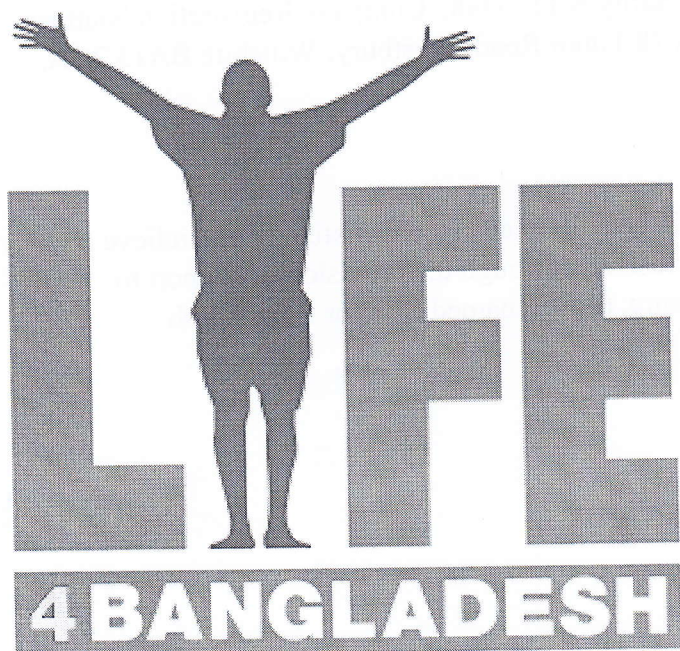




Annual Accounts 2023

Introduction

Life for Bangladesh is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. It was registered in 2017. The Registration number at the Charity Commission is Charity is 1176398. Company Registration Number CE 012751. The Registered Address is 78 Timor Road, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 2GA.

Charity Objects

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance Christianity and relieve poverty in Bangladesh, in particular, but not exclusively, through the provision of support to Bangladesh Rural Youth Fellowship Centre, (now renamed Life for Bangladesh (Bangladesh)).

The Trustees are:

Rev. Christopher Simmons (Chairman)

Rev. Martin Smith

Mr Peter Sarkar

Mrs Mridular Sarkar

Mr Stephen Page

Mr Christopher Hackett (Treasurer)

Accounting Policies

The financial year mirrors the calendar year.

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, there are no debtors or creditors and at the year-end included in the summary of financial transactions.

The CIO has no stock, buildings or property and does not employ anyone in a paid capacity.

In accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission an independent examination has been completed on the accounts.

Signed



Treasurer

Date

9 March 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MANAGING TRUSTEES OF
LIFE FOR BANGLADESH – CHARITY NO. 1176398

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of managing trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

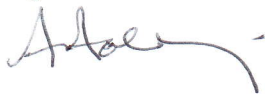
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met.

In my opinion no other matter needs attention to be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



H A Holding

60 Studland Park
Westbury
Wiltshire
BA13 3HN

Dated: 9 March 2024

Life for Bangladesh

Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st December 2023

	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023
	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Income comprising donations and the recovery of gift aid	<u>52,358</u>	<u>18,731</u>	<u>33,627</u>	<u>50,248</u>	<u>17,481</u>	<u>32,767</u>
Donations to Bangladesh						
For the Purchase of Equipment	4,023	1,105	2,918	2,906	0	2,906
Funding for Nabagram School	2,320	2,320	0	0	0	0
Funding for Kaligram School;	0	0	0	6,661	0	6,661
Funding for other schools	7,997	5,142	2,855	6,143	6,143	0
Christian Outreach	29,864	8,714	21,150	38,554	8,025	30,529
Relief of Poverty	606	0	606	253	0	253
Unearmarked donations	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>0</u>
	45,826	18,297	27,529	55,216	14,867	40,349
Admin	<u>701</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>46,527</u>	<u>18,998</u>	<u>27,529</u>	<u>55,975</u>	<u>15,626</u>	<u>40,349</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>5,831</u>	<u>(267)</u>	<u>6,098</u>	<u>(5,727)</u>	<u>1,855</u>	<u>(7,582)</u>

Funds					
Opening balance	2,484	0	8,315	2,217	6,098
Surplus for 2023	5,831	6,098	(5,727)	1,855	(7,582)
Unrestrictive donations from the public used for specific purposes				(1,484)	1,484
Transfer to restricted funds				(2,400)	2,400
Closing balance	8,315	6,098	2,588	188	2,400
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Represented by					
Balance at			Balance at		
bank			bank		
31/12/2022	8,315	31/12/23			
			Coop	2,508	
			Lloyds	80	
				2,588	

Notes

1. The brought forward balance of restricted funds related to the holding of a grant from Asia Link for £6,000 at 1st January 2023 which was used in the spring to fund a conference in line with the terms of the grant.
2. The equipment purchased in 2023 included motorcycles costing £2,952 for use by outreach workers. The purchase was funded by a grant from Asia Link.
3. The 'restricted' donations sent to Bangladesh included grants received by the CIO in 2023 from Asia Link totalling £26,517. This was provided for three activities, to support Christian Conferences, the purchase of two motor cycles as referred above and included £3,600 specifically to fund the salaries for two outreach workers for a year. At the 31st December 2023 £2,400 of this latter amount remained to be transferred for the monthly salaries of these two workers and has been earmarked for this purpose.
4. Restricted donations include also £6,000 for building works and other support specifically for Kaligram school.
5. The unrestricted donations of £699 mainly relate to admin and office costs of our partner organisation in Bangladesh.

6. Administration costs relate to our IT support for the website and the fee for an independent examination of the accounts, the latter as required by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. (The CIO's regulator).
7. Unrestricted donations of £1,484 have been used to fund activities which are linked to activities funded from restricted donations.
8. At the year end a gift aid donation of 2,350 remained to be claimed for the period up to 31st December 2023.