

# Rights Realization Centre (RRC)

*Registered: 24 May 2018; charity registration number: 1178519*

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period: 1 January - 31 December 2023

### 1 - Overview

This report covers 1 January - 31 December 2023. The governing document for the RRC, which is a CIO, is its "constitution", accessible at: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vOe8QkiMNzZRuCi3OcI\\_wdGiGo-blicMhyNoUUF4AsI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vOe8QkiMNzZRuCi3OcI_wdGiGo-blicMhyNoUUF4AsI/edit?usp=sharing)

The trustees continued to engage with partners on a voluntary basis, seeking to fulfil the organisation's mission of awareness-raising by contributing to publications about the human rights situation in specific Middle Eastern countries.

As indicated in the Charity Commission's online questions relating to finances, the Rights Realisation Centre (RRC) did not make or spend; solicit or receive any funding in 2023. We do not have volunteers as we, ourselves, carry out this work - at the moment - voluntarily.

**1.2 - Publications** - Team members contributed to the following, five, publicly available documents in 2023:

**(1) - 27 April 2023:** Sudan: Urgently convene a special session of the Human Rights Council and establish an investigative mechanism / MENA Rights Group joined 90+ organisations in urging Member States of the UN Human Rights Council to convene a special session and establish an investigative mechanism to address the human rights crisis and conflict in Sudan.

Joint signatory:

<https://menarights.org/en/articles/sudan-urgently-convene-special-session-human-rights-council-and-establish-investigative>

**(2) - 1 May 2023:** UAE must open up civic space and release human rights defenders ahead of COP28 / ISHR joins SANID petition calling on the UAE to open up civic space and release human rights defenders from arbitrary detention.

Joint signatory: <https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/joint-statement-uae-human-rights-record-ahead-of-cop28/>

Also at: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/05/01/joint-statement-uae-human-rights-record-ahead-cop28>

**(3) - 1 September 2023:** The Human Rights Council should establish an independent mechanism on Sudan / Open Letter To Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council (Geneva, Switzerland)

Joint signatory: <https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/the-human-rights-council-should-establish-an-independent-mechanism-on-sudan/>

**(4) - 23 October 2023:** Bahrain's and Egypt's National Human Rights Institutions do not meet minimal standards - *A group of civil society organisations, including ISHR, sent a joint letter to the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) as Bahrain and Egypt's National Human Rights Institutions fail to comply with Paris Principles. Read the letter below.*

Joint signatory: <https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/bahrain-and-egypts-national-human-rights-institutions-do-not-comply-with-the-paris-principles/>

**(5) - 27 December 2023:** Urgent appeal for justice: condemning the unjust prosecution of dozens of Emiratis in the UAE (Access Now and others)

Joint signatory: <https://www.accessnow.org/press-release/prosecution-of-emiratis-uae/>

## 2 - Trustees' Annual Report (using template from the Charity Commission website)

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The RRC's charitable objects (from Charity Commission website)</p> <p>To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) throughout the world in particular but not exclusively in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa regions, by any of the following means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research into human rights issues;</li> <li>• Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters;</li> <li>• Promoting public support for human rights;</li> <li>• Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations; and</li> <li>• International advocacy of Human Rights</li> </ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	RRC joined and supported joint statements and other texts in relation to the promotion and protection of international human rights standards, notably with respect to countries in the Horn of Africa and the MENA region.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	To the best of the Chair's knowledge, RRC has adhered to the guidance in relation to public benefit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not relevant; we make no grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not relevant
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trustees contributed their time voluntarily.
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its	Para 1.20	In the reporting period, RRC joined the initiatives of others and co-sponsored several in order to advance the promotion and protection of international human rights standards.

beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.		
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#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not relevant; RRC did not try to raise funds
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not relevant; we have no investments
Other		

#### Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Trustees continue to be engaged on a voluntary basis
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Not relevant
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0 (zero)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We continue to engage on a voluntary basis
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	0 (zero)
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not relevant; we are keen to continue and to consider expanding.

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Not relevant; we have not sought funding
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	1.46	Not relevant
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As we continue to engage on a voluntary basis, there are no immediate risks.
Other		

#### Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO

(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)		
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Adoption by acclamation and/or discussion

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustee	Para 1.51	None yet, but we have adopted a 'code of conduct'
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	RRC remains 4 trustees engaged on a voluntary basis and engages with the wider human rights community through the trustees' own professional links.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not relevant.
Other		

#### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rights Realization Centre
Other name the charity uses	RRC
Registered charity number	1178519
Charity's principal address	17, Leswin Road, London, N16 7NL

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Drewery Dyke	Chairperson	Since 24 May 2018	
2	Robert Bain	Trustee	Since 24 May 2018	
3	Abdul-Mitaal Girshab	Trustee	Since 24 May 2018	
4	Nadia Shehadeh	Trustee	Since 24 May 2018	

#### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	Not relevant
Not relevant / none	Not relevant

#### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not relevant / none		

#### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not relevant / none
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not relevant / none
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not relevant / none

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information) - Not relevant / none

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information) - Not relevant / none

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details - Not relevant / none

Other optional information - Not relevant / none

### **Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) - Drewery Dyke (by computer)

Full name(s) - Drewery Dyke

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) - Chairperson

Date - 30 October 2024

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