

Charity Registration No. 1177019

**THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr A Al-Shahi	(Appointed 6 February 2018)
	Mr A G Haggard	(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)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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

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 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

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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

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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: 5th July 2022

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

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.

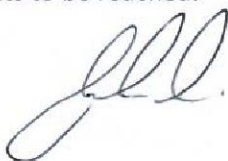
Independent examiner's statement

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: 16th September 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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

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 2022

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5th 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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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 only.

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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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4 Income from charitable activities	Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22	Year Ended 31.03.21
	£	£
Academic services	<u>900</u>	<u>0</u>
5 Income from interest at bank	Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22	Year Ended 31.03.21
	£	£
	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	Period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22	Year Ended 31.03.21
	£	£
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.