

**Charity Registration No. 1177019**

**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 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)

**Charity number** 1177019

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## 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.

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. These online channels are linked to the programme's website which provides 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.

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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.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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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 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: 06/01/2026

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Notes				
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	2,546	2,546	2,500
Charitable activities	3	180	180	122
Interest	4	610	610	582
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,336</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>3,204</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	4	7,756	7,756	11,967
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<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.

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## 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.



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## 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**

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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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 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)

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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