

Annual Report & Statement of Accounts
For 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 (FY21)

THE TESFA SPONSORSHIP TRUST UK

Charity Registration No 1177205



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Administrative information

Charity Number 1177205

Trustees on 31.03.2021

Benjamin Booth

Simon Paylor

Paul Wilson

Governing Instrument

Trust Deed dated 12th December 2016

Objectives

The prevention or relief of poverty in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

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Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees/members of TheTesfa Sponsorship Trust UK on the accounts for the 12-month period ended 31st March 2021.

My work has been undertaken so that I may state to the charities trustees those matters I am required to state in my independent examination and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees for my examination work, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charities trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to; -

- Examine the accounts under section 43(2) of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the charity commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was undertaken in accordance with general directions given by the charity commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

I connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act (section 41)
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Clive Beesley
Independent examiner

Signed 

Date 03/12/2021

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Trustees Report For 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Introduction;

These accounts detail the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

For tax purposes the charity is a registered charity and is known as; -

The Tesfa Sponsorship Trust UK (hereafter "Tesfa"), Charity Number 1177205

Purpose of the Trust:

The prevention or relief of poverty in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Achievements in the Financial year:

At the time of reporting, the number of children being sponsored through Tesfa is 172 along with 18 elderly persons. We remain hugely grateful for the continued commitment of our sponsors and supporters by investing in the lives of the most needy children and elderly in the communities we support in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - the support continued throughout the pandemic which is a testimony to the commitment of our supporter base.

Sponsorship funds of £32,763 and additional gifts of £5,556 were sent to our 2 partners in Addis Ababa, supporting their work as follows::

- CBISDO (Community Based Integrated Sustainable Development Organisation) - at the end of the financial year, 141 children and 17 elderly people were being sponsored by our supporters
- AHISDO (Addis Hiwot Integrated Sustainable Development Organisation) - at the end of the financial year, 20 children and 1 elderly person were being sponsored by our supporters. Please see their websites for more details and an overview of what they provide for the community they serve <http://ahisdoethiopia.org/>
- The extra monies include £3,447 from a Covid-19 appeal which again saw a number of very generous gifts from our supporter base which was very humbling, especially with this being a truly global pandemic.

We also hugely benefited from the continued Monitoring through our appointed Consultant based in Addis Ababa with 3 reporting cycles having been completed in the financial year. This has proved invaluable in being able to better support CBISDO and AHISDO during this tough COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the Tesfa Trustees being unable to undertake a monitoring visit in FY21 due to the pandemic.

In terms of other notable moments:

Covid-19 Appeal:

- We wanted to say thank you to the many sponsors who so generously supported our special Covid Appeal back in the Autumn 2020, raising £3,447 which has already been put to good use in the project areas in Addis Ababa.



Families receiving their supplies of foodstuffs and sanitary materials

The funds have been used by both of the project areas to provide basic foodstuffs such as Teff flour, pasta, rice and oil. It also provided funding for hygiene related products, such as hand sanitizer and cloth face masks as well as T-shirts for people living in the area with public health messages around hand washing and social distancing. The money has made such a difference to families who would otherwise have gone hungry and may have reduced the spread of Covid in an area where people live close together in often challenging circumstances.

Very sadly, Dr Jember Teferra passed away in January 2021. Jember is the founder and inspiration behind the work of the two charities we support in Addis Ababa, CBISDO and AHISDO,



This is the tribute from Tesfa that was read out at the Memorial Service held for Jember which affirms our commitment to continue supporting the two NGOs and building on Jember's legacy:

Dr Jember Teferra - a truly inspirational Lady

Greetings to all of you, dear friends and colleagues. We greatly wish that we could have joined you today in person but sadly we are unable to travel from the UK.

There are so many words that we would use to describe Jember - Godly, Compassionate, Caring, Determined, Tenacious, Loyal, Story-teller - but the one that stands out most for us is INSPIRING.

Paul's first trip to Ethiopia was 21 years ago back in 1999 when he had the privilege of meeting Jember and spending time visiting CBISDO and the amazing work they were doing.

That trip was a turning point in Paul's life, as other trips were for Ben Booth and Simon Paylor. Ben first visited in 2000 with a team from Glenfall Fellowship, seeing the transformation in CBISDO's area, and the foundations being laid at AHISDO. Simon was introduced via CRED Foundation, and was pleased and proud to help Dr Jember attain further Comic Relief funding for the NGOs.

All of us were captivated, challenged and enlivened by the vision and the example of Dr Jember, and the work you established with her in your communities.

Since these early experiences we have strived to help connect sponsors in the UK with children and elderly in the programs of CBISDO and AHISDO, initially through Life Church and now through *The Tesfa Sponsorship Trust UK*. 21 years on and we are still honoured to be supporting the sponsorship program for the children and elderly of both CBISDO and AHISDO.

We know this inspiring work started by Jember will continue and along with the amazing Institute, will be the legacy that Jember will be proud of.

God Bless you all

Paul, Ben & Simon
Trustees of *The Tesfa Sponsorship Trust UK*

Formal key details:

Treasurer

Role undertaken by the Trustee, Paul Wilson throughout the financial period

Independent Examiner

The 2020/21 accounts were reviewed by; -
Clive Beesley of 32 Lippitts Hill, Beds, LU2 7YN

Trustees

There are currently three trustees; -
Benjamin Booth
Simon Paylor
Paul Wilson (Chairperson)

The trustees review the examined accounts each year and submit these with the appropriate forms to the Charity Commission. To date the trustees have not claimed any payments for their activities other than for either reimbursement of trip expenses when visiting Addis Ababa on a monitoring trip representing Tesfa or for stationary costs incurred in the administration of the charity.

Reporting:

- A summary of the unrestricted funds is presented to the periodic Trustees meeting (currently monthly).
- Each year the account is examined by an independent and qualified person outside the charity and this is in turn reported to the Trustees at the AGM.
- A copy of the examined account is also provided to the trustees and charity commission each year.

Income

The majority of income is received by standing order directly from the individual or by cash & cheque and relates to the individual's sponsorship of a child or elderly person in the projects that Tesfa supports. In addition, additional or one-off donations are received and treated as unrestricted funds unless the donor has expressly stated the funds are for a specific purpose.

Of the £10,401.70 cash balance at the financial year end, 'Restricted Reserves' represented 78% of the cash, being £4,786.47 of Child and Elderly sponsor funds building up for the next semester payment (due after 1st June 2021) and £2,509.87 of Seed Capital remaining from a supporter gift.

Summary of Bank Account:

Current Account: - XXXX2619

- This account is managed by the Treasurer and is the general account. All payments from this account are by either bank payment, direct debit or by cheque all of which require two signatures.
- Gift Aid applications to the Inland Revenue for income to this account is applied for annually with such funds treated as unrestricted.
- Authorised signatories on the account are: - Benjamin Booth, Simon Paylor and Paul Wilson. All expenditure (be that via Bank transfers or cheque payments) requires two signatures for authorisation from the three signatories on the account (all of whom are trustees)

Conclusion:

The main areas of payments will continue to be the provision of funding for the sponsorship of children and elderly people within the Kebeles where the two Ethiopian NGOs Tesfa supports (CBISDO and AHISDO) operate in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In addition, unrestricted funds will be invested in two main areas:

1. to ensure Tesfa is fully compliant with the Charity Commission for England & Wales regulations and best practices and

2. the effective monitoring & evaluation of the charitable partners with whom Tesfa has a formal partnership - currently CBISDO and AHISDO. This will be achieved through both the commissioning of a consultant in Addis Ababa who will be reporting to Tesfa periodically (currently every 4 months) and an annual monitoring visit by at least one Trustee of Tesfa (Q4 trip plans were deferred due to the growing concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic). It is the Trustees' intention to use the locally based Consultant to greater effect during this pandemic.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 1993 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees;

Paul Wilson 

Date 23rd July 2021

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Statement of Receipts and Payments For 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

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Receipts & Payments Account - Financial Year to 31 March 2021

		£	£
Receipts			
	Sponsorship - standing orders	27,281.00	
	Sponsorship - manual payers	2,820.00	
	Sponsorship - novations from Life Church (1)	1,551.00	
	Sub-total		31,652.00
	Other gifts (2)	4,617.77	
	Gift Aid Tax Rebate	5,384.59	
	Bank Interest	0.00	
	Sub-total		10,002.36
	Total Receipts		41,654.36
Payments			
Grants and gifts	Sponsorship funds	32,763.00	
	Other gifts	5,556.88	
	Rebates to sponsors (overpayments etc)	720	
	Sub-total		39,039.88
Operational costs	Administration	605.56	
	Bank payment fees	330.00	
	Trustee trip costs to Ethiopia	0.00	
	Monitoring & Evaluation costs (3)	3,100.00	
	Sub-total		4,035.56
	Total Payments		43,075.44
	Surplus / (shortfall)		-1,421.08
Cash at Bank			
	Opening cash	11,822.78	
	add surplus/(shortfall)	-1,421.08	
	Closing cash as at 31/03/21	10,401.70	
	Represented by:		
	Current account	10,401.70	
	Made up of reserves:		
	Unrestricted Reserves (4)	3,105.36	
	Restricted Reserves (5)	7,296.34	

Notes:

- 1) Sponsor funds novated from Life Church - relates to sponsors who have yet to novate to Tesfa and are still paying money to Life Church via standing order
- 2) 'Other gifts' includes £592.50 of Gift Aid monies novated from Life Church and £3,446.98 in relation to a Covid-19 appeal
- 3) Payments to Tadesse Haile, an Addis Ababa based consultant contracted to work for Tesfa in the monitoring and evaluation of CBISDO and AHISDO - contract reviewable annually
- 4) Unrestricted reserves represents additional income that has no specified purpose attached to it (such as Gift Aid claim income) - the level of funds is used to cover Tesfa operating costs and is subject to monthly oversight by the Trustees via a standing agenda item
- 5) Restricted Funds include - Sponsor funds received £4,786.47 and a Seed Capital gift of £2,509.87 remaining

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Statement of significant financial variances between FY20 and FY21

Receipts

Standing order receipts have remained stable despite a small decrease in the number of sponsors, primarily linked to the economic impact of the covid pandemic. There were several more sponsors switching their standing orders from Life Church as they novate from paying Life Church, South Bedfordshire. We are grateful for the ongoing support from Life Church as we continue to try to novate the remaining sponsors to Tesfa, a process that started in late 2018 - it is expected that the Life Church bank account will be closed by the end of FY22 with more than adequate notice to be given to the remaining seven sponsors to migrate across to Tesfa's bank account if they so choose.

Payments

Operational costs of £4,035.56 increased marginally to 9.69% of total income - this includes £3,100 paid to the appointed Addis Ababa consultant for ongoing Monitoring & Evaluation of the two NGOs with whom we partner over the full year. This consultancy has become even more critical due to Covid travel restriction meaning we have had to be adaptive with all of the Trustees monitoring having to be 'remote'.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31st March 2021

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20
Petty Cash	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank Current Account balance	£ 3,105.36	£ 7,296.34	£ 10,401.70	£ 11,822.78
Total	£ 3,105.36	£ 7,296.34	£ 10,401.70	£ 11,822.78
Current assets / equipment (All assets listed within detailed accounts)			£ -	£ -
Land (none)			£ -	£ -
Buildings (none)			£ -	£ -
Liabilities (No known liabilities)			£ -	£ -
			£ 10,401.70	£ 11,822.78