

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

England & Wales · Charity number 1177019

## Details

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**Other names** TSP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-02-06

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUDANESE PEOPLE OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CULTURAL, SOCIAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND OTHER ISSUES FACING THE SUDANESE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH CONFERENCES AND LECTURES.

**Activities:** The Sudanese Programme endeavours to inform the public about Sudan and South Sudan through conferences, workshops and lectures. It is above ethnicity, religion and politics.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,336	£7,756	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,204	£11,967	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,303	£9,594	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,404	£10,495	-	-
2021-03-31	£32,500	£5,790	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANIS GEORGE HAGGAR		2018-02-06
Ahmed Al-Shahi		2018-02-06
Dr Noon Altijani Osman Abbakar		2022-04-27
Elhag Paul		2022-05-12
Makol Bona Malwal		2019-02-23
Professor Laurent Mignon		2026-05-10
RICHARD WILLIAM BARLTROP		2018-02-06

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# Accounts

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**THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr A G Haggar	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Dr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 2 February 2019)
	Dr Noon Altijani Osman Abbakar	(Appointed 27 April 2022)
	Mr Elhag Paul	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

**Charity number** 1177019

**Registered office** 84 Middle Way  
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OX2 7LQ

**Accountant** Andrew Lane  
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Upper Minety  
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**Bankers** CAF Bank Ltd  
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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objectives are to inform the public about Sudan and South Sudan through conferences, workshops and lectures. It is above ethnicity, religion and politics.

The Sudanese Programme (TSP) was established in 2002 as a programme of conferences and events at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. The aim of the Programme, from its founding through to the present, has been to promote and facilitate discussion and understanding about current affairs in both the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan, including issues relating to peace and development in both countries. In doing so, the Programme has operated on the principles of neutrality and independence. The Programme became a charity on 6 February 2018.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

This report summarises the activities of the Programme during the seventh year as a charity, from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. Further information is available on the Programme's website:

<http://www.sudaneseprogramme.org>.

During the year the Programme convened 2 public hybrid conferences from the UK, whereby participants attended in-person or online through ZOOM video-conference cloud platform. The conferences were held in Oxford. Between 50 and 100 people registered for each event, with attendees joining from various countries around the world.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### *FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025*

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The Sudanese Programme is grateful to the speakers and supporters who contributed to the success of its conferences.

#### **Events**

2 November 2024, 1-day hybrid conference: South Sudan at the Crossroads, Election or No Election – What is the Prospect for Real Peace for South Sudan

- Presentations by 9 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi, Dr Richard Barltrop and Professor Laurent Mignon
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop and Professor Laurent Mignon
- Organised in collaboration with the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.  
Venue: St Antony's College, University of Oxford

15 March 2025, 1-day hybrid conference: The Roles of Women's and Civil Society Activism in Sudan and South Sudan

- Presentations by 7 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and Dr Richard Barltrop
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- Organised in collaboration with the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.  
Venue: St Antony's College, University of Oxford

#### **Plans**

In 2025-2026 the Programme aims to convene further conferences and events, one scheduled for October 2025, another for November 2025 and a third for 2026. The Programme will continue to explore opportunities to extend the reach of its events and activities.

#### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level 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. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

***FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

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The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr A G Haggar	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 23 February 2019)
Dr Noon Altijani Osman Abbakar	(Appointed 27 April 2022)
Mr Paul Elhag	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

**Dr A Al-Shahi**  
**Trustee**

Dated: 06/01/2026

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Notes				
<b>Income from:</b>				
	2	2,546	2,546	2,500
	3	180	180	122
	4	610	610	582
		<b>3,336</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>3,204</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
	4	7,756	7,756	11,967
		<b>7,756</b>	<b>7,756</b>	<b>11,967</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds for the year</b>				
		<b>-4,420</b>	<b>-4,420</b>	<b>-8,763</b>
Total funds brought forward				
		33,648	33,648	42,411
Debtors due				
	8	0	0	0
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>				
		<b>29,228</b>	<b>29,228</b>	<b>33,648</b>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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	Year ended 31.03.25		Year ended 31.03.24	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors		0		0
Cash at the bank		29,228		34,198
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>29,228</u>		<u>34,198</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(250)		(550)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>33,648</u>		<u>33,648</u>
<b>Income funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds		29,228		33,648
		<u>33,648</u>		<u>33,648</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

Dr A Al-Shahi  
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025*

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### **1 Accounting policies**

Charity information

The Sudanese Programme is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

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The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Income consists of donations, sale of the charity's publications and bank interest.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation.

#### **1.5 Resources expended**

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure, which is directly attributable to specific activities, has been included in these cost categories.

#### **1.6 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

## THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

##### Unrestricted funds

	Period 01.04.24 to 31.03.25	Year Ended 31.03.24
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>2,546</u>	<u>2,500</u>

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Period 01.04.24 to 31.03.25	Year Ended 31.03.24
	£	£
Academic services	<u>180</u>	<u>122</u>

#### 4 Income from interest at bank

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.25	Year Ended 31.03.24
	£	£
	<u>610</u>	<u>582</u>

#### 5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.25	Year Ended 31.03.24
	£	£
Meeting and conferences	5,293	7,951
Postage and stationery	26	639
Computer costs	235	241
Telephone costs	374	361
Travel costs	0	24
Marketing	202	202
Legal and professional	1,807	2,444
Bank charges	69	75
Support and welfare	0	30
	<u>7,756</u>	<u>11,967</u>

#### 6 Analysis of trustee remuneration

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025*

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### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

### 8 Debtors

	Period 01.04.24 to 31.03.25	Year Ended 31.03.24
	£	£
	0	0

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<b>Charity number</b>	1177019	
<b>Registered office</b>	84 Middle Way Summertown Oxford OX2 7LQ	
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Andrew Lane Lane Consulting Hovington Cottage Upper Minety SN16 9PT	
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

This report summarises the activities of the Programme during the sixth year as a charity, from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Further information is available on the Programme's website:

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During the year the Programme convened 3 public hybrid conferences from the UK, whereby participants attended in-person or online through ZOOM video-conference cloud platform. The conferences were held in Oxford. Between 50 and 100 people registered for each event, with attendees joining from various countries around the world.

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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The Sudanese Programme is grateful to the speakers and supporters who contributed to the success of its conferences.

#### **Events**

10 June 2023, 1-day hybrid conference: Economic, Political and Social Consequences of the Military Confrontation in Sudan

- Presentations by 4 guest speakers, with an additional recorded contribution from Geoff Holden
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and Dr Richard Barltrop
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- 60-65 registered to attend the conference in-person at Oxford
- Live on-line audience, 86 people, joining from Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Sweden, UK, United Arab Emirates and the USA
- Organised in collaboration with the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.  
Venue: St Antony's College, University of Oxford

28 October 2023, 1-day hybrid book discussion: Rethinking Colonialism: The Southern Sudanese Liberation Struggle and the Challenge to Decolonisation

- Presentations by 1 guest speaker book author with 3 guest respondents
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- 40-45 registered to attend the conference in-person at Oxford
- Live on-line audience: 15 (45 registered), joining from Bahrain, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Norway and the UK
- Additional presentation from the Trustees of Friends of IBBA Girls' School: Recent Developments in the Struggle for Education, especially for Girls in South Sudan
- Organised in collaboration with the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.  
Venue: St Antony's College, University of Oxford

10 February 2024, 1-day hybrid conference: Sudanese Diaspora – The Role in Sudan and South Sudan

- Presentations by 9 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and Dr Richard Barltrop
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- Conference attendees: 40-50 registered to attend the conference in-person at Oxford
- Live on-line audience: 30 registered online
- Organised in collaboration with the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.  
Venue: St Antony's College, University of Oxford

#### **Plans**

In 2024-2025 the Programme aims to convene further conferences and events. The Programme will continue to explore opportunities to extend the reach of its events and activities.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
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Mr Paul Elhag	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

**Dr A Al-Shahi**  
**Trustee**

Dated: 29 October 2024

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Sudanese Programme charity ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 2011 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: *Andrew Lane*

Name of independent examiner: Andrew Lane

Date: 14 December 2024

Address: Lane Consulting  
Hovington Cottage  
Upper Minety  
SN16 9PT

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	2,500	2,500	2,500
Charitable activities	4	122	122	600
Interest	5	582	583	203
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>3,303</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	6	11,967	11,967	9,594
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>11,967</b>	<b>11,967</b>	<b>9,594</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>-8,763</b>	<b>-8,763</b>	<b>-6,291</b>
Total funds brought forward		42,411	42,411	48,403
Debtors due	9	0	0	299
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>33,648</b>	<b>33,648</b>	<b>42,411</b>

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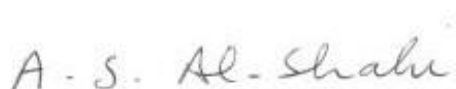
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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	Year ended 31.03.24		Year ended 31.03.23	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors		0		299
Cash at the bank		34,198		42,675
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>34,198</u>		<u>42,974</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(550)		(563)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>33,648</u>		<u>42,411</u>
<b>Income funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds		33,648		48,403
		<u>33,648</u>		<u>48,403</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18 October 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Dr A Al-Shahi  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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#### **1.6 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 2 Income from donations and legacies

#### Unrestricted funds

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24	Year Ended 31.03.23
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24	Year Ended 31.03.23
	£	£
Academic services	<u>122</u>	<u>600</u>

### 4 Income from interest at bank

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24	Year Ended 31.03.23
	£	£
	<u>582</u>	<u>203</u>

### 5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24	Year Ended 31.03.23
	£	£
Meeting and conferences	7951	5498
Postage and stationery	639	233
Computer costs	241	165
Telephone costs	361	188
Travel costs	24	70
Marketing	202	137
Legal and professional	2444	2922
Bank charges	75	82
Support and welfare	30	0
	<u>11,967</u>	<u>9,295</u>

### 6 Analysis of trustee remuneration

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024*

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### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

### 8 Debtors

	<b>Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry debtors	0	299

**THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177019

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration No. 1177019**

**THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr A G Haggar	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Dr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 2 February 2019)
	Dr Noon Altijani Osman Abbakar	(Appointed 27 April 2022)
	Mr Paul Elhag	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

**Charity number** 1177019

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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objectives are to inform the public about Sudan and South Sudan through conferences, workshops and lectures. It is above ethnicity, religion and politics.

The Sudanese Programme (TSP) was established in 2002 as a programme of conferences and events at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. The aim of the Programme, from its founding through to the present, has been to promote and facilitate discussion and understanding about current affairs in both the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan, including issues relating to peace and development in both countries. In doing so, the Programme has operated on the principles of neutrality and independence. The Programme became a charity on 6 February 2018.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

This report summarises the activities of the Programme during the fifth year as a charity, from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Further information is available on the Programme's website:

<http://www.sudaneseprogramme.org>.

During the year the Programme convened 2 public hybrid conferences from the UK, whereby participants attended in-person or online through ZOOM video-conference cloud platform. One conference was held in Oxford and the other in Liverpool. Between 50 and 100 people registered for each event, with attendees joining from various countries around the world.

Both events were recorded through ZOOM, bringing together speakers from within the UK, South Sudan, Sudan and elsewhere.

The programme has its own Soundcloud [The Sudanese Programme | Free Listening on SoundCloud](#) and YouTube video channel [The Sudanese Programme - YouTube](#) where the edited recordings of the webinars are available to anyone who is interested to listen and/or watch. Both these online channels are linked to the programme's website. These provide a useful historical record. Speakers and audience appearing in the edited recordings gave their approval for their contributions to be made publicly available in this way. Further details of these 2 events are available on the programme's website.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### *FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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The Sudanese Programme is grateful to the speakers and supporters who contributed to the success of its conferences.

#### **Events**

5 November 2022, 1-day hybrid conference: Ecological Impacts of Proposed Jonglei Canal, National Identity Crisis, Communal Conflicts and the Peace in South Sudan

- Presentations by 7 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and Dr Richard Barltrop
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- Organised in collaboration with the South Sudanese Community (UK) and the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford. Venue: St Antony's College, University of Oxford

4 February 2023, 1-day hybrid conference: COVID-19 in Sudan and South Sudan

- Presentations by 6 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and Dr Noon Altijani
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- Hosted with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. Venue: Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool

#### **Plans**

In 2023-2024 the Programme aims to convene further conferences and events. The Programme will continue to explore opportunities to extend the reach of its events and activities.

#### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level 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. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr A G Haggart	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

***FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023***

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Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 23 February 2019)
Dr Noon Altijani Osman Abbakar	(Appointed 27 April 2022)
Mr Paul Elhag	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

**Dr A Al-Shahi**  
**Trustee**

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Sudanese Programme charity ("the 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 financial statements 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 2011 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did 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 financial statements to be reached.

*Signed:*



*Name of independent examiner:* Andrew Lane

*Date:* 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

*Address:* Lane Consulting  
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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	2,500	2,500	2,500
Charitable activities	4	600	600	900
Interest	5	203	203	4
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,303</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>3,404</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	6	9,594	9,524	10,495
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>9,594</b>	<b>9,524</b>	<b>10,495</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>-6,291</b>	<b>-6,291</b>	<b>-7,091</b>
Total funds brought forward		48,403	48,403	55,494
Debtors due	9	299	299	0
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>42,411</b>	<b>42,112</b>	<b>48,403</b>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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	Year ended 31.03.23		Year ended 31.03.22	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	299		0	
Cash at the bank	42,675		48,883	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>42,974</u>		<u>48,883</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(563)		(480)	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>42,411</u>		<u>48,403</u>
<b>Income funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds		42,411		48,403
		<u>42,411</u>		<u>48,403</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

Dr A Al-Shahi  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### **1 Accounting policies**

Charity information

The Sudanese Programme is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Income consists of donations, sale of the charity's publications and bank interest.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

### 1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure, which is directly attributable to specific activities, has been included in these cost categories.

### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

## 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

## 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	
	Period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23	Year Ended 31.03.22
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Academic services	<u>600</u>	<u>900</u>

<b>5 Income from interest at bank</b>	<b>Period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<u>203</u>	<u>4</u>

<b>6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meeting and conferences	5,498	4,838
Postage and stationery	233	938
Computer costs	165	353
Telephone costs	188	521
Travel costs	70	776
Marketing	137	137
Legal and professional	2,922	2,829
Bank charges	82	103
	<u>9,295</u>	<u>10,495</u>

### 7 Analysis of trustee remuneration

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period.

### 8 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

### 9 Debtors

	<b>Period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry debtors	299	0

**THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177019

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration No. 1177019

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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022*

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022.

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

This report summarises the activities of the Programme during the fourth year as a charity, from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Further information is available on the Programme's website: <http://www.sudaneseprogramme.org>.

During the year the Programme convened three public ZOOM webinar events from Oxford, UK and held online through the ZOOM video-conference cloud platform. Between 50 and 100 people registered for each event, with attendees joining from various countries around the world. The Programme also convened one public in-person conference. The public conference was held at the University of Manchester and whilst ZOOM was made available for those who specifically requested online access prior to the event, it was not advertised as a ZOOM webinar so as not to detract from the in-person conference style.

All four events were recorded through ZOOM, bringing together speakers from within the UK, South Sudan, Sudan and elsewhere.

The programme has its own Soundcloud [The Sudanese Programme | Free Listening on SoundCloud](#) and YouTube video channel [The Sudanese Programme - YouTube](#) where the edited recordings of the webinars are available to anyone who is interested to listen and watch. Both these online channels are linked to the programme's website. These provide a useful historical record. All speaker contributors provided written

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### *FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022*

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approval for their audio/visual contributions to be made publicly available in this way. Further details of the events are available on the programme's website. With the permission of the speakers, the programme has prepared formal Proceedings of the papers presented at the University of Manchester academic conference. These published proceedings were edited by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and printed by Holywell Press, Oxford.

The Sudanese Programme is grateful to the speakers and supporters who contributed to the success of its conferences.

#### **Events**

22 May 2021, 2.5-hour webinar: Youth, Inclusivity and Participation in Politics, the Economy and Society

- Presentations by 10 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop
- Live online audience – 78 people registered
- NB 2 presenters did not respond to give their permission for their recordings to be made public so these have not been included in the recordings uploaded to the programme's YouTube or SoundCloud platforms

23 September 2021, 2-hour webinar: The Plight of the Merowe Dam-Affected People: Stories from the Manasir

- Presentations by 2 guest speakers and short documentary film Manasirland – Development Refugees (2006)
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop (same format as previous webinar)
- Live online audience – 48 registered, joining from Germany, Lebanon, Luxembourg, South Sudan, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States

23 October 2021, whole day conference: Sustainable Peace and Future Governance of South Sudan

- Presentations by 8 guest speakers (2 speakers spoke jointly so 7 presentations)
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and Dr Richard Barltrop
- Conference attendees – 60-65
- Live online audience – 19 people (these people had specifically requested online access prior to the conference; ZOOM webinar was not publicly advertised for this conference)

20 March 2022, 2.5-hour webinar: Reflections on Recent Events in Sudan

- Presentations by 5 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop (same format as previous webinar)
- Live online audience – 51 registered, joining from Germany, Japan, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022*

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### Plans

In 2022-2023 the Programme aims to convene further conferences and events; and to appoint two new Trustees.

The Programme will continue to explore opportunities to extend the reach of its events and activities. Suggestions for topics include "Sudan, South Sudan and their neighbours"; "The ending of 'transitions' in Sudan and South Sudan"; and "Sudan and the US" or "Sudan, South Sudan and the US".

### Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level 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. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr A G Haggar	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 23 February 2019)
Dr Noon Altijani Osman Abbakar	(Appointed 27 April 2022)
Mr Paul Elhag	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

**Dr A Al-Shahi**  
Trustee

Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Sudanese Programme charity ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 2011 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: 

Name of independent examiner: Andrew Lane

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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## THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	2,500	2,500	32,500
Charitable activities	4	900	900	0
Interest	5	4	4	0
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,404</b>	<b>3,404</b>	<b>32,500</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	6	10,495	10,495	5,790
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>10,495</b>	<b>10,495</b>	<b>5,790</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>-7,091</b>	<b>-7,091</b>	<b>26,710</b>
Total funds brought forward		55,494	55,494	28,784
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>48,403</b>	<b>48,403</b>	<b>55,494</b>

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All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

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	Year ended 31.03.22		Year ended 31.03.21	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	0		0	
Cash at the bank	48,883		56,247	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>48,883</u>		<u>56,247</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(480)		(753)	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>48,403</u>		<u>55,494</u>
<b>Income funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds		48,403		55,494
		<u>48,403</u>		<u>55,494</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

Dr A Al-Shahi  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Sudanese Programme is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Income consists of donations only.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure, which is directly attributable to specific activities, has been included in these cost categories.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	
	Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22	Year Ended 31.03.21
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>2,500</u>	<u>32,500</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.21</b>
	£	£
Academic services	<u>900</u>	<u>0</u>

<b>5 Income from interest at bank</b>	<b>Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.21</b>
	£	£
	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

<b>6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22</b>	<b>Year Ended 31.03.21</b>
	£	£
Meeting and conferences	4838	564
Postage and stationery	938	134
Computer costs	353	17
Telephone costs	521	560
Travel costs	776	0
Marketing	137	1817
Legal and professional	2829	2618
Bank charges	103	80
	<u>10,495</u>	<u>5,790</u>

### 7 Analysis of trustee remuneration

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period.

### 8 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1177019

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration No. 1177019

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr A G Haggart	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Dr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 2 February 2019)

**Charity number** 1177019

**Registered office** 84 Middle Way  
Summertown  
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OX2 7LQ

**Independent examiner** Andrew Lane  
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# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021*

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objectives are to inform the public about Sudan and South Sudan through conferences, workshops and lectures. It is above ethnicity, religion and politics.

The Sudanese Programme (TSP) was established in 2002 as a programme of conferences and events at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. The aim of the Programme, from its founding through to the present, has been to promote and facilitate discussion and understanding about current affairs in both the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan, including issues relating to peace and development in both countries. In doing so, the Programme has operated on the principles of neutrality and independence. The Programme became a charity on 6 February 2018.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

This report summarises the activities of the Programme during the third year as a charity, from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021. Further information is available on the Programme's website:

<http://www.sudaneseprogramme.org>.

During the year the Programme convened two public ZOOM webinar events, bringing together speakers from within the UK, South Sudan, Sudan and elsewhere. Both events were convened from Oxford, UK and held online through the ZOOM video-conferencing cloud platform. The reason for not meeting in person was in accordance with UK government guidance in light of the COVID pandemic and restrictions relating to gatherings. Between 50 and 100 people registered for each event, with attendees joining from various countries around the world.

Both webinars were recorded.

The programme created its own Soundcloud [The Sudanese Programme | Free Listening on SoundCloud](#) and YouTube video channel [The Sudanese Programme - YouTube](#) where the edited recordings are available to anyone who is interested to listen and watch. Both these online channels are linked to the programme's website. All speaker contributors provided written approval for their audio/visual contributions to be made publicly available in this way. Further details of both webinars are available on the programme's website.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The Sudanese Programme is grateful to the speakers and supporters who contributed to the success of its conferences.

### **Events**

25 November 2020, 2-hour webinar: "New Governments in Sudan and South Sudan: New Prospects"

- 20-minute presentations by 4 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop – public audience submitted their written questions through the Q&A box of the live ZOOM webinar; Dr Barltrop organised the questions into clusters of similar questions and read them out for the guest speakers to respond to
- Live audience of just over 50
- 100 plays of the edited audio recording on SoundCloud, as of May 2021

20 March 2021, 2-hour webinar: "Economic and Financial Institutions of Sudan and South Sudan"

- 20-minute presentations by 4 guest speakers
- Chaired by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi
- Moderated Q&A discussion by Dr Richard Barltrop (same format as previous webinar)
- Live audience – 94 registered, joining from Finland, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Switzerland, UAE, UK and the USA
- 29 plays of the edited audio recording on SoundCloud; 34 views of the edited video recording on YouTube, as of May 2021

### **Plans**

In 2020-2021 the Programme aims to convene further conferences and events. A third ZOOM webinar is scheduled for 22 May 2021 on "Youth, inclusion and participation in politics, the economy and society"; and a 1-day conference is scheduled for 23 October 2021 to be held at the University of Manchester on "Sustainable peace and future governance of South Sudan". This conference was originally scheduled for November 2019 and has been rescheduled twice due to the COVID pandemic and its direct impact on UK government guidance relating to the organisation of gatherings. Due to the COVID pandemic, no programme events have been held at St Antony's College, Oxford this year. However when the opportunity arises the programme is likely to hold further events at the College.

The Programme will continue to explore opportunities to extend the reach of its events and activities. Suggestions for topics include "Sudan, South Sudan and their neighbours"; "The ending of 'transitions' in Sudan and South Sudan"; and "Sudan and the US" or "Sudan, South Sudan and the US".

### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

*FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021*

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be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees agreed to shift the reporting year from 1 March through to end February (previous reporting year) to 1 April through to end March to bring the programme more in-line with the UK tax year. This has been implemented. The current reporting year is therefore 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021. The next reporting year will be 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr A G Haggar	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr R W Barltrop	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
Mr Makol Bona Malwal	(Appointed 2 February 2019)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**Dr A Al-Shahi**  
**Trustee**

Dated: 23 May 2021

# THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Sudanese Programme charity ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 2011 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did 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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:



Name of independent examiner: Andrew Lane

Date: 9 August 2021

Address: Lane Consulting  
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Upper Minety  
SN16 9PT

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	32,500	32,500	31,691
Charitable activities	4	0	0	360
<b>Total income</b>		<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,051</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	5	5,790	5,790	11,436
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>5,790</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>11,436</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>26,710</b>	<b>26,710</b>	<b>20,615</b>
Total funds brought forward		28,784	28,784	8,169
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>55,494</b>	<b>55,494</b>	<b>28,784</b>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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	Notes	Year ended 31.03.21		Year ended 29.02.20	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors		0		0	
Cash at the bank		56,247		29,064	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>56,247</u>		<u>29,064</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(753)		(280)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>55,494</u>		<u>28,784</u>
<b>Income funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			55,494		28,784
			<u>55,494</u>		<u>28,784</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 August 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

*A. S. Al-Shahi*

Dr A Al-Shahi  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Sudanese Programme is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

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The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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## 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	
	Period 01.03.20 to 31.03.21	Year Ended 29.02.20
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>32,500</u>	<u>32,051</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 01.03.20 to 31.03.21</b>	<b>Year Ended 29.02.20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Book sales	<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>

<b>5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>Period 01.03.20 to 31.03.21</b>	<b>Year Ended 29.02.20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meeting and conferences	564	8,615
Postage and stationery	134	934
Computer costs	17	0
Telephone costs	560	311
Travel costs	0	348
Marketing	1817	282
Legal and professional	2618	910
Bank charges	80	36
	<u>5,790</u>	<u>11,436</u>

### 6 Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. A trustee made donations of £30,000 (2020: £28,000) to the charity during the year.

### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the period.