevant to their work and with opportunities to share experiences, ideas and concerns. We do this by organising and participating in a number of relevant working groups, roundtables and conferences.

Represent

We listen to the needs and challenges of our members and we provide a voice and representation for the British Muslim charitable sector at a national level on advocacy platforms that are difficult to access for individual organisations. We do this by attending meetings and consultations with a wide range of relevant stakeholders, policy makers, campaign creators, regulatory bodies and representatives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Activities this Year

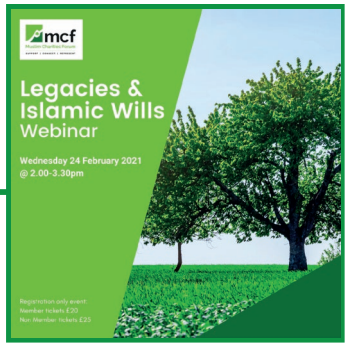
Support

We dedicated most of our efforts into organising and facilitating capacity building sessions on a variety of relevant topics, such as: safeguarding, financial compliance, grant funding, awareness raising, legacies and wills fundraising. We hosted webinars on the following areas with key professionals including the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the Charity Commission and the Fundraising Regulator:

SUDAN FLOOD BRIEFING

SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PRACTICE

LEGACIES AND WILLS



ACCESS TO GRANT FUNDING

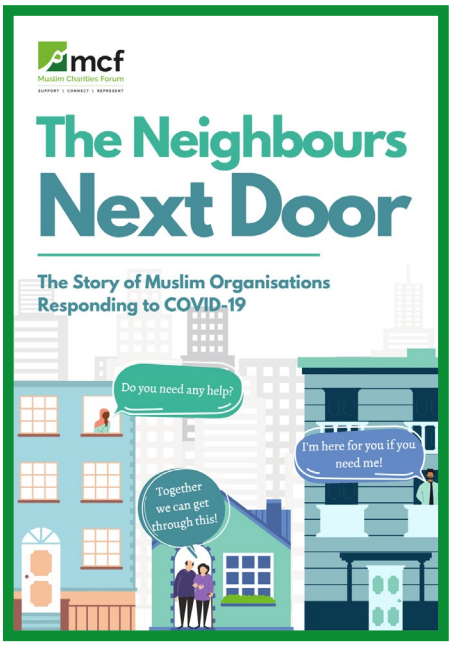
LONDON COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

THE GLOBAL MAJORITY FUND

Connect

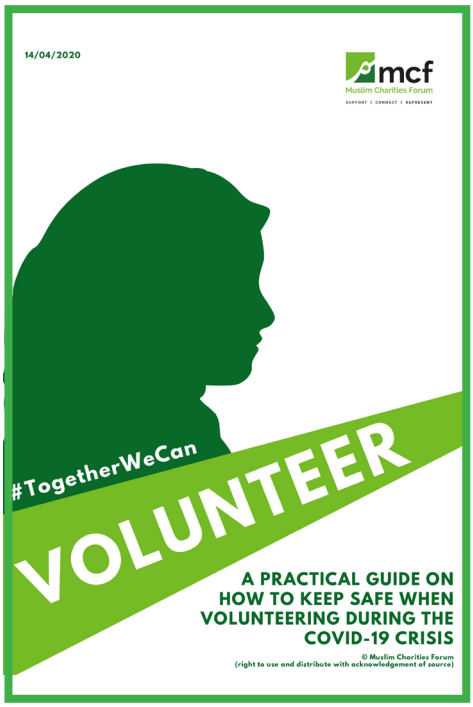
i. The Role of Faith Based Organisations in Mobilisation. As a member of the VCSEP, we coordinated a range of response activities to connect local Muslim organisations with larger charities to provide coordinated emergency response. This included vaccine awareness, surge testing training and deployment and a emergency response to distribute food and water to the Kent M20 stranded lorry drivers. In addition to regular regional meetings, we were able to conduct visits around the UK to key locations severely impacted by the Covid19 pandemic in order to deliver support and ascertain immediate needs.

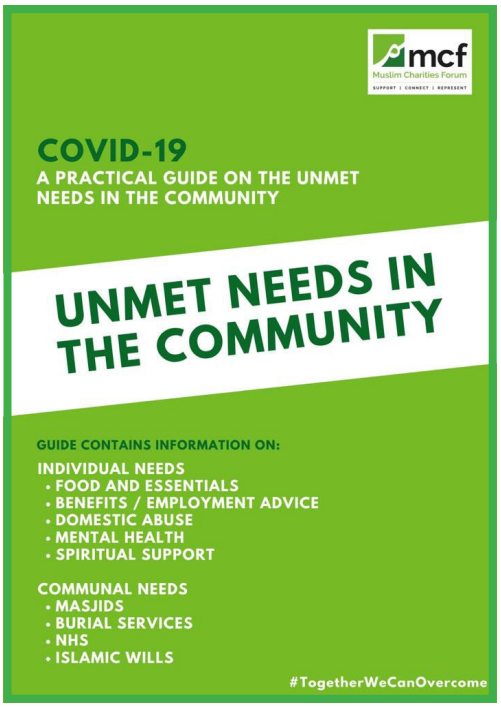
Vaccine Awareness | **M20 Blockage** | **Covid - 19 Support**

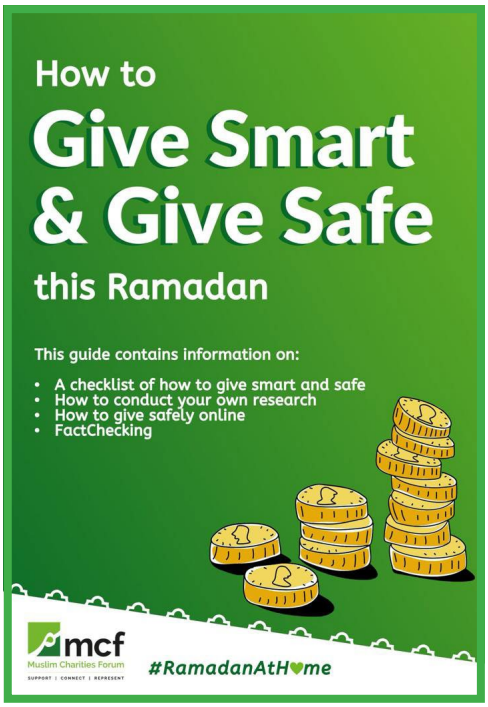


ii. Access to Grant Funding as a Viable Income Stream. As part of our work with The London Community Foundation, we hosted a number of webinars and roundtables about the London Community Response Fund.

This strategic two-way learning partnership enabled Muslim-led charities to overcome the barriers preventing them from accessing crisis project and core cost funding. Through facilitation and specialised grant support, our roundtable also ensured that Muslim-led organisations could feedback their thoughts and experiences of accessing-mainstream funding, resulting in better understanding on the part of funders.







Represent

Mirroring the MCF's evolution, this year's networking events incorporated both an international and a domestic dimension, through the following essential representation:

I. MCF CEO, Fadi Itani continues to sit on the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership (VCSEP) panel meetings. A coalition of different actors brought together to share information, experiences and improve the local capacity in responding to local, regional and national disasters.

II. MCF also sits on the Infrastructure Organisations meeting, which has 40 of the biggest umbrella organisations and charities from across the UK, its objective to supportthe sector and campaign collectively on issues affecting it.

III. Following the initial invitation from the Cabinet Office to attend the BME Charities Roundtable, MCF is now part of small group meeting, sharing our experiences advising the Civil Society Minister.

IV. MCF has become a member of the Equity Advisory Group of NET advising NET on improving its diversity work and its reach to BAME community organisations and charities.

V. Diversity Advisory Group of the UK Community Foundations which has 46 members across the country and currently is distributing NET funds.

VI. UK Aid Cuts -we added the voices of key members and MCF to the government's decision to reduce the international aid budget and the implications that this has for vulnerable communities abroad.

VII. Together With Refugees - MCF has joined this coalition to add our voice and highlight the needs and rights of refugees within the UK.

VIII. Homeless Link - We are delighted to have joined Homeless Link, the national organisation for charities on the frontline of homelessness, as a friend member to support the effort of making an inclusive, effective, and resilient UK homeless sector. Through our membership we can offer MCF charities discount on their first-year membership.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Financial Review

Muslim Charities Forum received donations, grants and other income worth £513,023 compared to £183,266 in 2019/2020. At the end of the fiscal year 2020/2021 we brought forward a positive bank balance of £374,876

The statement of Financial Activities portrays that Muslim Charities Forum spent £237,707 on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of MCF that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

It is also the MCF policy to hold sufficient funds, currently three months for administrative expenditures, or currently at £30,000, for closure of the charity should the need arise.

Risk management

The trustees continue to assess the major risks to which MCF is exposed to and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Currently, the charity relies wholly on its members for funding. The trustees have discussed this and recommended a diversification of its funding model through an increase in the number of members, seeking core funding from trusts and foundations as well as exploring support from philanthropists with a keen interest in developing the Muslim charity sector.

Exclusively Charitable Activities

The members come from a wide spectrum of social and charitable backgrounds. The organisations and NGOs who benefit from the implementation of the aims of MCF are diverse. All of their activities are regarded as "exclusively charitable" as defined by English law. The Board of Trustees assists charities and organisations whose aims and activities are all entirely "exclusively charitable". The Board of Trustees are fully aware of this requirement.

Public Benefit

As a charity, Muslim Charities Forum must be able to demonstrate that its objects and activities are for the public benefit as required by the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have all reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have ensured that Muslim Charities Forum's objects and activities comply with this statutory requirement. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity.
This Report explains our main activities and achievements in carrying out our aims.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Governance and internal control

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mis statement or loss. They include:

1. A strategic plan and an annual budget approved by the Board of Trustees;

2. Regular consideration by the Board of Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non financial indicators and bench working reviews;

3. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties;

4. Monthly review of the financial ledgers;

5. Identification and management of risks (to the extent possible in an organisation of this size).

TRUSTEES' REPORT

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' REPONSIBILITIES

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 & 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 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 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 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, 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.

In so far as we are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Examiners

Haysmacintyre LLP were appointed Examiners to the charity and a resolution proposing that they be re appointed will be put to the Board of Trustees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Dr Hany Abdul Gawad El Banna OBE
Chairman

Shuaib Yusaf
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Muslim Charities Forum (the 'charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 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 been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
Murtaza Jessa FCA

Haysmacintyre LLP
10 Queen Street place
London
EC4R 1AG

Dated:

15 December 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	250,523	262,500	513,023	183,266
TOTAL INCOME		250,523	262,500	513,023	183,266
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	188,011	49,696	237,707	212,883
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		18,8011	49,696	237,707	212,883
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		62,512	212804	275,316	(29,617)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		84,836	26,376	111,212	140,829
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		147,348	239,180	386,528	111,212

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		**158**		236
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**22,500**		29,750	
Cash at bank and in hand		**374,876**		94,081	
		397,376		123,831	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	**(11,006)**		(12,855)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**386,370**		110,976
NET ASSETS			386,528		111,212
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		**239180**		26,376
Unrestricted funds	12		**147348**		84,836
TOTAL FUNDS			**386,528**		111,212

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:

Dr Hany Abdul Gawad El Banna OBE Chairman

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Muslim Charities Forum constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' Report for more information about their contribution.
On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt. Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.
Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on net book value
Computer equipment	- 33% on net book value

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

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 or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.
Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Restricted funds 2021 £**	**Total funds 2021 £**	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	**-**	**-**	**-**	1,400
Projects & other Income	**136,273**	**262,500**	**398,773**	23,866
Memebership income	**114,250**	**-**	**114,250**	158,000
Total Donations & legacies	**250,523**	**262,500**	**513,023**	183,266
Total 2020	164,266	19,000	183,266	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3. DIRECT COSTS – CURRENT YEAR

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Wages, salaries & social security	-	86,020	86,020	93,980
Depreciation	-	78	78	118
Sundries	-	-	-	-
Travel and subsistence	-	66	66	559
Bank charges	-	336	336	239
Membership fees	-	172	172	877
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	11,842	11,842	19,638
Telephone, email & fax	-	132	132	-
Printing, postage, & stationary	-	3,269	3,269	5,246
Meeting expenses	-	-	-	683
Professional & legal	3,600	1,013	4,613	49,808
Project expenses	-	131,179	131,179	41,735
IT Website	-	-	-	-
	3,600	234,107	237,707	212,883

Direct Costs – Prior Year

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2020 £
Wages, salaries & social security	-	93,980	93,980
Depreciation	-	118	118
Sundries	-	-	-
Travel and subsistence	-	559	559
Bank charges	-	239	239
Membership fees	-	877	877
Staff training & recruitment	-	-	
Rent, insurance & utilities	-	19,638	19,638
Telephone, email & fax	-	-	-
Printing, postage, & stationary	-	5,246	5,246
Meeting expenses	-	683	683
Professional & legal	4,060	45,748	49,808
Project expenses	-	41,735	41,735
IT Website	-	-	-
Annual Humanitarian Awards	-	-	-
	4,060	208,823	212,883

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Governance	**3,600**		**3,600**	4,060

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE-BY-EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable Activities:	**234,107**	208, 823
Expenditure on governance	**3,600**	4,060
	237,707	211,883

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	78	118

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020 £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2020 £NIL).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7. EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £3,600 including VAT (2020 £3,480).

8. STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 2 (2020: 2).

One employee received remuneration between £60,000 and £70,000 in the year and in 2020.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	**1,970**	**9,195**	**11,165**
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	1,901	9,028	10,929
Charge for the year	23	56	78
At 31 March 2021	**1,924**	**9,084**	**11,008**
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	**46**	**111**	**157**
At 31 March 2020	68	167	236

10. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	**22,500**	29,750

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11. CREDITORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	**3,950**	2,936
Other taxation and social security	**1,806**	4,789
Accruals & deferred Income	**5,250**	5,130
	11,006	12,855

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	84,836	250,523	(188011)	**127348**
Restricted Funds				
SAKHAA Grant	23,876	-	(23876)	-
Covid-19 Campaign	2,500	-	(2500)	-
Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	12,500	-	**12,500**
Global Majority Fund	-	250,000	(3,320)	**246,680**
Total of Funds	111,212	513,023	(237,707)	**386,528**

Description of Restricted Funds

Barrow Cadbury Trust: is a restricted donation to map Muslim organisations in the UK, their contributions and challenges with a view to strengthen the sector as a whole.

Global Majority Fund: the funding is co-financed by Comic Relief and National Emergencies trust in relation to specific terms set out by the donor.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	96,953	164,266	(176,383)	84,836
Restricted Funds				
SAKHAA Grant	43,876	-	(20,000)	23,876
UK Floods Response	-	16,500	(16,500)	-
Covid - 19 Campaign	-	2,500	-	2,500
Total of Funds	140,829	183,266	(212,883)	111,212

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS
ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	158	-	158
Current assets	250,528	146,848	397,376
Creditors due within one year	(11,006)	-	(11,006)
	239,680	146,848	386,528

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	236	-	**236**
Current assets	97,455	26,376	**123,831**
Creditors due within one year	(12,855)	-	**(12,855)**
	84,836	26,376	111,212

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	Received £	Paid £	Balance at year end £
Zakat House	-	10,850	-
Human Appeal	28,000	-	-
Islamic Relief UK	25,500	-	-
Muslim Hands	25,500	-	-
Al Khair Foundation	25,500	-	-

The charity has received funds or made payment to other organisations where the Trustees have involvement as follows:

Zakat House Dr. Hany El Banna is a trustee and the MCF Chair.
Human Appeal – Hameed El Asaly is a Director and an MCF trustee
Islamic Relief UK Tufail Hussain is the UK Director and an MCF Trustee.
Muslim Hands Syed Lakthe Hassanain is the Chairman and an MCF Trustee.
Al Khair Foundation Mr Shuaib Yusaf is the Chief Executive and the MCF Treasurer.

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