

Charity Registration No. 1177019

**THE SUDANESE PROGRAMME
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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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 Elhag Paul	(Appointed 12 May 2022)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024.

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

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

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.

All the 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 3 events are available on the programme's website.

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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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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 Haggard	(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: 29 October 2024

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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 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

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

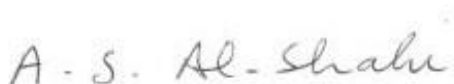
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 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.

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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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7 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

8 Debtors

	Period 01.04.23 to 31.03.24	Year Ended 31.03.23
	£	£
Sundry debtors	0	299