



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Beyond Conflict

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1176499

**Charity's principal address**

C/O RDC, HOWARD KENNEDY,

NO 1 LONDON BRIDGE

LONDON

**Postcode**

SE1 9BG

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Edna Fernandes	Trustee (Co-Founder)	Whole Year	
2	Edmund Newell	Trustee (Chair)	Whole Year	
3	Martin Parsons	Trustee (Co-Founder)	01/01/2021 - 19/06/2021	
4	John Tress	Trustee (Financial Trustee)	Whole Year	
5	Kishan Manocha	Trustee	Whole Year	
6	Gillian Dare	Trustee	Whole Year	
7	Abda Mahmood	Trustee	Whole Year	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Edna Fernandes – Director (appointed July 2021)

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Through personal networks and by consensus agreement among existing members of the Board.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- ☐ relationship with any related parties;
- ☐ trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All Trustees are given a copy of the Charity Commission's Guidance on the role and responsibilities of charities and are required to review these. We have not implemented any formal training procedures for new trustees. Trustees are only invited to join the board if they are seen to be sufficiently experienced and have approval of all of the existing board members. Trustees are also reminded of key definitions such as the definition of public benefit and their role as trustees on a regular basis.

As a small charity we work with a number of individuals and organisations to assist us in delivering our work. These include advisors such as legal counsel, mental health experts and media and fundraising experts. People taking up advisory positions are also subject to board approval before we begin working with them.

We have two formal partnerships in place: one in Bangladesh to serve frontline workers and refugees in the Rohingya Refugee camp, Cox's Bazar. Our partner there is Global Development Corp (GDC), led by a former UNHCR Director Golam Abbas. The second partnership is with the British-Iraqi charity, the Al Khoei Foundation, and its subsidiary Al Kawthar to help widows and

orphans in southern Iraq.

As an organisation we consider our key risk areas to be the safety of the volunteers and partners working on the ground. A second risk associated with our work because of the countries we work in is the need to be aware of avoiding unintentional terrorist financing. We have taken several steps to mitigate these risks.

For example, due to the continuation of Covid-19 in early 2021, we have continued to adopt an online approach to training where possible. We have also continued to focus on ensuring that any face-to-face meetings that take place on behalf of the Charity's operations are carried out in a responsible manner so as to reduce the risk to those taking part. All physical meetings adhere to the Covid guidance.

In order to reduce the risk of working abroad we have implemented several safeguards. These include partnering with trusted organisations that already have a respected presence and experience working on the ground in the countries we are working in.

We have also asked several of the trustees to attend Webinars by the Charities Commission on "Risks and Requirements when operating in cash internationally" to improve our knowledge around the risks and things to look out for when paying for projects in foreign countries. Our Director and Board also keep in regular contact with the CC with regard to potential issues as and when they come up.

We maintain a risk register and a safeguarding policy which are reviewed regularly and updated to ensure that they remain relevant and cover all foreseeable risks.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- 1) THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AMONG ADULTS AND CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA IN ZONES OF DISPLACEMENT AND CONFLICT, STARTING WITH PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH AND IRAQ. THE CHARITY DOES THIS BY THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS, DELIVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXPERTS ON THE GROUND.
- 2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRAINING FRONTLINE WORKERS IN POST CONFLICT ZONES/REFUGEE CAMPS. TO HELP FRONTLINE WORKERS GAIN KNOWLEDGE TO SUPPORT THEIR WORK HELPING VULNERABLE REFUGEES/CIVILIANS SUFFERING FROM POST CONFLICT/DISPLACEMENT TRAUMA.
- 3) IN BANGLADESH WE ALSO SET UP A 24 HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINE AND REFERRAL PATHWAY TO PSYCHIATRIC ADVICE AS part OF OUR PROJECT IN BANGLADESH.
- 4) FAMILY WELLNESS CIRCLES AS WELL AS FRONTLINE WORKER TRAINING IN NAJAF, SOUTHERN IRAQ UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR PARTNER AL KAWTHAR AND A RESPECTED CANADIAN IRAQI PSYCHOTHERAPIST.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In the year 2021 we have continued to focus on our key objectives as outlined above. We have built upon relationships with key partners to enable us to begin work on the ground in Iraq and to start phase 2 work in Bangladesh.

In early 2021, BC and its partner GDC completed Phase 1 of our training programme for the frontline workers of 7 NGOs serving refugees in the Cox's Bazar refugee camp, which holds over one million refugees. Our training programme was supplemented by setting up a 24-hour telephone support line to access psychiatric advice/support as well as a referral pathway to enable people to access face to face counselling.

Following completion of that work, BC and GDC produced an Impact Report on our Bangladesh project. This was a detailed analysis of data we received from our Bangladesh project that was started in Autumn 2020 and completed in February 2021. This analysis involved a few key areas, including reviewing training participant responses and reviewing the effectiveness of the project and the use of funds and any areas for improvement in the project. This data will be used when future projects are rolled out, allowing us to ensure we get the most value out of our funding.

The Bangladesh project, delivered despite the challenges of Covid, was deemed a success and showed the efficacy of online training, where necessitated by lockdown conditions. Trainees said the project increased their knowledge of mental health issues and how to deal with it, in their own organisation and amongst the refugees they help. One trainee, who had previously been suicidal, said the project saved his life. Since then, many of the first group of trainees have built on their knowledge, moved to bigger NGOs and spread their knowledge.

Towards the end of the year we also supported a project run by our partner in Iraq, the Al Khoei Foundation's Al Kawthar widows and orphans subsidiary NGO. AK, partly funded by BC, provided family wellness workshops for 60 widows and their families, as well as some orphans over Christmas 2021. This project involved bringing these families together and holding discussions around mental health as well as providing food, toys, blankets and clothing to the children.

Part of the funding for this project came to BC from a major London school, whereby the children raised money for our Christmas Iraq project and then wrote 60 hand made Christmas cards to the families taking part in Najaf. In turn, the children of Najaf responded with their own messages to the School. We hope to build on this positive connection between the two groups of children in future.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

The Christmas 2021 Iraq project's mental health support and training was led by a renowned Muslim Canadian Iraqi psychotherapist who has worked with AK previously, to great success.

This was an example of how BC works in collaboration with other organisations led by mental health and aid experts in host countries.

A number of volunteers assist the Trustees through pro bono work: legal counsel, Treasurer, mental health advisors, media and fundraising experts.

Our charity is run by volunteers at board and operational level that allows us to dedicate all monies raised to the work concerned, barring negligible administrative costs. As we seek to build on our work, we will aim to increase the amount of money we raise and raise our profile online and in the mainstream arena.

To facilitate this, in 2021 the charity appointed its Co-Founder Edna Fernandes as its first Director. It also appointed a new fundraising team of two people and a new head of communications to assist the charity. We also have a podcaster who delivers content online.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2021 we have achieved the following:

- 1) Delivery of Phase 1 of our Rohingya Refugee Project in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar refugee camp which houses over one million refugees. This was delivered in early 2021 by our partner GDC online, in accordance with the pandemic guidance. The project trained frontline workers from 7 NGOs, set up a 24 hour telephone support line on mental health and established a referral pathway to enable people to access accredited face-to-face counselling where needed.
- 2) We published our first Rohingya Refugee Impact Report that set out the objectives and accomplishments of our project through training and counselling support. This report clearly demonstrated, based on trainee feedback, that our project was successful and delivered measurable results in helping the trainees understand how to deal with mental health issues in their lives and in their work. One trainee, who had been suicidal in the past, reported back that our project helped save his life. Some of our other trainees have since gone on to better jobs with bigger NGOs, thereby spreading their knowledge elsewhere. Almost all said the project made a difference and they wish to take refresher training with us.
- 3) Delivery of our first on-the-ground project in Iraq in December 2021. BC co-funded the mental health training and wellness workshops run by our partner Al Kawthar and a well respected Canadian Iraqi psychotherapist over the Christmas period of 2021 in Najaf, southern Iraq.
- 4) We revamped our website (pro-bono). The website now incorporates more information on the scope of our work.
- 5) We brought in new volunteers: a new fundraising team of two people to increase our donations. Plus we appointed a new head of communications.
- 6) The Board appointed its Co-Founder as BC's first Director, formalising a role she undertook previously through previous work in helping to establish the charity. The Board, Director and its partner GDC also set out a roadmap for Phase 2 of the Rohingya project, due to unfold in 2022.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

At year end the Charity held £7,377 in reserves. This cash will be used for upcoming projects in the year and we will continue to actively fundraise. However we do not routinely hold any reserves for specific purposes other than to fund future projects.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- ☐ the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- ☐ investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We are currently still primarily funded through donations from the UK Public, however during the year we have on-boarded a couple of fundraising experts working in a voluntary capacity, who are helping us to push harder on fundraising from corporate sources.

We have spent £1,700 on projects in the year. This was spent on a project we supported in partnership with the Al Khoei foundation, providing family wellbeing workshops to widows and their families as well as orphans.

We remain convinced that this work is urgent and necessary and will continue to build on it going forward.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Edna Fernandes	John Tress
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Edna Fernandes	John Tress
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Beyond Conflict

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2021		12/31/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations and Legacies	2,457	-	-	2,457
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	2,457	-	-	2,457
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	2,457	-	-	2,457
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Bank Fees	96	-	-	96
Fundraising Expenses	78	-	-	78
Other Fees	506	-	-	506
Projects	1,700	-	-	1,700
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	2,380	-	-	2,380
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	2,380	-	-	2,380
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	77	-	-	77
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	7,300	-	-	7,300
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	7,377	-	-	7,377



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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank	7,377	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	7,377	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
Edna Fernandes	EDNA FERNANDES
John Tress	JOHN TRESS

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**Last year**  
**to the nearest £**

<b>3,211</b>
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<b>60</b>
<b>376</b>
<b>59</b>
<b>5,825</b>
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<b>6,320</b>

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- <b>3,109</b>
-
<b>10,408</b>
<b>7,300</b>



**Endowment  
funds**  
to nearest £

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**Endowment  
funds**  
to nearest £

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**Current value  
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**When due  
(optional)**


**Date of  
approval**

9/8/2022
9/8/2022