

AL-AJAR CHARITY & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1180851

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-11-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH:(A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;(B) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.(2) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN MARRAKESH PARTICULARLY BUT NOT LIMITED TO THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, ITEMS, EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Activities: Our Mission - Al-Ajar Foundation has been committed to making a difference to those less fortunate than us. We are a 100% volunteer run poverty relief organisation. We are currently involved in a number of charity & education projects from Orphan sponsorship, food distributions, medicine aid to water well constructions in various famine, poverty stricken areas around the World.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Guinea-bissau
- Morocco
- Pakistan
- The Gambia
- Turkey
- Calderdale

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-02-01 | £156,977 | £161,584 | - | - |
| 2024-02-01 | £334,886 | £307,283 | - | - |
| 2023-02-01 | £153,192 | £182,719 | - | - |
| 2022-02-01 | £126,198 | £83,953 | - | - |
| 2021-02-01 | £104,796 | £79,294 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| Mohammed Ozair | Chair | 2012-01-29 |
| Kashif Mohammed | | 2021-03-17 |
| Mohammed Husnain | | 2021-03-17 |
| Salim El Khchin | | 2021-03-15 |

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Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025

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Charity Information

Charity name

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation

Charity registration number

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Trustees Report for 2024 – 25

About Al Ajar Charity and Education Foundation

Aims, objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to help young people progress in life through:

- (a) Provision of recreational sports and leisure activities aimed at promoting social welfare, designed to keep individuals active and in safe environments.
- (b) Empowering communities by providing young people with access to activities that develop their skills and capabilities, enabling them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- (c) Alleviating poverty by providing financial assistance and access to education and support services for communities and children not only in the UK but also in The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Pakistan, Türkiye, Sudan and Syria. This support targets those facing poverty and various adversities, such as lack of education, ill health, marginalisation, and the aftermath of war and natural disasters.

Public benefit statement

The above section of this report sets out the aims and priorities of the Charity. The Trustees have considered this matter, in line with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and have concluded:

- a) That the aims of the Charity continue to be charitable.
- b) That the aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector both directly and indirectly to individuals in need.
- c) That the benefits are for the public and are not unreasonably restricted in any way.
- d) That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities

Chairperson's Message

As we reflect on another transformative year for the Al Ajar Foundation, it is evident that our achievements stem from our unwavering dedication and the strength of our community. Our journey, beginning as a small yet passionate group, has evolved into a significant international charity, united by our mission to support those in need.

Our commitment to community development remains strong. In Calderdale, we continue vital projects focused on community engagement, education, and sports, while expanding our international reach to alleviate poverty. We successfully expanded our efforts to two new areas and launched new orphan support and food bank programmes in Syria and Morocco. Our support for displaced individuals in West Africa and refugees in Türkiye is ongoing, alongside the distribution of thousands of food parcels and school meals in Pakistan, The

Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, and famine-affected areas. Our fundraising for a new school in Guinea-Bissau aims to educate 300 children, primarily orphans, while our water projects continue to provide safe drinking water across Morocco, West Africa, and Pakistan, thanks to our generous donor network in the UK.

Enrollment at our Primary School in The Gambia has increased, creating new educational opportunities for children. As we aid a growing number of individuals, including orphans, refugees, widows, and the homeless - we are deeply grateful for the compassion and support of our donors. As the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "The best of people are those that bring the most benefit to others." We remain committed to fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to us and a reminder on just how special the team is at Al-Ajar; how remarkable our donors are; and indeed, a profound reminder that our need to serve others is the greatest level of fulfilment anyone can achieve.

Thank you,
Mohammed Ozair
Chairperson

Al Ajar Charity and Education Foundation Trustees Report for 2024-25

Achievements and Performance

In this reporting period, we have amplified our commitment to empower children and young people across our six operational sites. Through our orphan sponsorship, food programs, and educational initiatives, we tailor support to meet individual needs based on local conditions. Our dedicated volunteers on the ground continually assess these needs, ensuring that each child in our program remains engaged in their education.

This year was marked by increased fundraising efforts, reflecting in a substantial growth of both income and expenditure. We raised significant funds that have allowed us to broaden the scope and impact of our initiatives.

Türkiye

Our partnership with Karim Home has remained strong, with ongoing assistance to the orphanage for operational costs, including rent and essentials for the children. We arranged visits in 2025 via our trustees, volunteers and donors to engage directly with families and children who are still in need. While we lost one cancer center, our commitment to providing care continues unabated, as we operate in the region to supporting orphans, cancer patients and those living in temporary camps many of whom are refugees. Distributions of cash donations, food, and clothing fulfill Zakat obligations, reinforcing our role in social welfare. Our Qurbani programme continued here.

Morocco

Hospital of Hope (Enfant Espoire - Abandoned Babies Project)

In Morocco, where abandonment rates are still alarming, we have committed to fundraise and visit the project via our young leaders and volunteers who visit during the summer holidays to see and support the development. Enhancements at the Abandoned Babies Centre have included the development of an enriching play area and the provision of toys and sensory equipment as well as vital funds to sponsor the abandoned babies and toddlers. The centre is currently home to 30 children in 2025.

Dar-ul-Tifl Orphanage

We successfully completed a renovation of classroom facilities at the Dar-ul-Tifl orphanage, as well as a new Basketball playing facility benefiting 300 children with updated furnishings, promoting a conducive learning environment. Complementing this, we supplied sports equipment for the Physical Education department, encouraging active lifestyles among the children.

The Association for taking care of Orphans and Widows

We have continued our fruitful partnership with The Association, dedicated to supporting orphans and widows in Marrakech. This year, their commendable efforts have aided over a thousand families through initiatives such as food vouchers and household supplies. Each sponsored orphan, including those under our charity's care, continues to receive quality education and recognition for their achievements. Additionally, we visited some of the earthquake affected villages in the Atlas Mountains to provide aid and develop a solar panel water system to provide clean drinking water to the region. This project was supported by a number of charities coming together including the Unique Children's Charity.

Pakistan: Orphans, Water, and Food Programs

In Pakistan, our investment largely continues to focus on food assistance and educational initiatives. We have maintained our commitment to constructing boreholes and water filtration systems in the Cholistan-Thar region. During Ramadan, we delivered food baskets to support Iftar programs, promoting equality during the fasting period. We completed the building of a new mosque and educational center, which benefits orphans and the needy with free education and resources. Al-Ajar was on hand to support the victims of the Floods and this year we built new homes for some of the most needy families who had no support systems after losing everything to the floods.

Guinea-Bissau: Education and Nutrition Focus

This year, we embarked on a crucial initiative in Guinea-Bissau, emphasising education and nutrition. We launched an ambitious project to plan and build a school that will provide essential educational resources for up to 300 of the most impoverished children in the area. The school is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment, fostering access to quality education for a brighter future. The programme has slowed down due to a lack of

funds, however through fundraising challenges we hope to complete the project and visit the School later this year. We have continued our food bank and hot meal programme here.

The Gambia: Orphan Sponsorship, Education, and Water Projects

Our educational programs are making a significant impact through our school, which offers free education and nutritious meals to refugees and children in underserved areas. Our Primary school located in Kaling Village has become very popular and continues to increase enrollment. Our water projects via the solar powered bore wells continue to provide for and develop communities who are in need. We managed to build a further 10 water projects this year through donor sponsorships. This initiative is integral to our long-term development strategy, as each borehole is designed to function effectively for approximately a decade without significant repairs.

Key Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees regularly review the major risks facing the Charity, particularly those related to its operations and finances. They are satisfied with the systems in place to mitigate the Charity's exposure to these risks. Our risk management strategy includes:

- A regular review of potential risks the Charity may encounter, along with site visits and updated risk assessments for any new activities, organised events, or visits.
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of current systems and procedures to address the risks identified in the strategy.
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity if these risks materialise.

The Trustees will conduct regular reviews of this strategy to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

Organisational Structure

The Charity was founded and is based in Halifax, West Yorkshire, and operates in partnership with local organisations both in the UK and internationally. The Trustees oversee the governance of the Charity, while day-to-day management is carried out by the Trustees and a volunteer-run management committee. Each project has a designated project lead and a group of experienced volunteers who reports back to the management committee.

Project Leads and Volunteers

We take pride in operating without any project leads or paid staff. The Charity thrives on the generous contributions of a committed team of dedicated volunteers who share responsibilities and collaborate to fulfill our mission. Our revamped website opens up a volunteering programme for people to come and see the poverty relief work at first hand. The Chair oversees this invaluable volunteer team, and the Trustees extend their sincere gratitude to all volunteers, whose efforts are vital to the Charity's success.

Governance, Administration, and Monitoring

In 2024, we revisited our organisational agreements and collaborative efforts with partners, alongside essential policies and procedures. We consistently monitor our operations to ensure alignment with our charitable objectives, as stated at the beginning of this report. Comprehensive due diligence checks on all project documentation are performed, and our devoted volunteers conduct in-person visits to international sites to confirm that funds are utilised as intended and to identify additional support needs. These visits also include quality assessments of services, which are shared with beneficiaries, together with evaluations of the financial support provided. This year's assessments were conducted by volunteers in Pakistan, Gaziantep, The Gambia, Türkiye, and Morocco.

Al-Ajar is entrusted by our donors to support orphans and widows, and we uphold strict expenditure controls. We aim to keep associated costs to a minimum, as all administrative work is carried out entirely by volunteers, resulting in significant savings. While we diligently strive to reduce our administrative expenses, we acknowledge the necessity of investing in thorough monitoring, assessment, and enhancement of our work with beneficiaries, which includes expenses for local volunteers and the development of appropriate policies and procedures.

The Charity does not deduct any fees from Zakat donations; all administrative costs are managed through our fundraising activities, including sports events, and Gift Aid. For the fiscal year 2024-25, the Trustees have decided that all administrative expenses will be covered from Gift Aid income. This strategy enables us to allocate 100% of charity and Zakat donations directly to our poverty relief initiatives.

Our project development and grassroots activities are characterised by transparency and inclusivity. We are committed to conducting our fundraising efforts in a manner that is respectful, open, honest, and accountable to the public, fostering scrutiny and engagement from all stakeholders.

Financial Review

The Trustees routinely evaluate the risks faced by the Charity and actively monitor our available reserves, as sustaining our sponsorship projects is a significant commitment. Our activities proceed only when adequate funds are secured. The Trustees have resolved to maintain a minimal reserve of £60,000 to accommodate contingencies and support ongoing poverty relief initiatives across our six locations including the running of our Schools, support centers and food banks.

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Appeals and donations | 156,977 | 334,896 |
| Total resources expended | | |
| Direct costs | | |
| Projects and relief | 149,988 | 301,877 |
| Accountancy | 240 | 240 |
| Hire of facilities | 2,600 | 3,111 |
| Charitable activities | 8,756 | 1,692 |
| Insurance | - | 363 |
| | <u>161,584</u> | <u>307,283</u> |
| Profit/loss for the year | <u><u>(4,607)</u></u> | <u><u>27,613</u></u> |

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Balance Sheet
for the year 2nd February 2024 to 1st February 2025

| | Note | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|---------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | <u>96,602</u> | <u>101,209</u> |
| | | <u>96,602</u> | <u>73,596</u> |
| Creditors | | | |
| Accrued expenses | | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| | | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| | | <u>96,362</u> | <u>100,969</u> |
| Net business assets represented by | | | |
| Capital account: | | | |
| Balance brought forward | | 100,969 | 73,356 |
| Net profit or loss | | (4,607) | 27,613 |
| | | <u>96,362</u> | <u>100,969</u> |

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mohammed Husnain
Trustee

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 1st February 2025

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Al Ajar Charity and Education Foundation Trustees Report for 2022 – 23

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Chairperson's Message

As we reflect on the progress of Al Ajar Foundation this past year, it is clear that our success is rooted in unwavering dedication and a strong sense of community. What began as a small group of passionate young individuals has transformed into an impactful international charity, driven by the same ideals and commitment to support those in need.

This year, a significant portion of our efforts was devoted to addressing the profound aftermath of the devastating earthquake in eastern Türkiye. Sadly, this disaster claimed not only our Cancer Centre but also the life of one of our dedicated leaders for the Karim Home Orphanage in Gaziantep and Cancer Centre in central Hatay. In response to this tragedy, we organised three visits by our trustees and donors to the affected areas, ensuring that we could assess the damage firsthand and provide the necessary support to those impacted.

These visits reinforced our resolve to rebuild and adapt; honoring the memory of those we lost by continuing their vital work.

Our ongoing commitment to community development has not wavered. We continue to execute vital projects in Calderdale, including regular community engagement, educational initiatives, and sports activities, while simultaneously expanding our reach as an international poverty relief charity. Our work with displaced refugees in West Africa and the Syrian refugees in Turkey remains steadfast, along with the thousands of food parcels and school dinners being provided in Pakistan, The Gambia, Guinea- Bissau and the Sahara Desert.

We are continuing our work in south east Turkiye where we have set up a number of camps and food banks for those displaced whilst we look for a new home for the Orphans from Karim Home. Additionally, we have initiated fundraising efforts for a new school in Guinea-Bissau, aimed at educating 300 children and young people, primarily orphans. Our water projects, which provide safe drinking water in famine-affected regions of Morocco, West Africa, and Pakistan, continue to thrive, garnering support from our growing donor communities here in the UK.

This past year has also seen an increase in enrollment at our Primary School in The Gambia, offering new educational opportunities to children and fostering hope for a brighter future. As the number of those we serve—including orphans, refugees, widows, and the homeless—continues to grow, so too has the compassion and generosity of our donors, both in the UK and abroad.

We take the responsibility entrusted to us by our trustees and donor community seriously, pledging to sustain and expand our efforts in serving humanity. To all our donors, supporters, volunteers, and friends, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued encouragement and generosity. It is through your kindness that we can bring smiles to the faces of some of the most vulnerable members of our society and work together to make the world a better place.

Thank you

Mohammed Ozair
Chairperson

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation

Al Ajar Charity and Education Foundation Trustees Report for 2023-24

Achievements and Performance

In this reporting year, we have significantly intensified our efforts to support and empower children and young people across our six operational sites through our orphan sponsorship, food programs, and educational initiatives. Each child receives varying levels of assistance based on their individual needs and local conditions. Our dedicated local volunteers assess the appropriate support, with some beneficiaries receiving a fixed monthly stipend to help cover education, food, clothing, and other essential needs. We closely monitor the progress of these children, as communicated by our on-ground partners, ensuring that every child in our program remains engaged in their education.

This year has been our busiest yet, marked by an almost doubling of our income and expenditure compared to previous years, thanks to increased fundraising initiatives and activity by trustees, volunteers and donors.

Türkiye

In 2023, we focused significantly on relief efforts following the devastating earthquake in Türkiye, which has consumed much of our calendar year. We raised and allocated £242,499.01 to support affected communities by setting up camps and tents for the homeless, medical camps, food banks and several soup kitchens. Our partnership with Karim Home in Gaziantep continued as we assisted with the orphanage's operational costs, including rent, utilities, food, and clothing for the children. Notably, we visited in February, March and July, organising fundraising activities and directly engaging with impacted children and families.

We lost one of our cancer centers in Hatay to the earthquake; however we continued to operate from a second building which we have rented for 12 months providing essential care for cancer patients, many of whom are Syrian refugees. We are committed to supporting these individuals long-term. Our distribution of cash donations, food, and clothes allows our donors to fulfill their Zakat obligations, reinforcing its role as social welfare. We also conducted Qurbani for Eid ul-Adha and distributed Zakat for Eid ul-Fitr.

Morocco

Hospital of Hope (Enfant Espoire - Abandoned Babies Project)

In Morocco, where recent studies indicate that 2 in 100 children are abandoned, we remain committed to our work. In 2023, we spent £13,798.93. Our efforts are guided by data from UNICEF, which shows that nearly half of all abandoned children are cared for in institutions, with many facing adverse circumstances. The Abandoned Babies Centre received over £3,000 for the development of an outdoor play area, creating a safe and stimulating environment for the babies to explore and play. We also donated over toys and sensory equipment to enhance their developmental experiences.

Dar-ul-Tifl

This year, the Al Ajar Foundation facilitated the renovation of another new education facility at the Dar-ul-Tifl orphanage, benefiting 300 children with new tables and chairs. This vibrant and inspiring environment fosters their intellectual growth. Additionally, we provided the Physical Education department with a range of sports equipment, encouraging physical activity and promoting a healthier lifestyle among the children.

The Association for taking care of Orphans and Widows

We continued our long-standing partnership with The Association, which takes care of orphans and widows in Marrakech. They do an excellent job of supporting over a thousand families of widows and orphans by providing food vouchers, household goods, and ensuring that each sponsored orphan, including those supported by our charity, receives a quality education and is rewarded for their achievements. We also donated £10,000 to refurbish a large centre which will now be used for extracurricular classes by the orphans and a training centre for widows to upskill and find work locally.

Pakistan

Orphans, Water, and Food Programs

In Pakistan, we spent a total of £17,400. A large portion of these funds was allocated to food and education programs. We have continued our efforts to construct boreholes and water filtration systems in the Cholistan-Thar region. Throughout Ramadan, we delivered food baskets to support Iftar programs, ensuring fair participation in fasting. We have been supporting the construction of a new Mosque and educational centre build where work is now almost complete.

Guinea Bissau

In our ongoing commitment to support the most vulnerable communities, we have initiated significant aid work in Guinea-Bissau, focusing on education and nutrition. This year marks the beginning of our ambitious project to plan and build a school that will serve as a vital educational resource for 300 of the poorest children in the region. The school aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can access quality education and a brighter future. Additionally, recognising the urgent need during famine periods, we have been actively distributing hot meals and food packs to ensure that families receive essential nourishment. Through these efforts, we have invested £20,498 in aid, striving to uplift the community and foster sustainable development in Guinea-Bissau.

The Gambia

Orphan Sponsorship, Education, and Water Projects

This year, we allocated a total of £4,748.09 towards the running of our school that offers free education and daily nutritious meals to refugees and children in a high-deprivation area. We have proudly enrolled 150 children, 85 of whom previously had no access to education. The school in Kaling Village features four large, fully equipped classrooms, a wash area, a teacher's office, a kitchen, and an outdoor dining area. We also have land for future expansion and the development of an outdoor play area.

Water Is Life Project

By constructing boreholes and community wells, we are ensuring sustainable access to clean drinking water for countless communities. Our partnerships with local organisations enable us to manage costs effectively, and this year, we successfully completed six boreholes and water wells, benefiting over 600 people daily. This initiative is part of our long-term development plans, as each borehole has a lifespan of approximately ten years without requiring significant repairs.

Key Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees regularly review the major risks facing the Charity, particularly those related to its operations and finances. They are satisfied with the systems in place to mitigate the Charity's exposure to these risks. Our risk management strategy includes:

- A regular review of potential risks the Charity may encounter, along with site visits and updated risk assessments for any new activities, organised events, or visits.
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of current systems and procedures to address the risks identified in the strategy.
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity if these risks materialise.

The Trustees will conduct regular reviews of this strategy to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

Organisational Structure

The Charity was founded and is based in Halifax, West Yorkshire, and operates in partnership with local organisations both in the UK and internationally. The Trustees oversee the governance of the Charity, while day-to-day management is carried out by the Trustees and a volunteer-run management committee.

Project Leads and Volunteers

We are proud to operate entirely without any project leads, helpers, or volunteers on the payroll. The Charity relies on the generous support of a dedicated team of selfless volunteers who share responsibilities and tasks to achieve our aims and objectives. The Chair manages

this volunteer team, and the Trustees extend their heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers, whose contributions are essential to the Charity's operations.

Governance, Administration, and Monitoring

In 2023, we reviewed our organisational agreements and areas of collaboration with partners, along with key policies and procedures. We implement consistent monitoring of our operations to ensure they align with our charitable objectives, as outlined at the beginning of this report. Due diligence checks on all project documentation are conducted, and our dedicated volunteers personally visit international sites to verify that funds are spent as intended and to identify additional support needs. These visits include assessments of service quality, which are shared with beneficiaries, along with evaluations of financial support provided. This year, similar visits and assessments were conducted by volunteers in Pakistan, Gaziantep, Türkiye and Morocco.

Al-Ajar is entrusted by our donors to provide support to orphans and widows, and we maintain strict controls over expenditures. We strive to keep associated costs to a minimum, as all administrative work is conducted entirely by volunteers, which ultimately saves thousands of pounds. While we work diligently to minimise our administrative expenses, we also recognise the importance of monitoring, assessing, and improving our work with beneficiaries, necessitating investment in thorough due diligence, local volunteer expenses, and the establishment of appropriate policies and procedures.

The Charity does not deduct any fees from Zakat donations; all administrative costs are covered by our fundraising activities through the Saturday school, Sports and Gift aid. For the year 2023-24, the Trustees agreed that all administrative expenses will be drawn from gift-aid income. This approach allows us to allocate 100% of charity and Zakat donations directly to our poverty relief projects.

Our project development and grassroots activities remain transparent and inclusive. We are committed to ensuring that our fundraising efforts are respectful, open, honest, and accountable to the public, allowing for scrutiny and engagement from stakeholders.

Financial Review

The Trustees regularly assess the risks faced by the Charity and actively monitor the available reserves, as sustaining our sponsorship projects represents a significant commitment. Our work proceeds only when adequate funds are available. The Trustees have determined to maintain a minimal reserve of £50,000 to cover contingencies and support ongoing poverty relief projects across our six sites.

The cost of public liability and volunteer insurance amounted to £363.20.

At the end of the financial year, the Charity had a closing balance of £101,209.40

The Trustees are confident that the funds received have been utilised effectively in line with our charitable objectives.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year 2nd February 2023 to 1st February 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Appeals and donations | 334,896 | 126,198 |
| Total resources expended | | |
| Direct costs | | |
| Projects and relief | 301,877 | 80,215 |
| Accountancy | 240 | 240 |
| Hire of facilities | 3,111 | 1,070 |
| Advertising | 1,692 | 2,114 |
| Insurance | 363 | 314 |
| | <u>307,283</u> | <u>83,953</u> |
| Profit/loss for the year | <u><u>27,613</u></u> | <u><u>42,245</u></u> |

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Balance Sheet
for the year 2nd February 2023 to 1st February 2024

| | Note | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 101,209 | 73,596 |
| | | <u>101,209</u> | <u>73,596</u> |
| Creditors | | | |
| Accrued expenses | | 240 | 240 |
| | | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| | | <u>100,969</u> | <u>73,356</u> |
| Net business assets represented by | | | |
| Capital account: | | | |
| Balance brought forward | | 73,356 | 102,883 |
| Net profit or loss | | 27,613 | (29,527) |
| | | <u>100,969</u> | <u>73,356</u> |

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mohammed Husnain
Trustee

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Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1180851

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Business Information

Charity name

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation

Charity registration number

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About Al Ajar Charity and Education Foundation

Aims, objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to help young people progress in life through:

- (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to help keep them active and in safe environments
- (b) to empower communities by providing young people with access to activities which develop their skills and capabilities and enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- (c) To alleviate poverty by providing financial assistance and access to education to communities and orphans not just in the UK, but also in The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Pakistan, Türkiye and Egypt. To those facing poverty and other adversity such as lack of education, ill health, marginalisation and natural disaster aftermath.

Public benefit statement

The above section of this report sets out the aims and priorities of the Charity.

The Trustees have considered this matter, in line with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and have concluded:

- * That the aims of the Charity continue to be charitable.
- * That the aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector both directly and indirectly to individuals in need.
- * That the benefits are for the public and are not unreasonably restricted in any way.
- * That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

Chairpersons message

Al Ajar Foundations current standing is the result of years of hard work and community cohesion.

From what started as a group of young people in a classroom, to a charity operating internationally by the same young people who now run projects in each of the countries we operate in, it is a testament to what can be achieved when we invest in our youth. We work together to give back to our community as responsible citizens and go above and beyond by taking the same passion to some of the poorest regions in the world. We continue to deliver our grassroots provisions here in Calderdale with our regular community development, education and sports activities as well as growing as an international poverty relief charity.

We continued our work with displaced refugees in West Africa and the Syrian refugees in Turkey as well as the thousands of food parcels and school dinners we have been providing in Pakistan, The Gambia and Sahara Desert.

Last year we opened two cancer centres to house patients undergoing chemotherapy in South Turkey and initiated fundraising for a new school in Guinea-Bissau to host and educate 300 children and young people, mainly orphans.

Water projects providing safe drinking water in the famine regions of Morocco, West Africa and Pakistan are popular in the Muslim community here in the UK and continue to grow and thrive as donors continue to support this cause. Our Primary school in Gambia has enrolled more children on to education programmes - giving them new opportunities and a fair chance to succeed in life.

As a charity we gained massive momentum this year as our beneficiaries including orphans, refugees, widows, homeless and the neediest grew into their thousands. This was met with sympathy and willingness to help by our donors here in the UK and abroad. We take this huge responsibility seriously for our trustees and donor community as we continue to serve humanity and sustain the growing projects. To all our donors, supporters, volunteers and well-wishers, I thank you for your continued support throughout the years and now. It is through your kindness and charity; we are able to put smiles on the faces of some of the most vulnerable people and make the world a better place.

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Achievement and performance

This reporting year, we continued to support and work with children and young people across our 6 sites in our orphan sponsorship, food programmes & education projects. Each child has a different level of support dependant on individual and area needs, we work with our local volunteers to determine the level of support needed with some receiving a fixed monthly stipend contributing towards their education, food, clothing and other necessities. The progress of these children is measured and communicated to us by our partners on the ground, who maintain that each child on the programme remain in education as a minimum.

Our fundraising & sponsored challenges which included the Istanbul Marathon allowed us to raise extra funds with which we were able to enhance the care provided and tap into a wider reach of donor participation. Our Orphan support sites include two sites in Morocco, the Sahara, Pakistan, Turkey, The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau

Turkey

Karim Home Orphanage and Cancer Centres for Syrian refugees

2022 marked the second year of Al Ajar working in Türkiye. The team fundraised and spent £81,134.97 here. Our work with Karim Home in Gaziantep continued as we helped the orphanage with running costs towards rent, utilities and clothing and food for the children. We had two visits in April and November. In November the team ran in the Istanbul Marathon as a fundraiser for the orphanage. During this visit we also took some of the children out to a shopping centre where we bought new clothes and sport equipment for them. During our stay we also distributed food packs and cash handouts to families living in poverty

We also have two cancer centres which house and look after cancer patients in a safe environment while they undergo their treatments. The cancer centres are in Hatay where a big proportion of the population is Syrian refugees that have fled the war and are suffering with long term physical and mental effects of the war. The team have seen first-hand the conditions that these people are living in and for us this will be a long-term project. We continued giving out money in envelopes to the families at the request of our donors so they could fulfil their obligation of Zakat. In situations like this it is clear Zakat is more than a religious obligation, it is a form of social welfare which benefits communities.

Morocco

Hospital of Hope (Enfant Espoire - Abandoned Babies Project)

Based on recent studies, 2 in 100 children are abandoned in Morocco, a statistic that initiated our work here. In 2009, UNICEF relied on hospital and community sources to identify the number of abandoned children. For children placed in an institution, almost half of them are cared for through care, and around 8 out of 100 children are looked after by their relatives. Also, 37 out of 100 children remain in the host institution, and 8 out of 100 children sadly die. We spent £25,778.89 in Morocco.

Dar-ul-Tifl

This year Al Ajar Foundation was able to help renovate a classroom at the children's orphanage, Dar-ul-Tifl, providing 300 learners with brand new tables and chairs. The classroom now provides a vibrant and inspiring learning environment for the children, fostering their intellectual growth and development. Additionally, we supplied the Physical Education department with a range of sports equipment, enabling the children to engage in various physical activities, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. The orphanage was already excelling in all areas and these improvements will enhance its work further.

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Enfant Espoire - Abandoned Babies Project

The Abandoned Babies Centre received over £3,000 for the development of an outdoor play area. The funds were utilised to create a safe and stimulating environment where the babies can explore, play, and develop their gross motor skills. Furthermore, we were able to donate over £1,000 worth of toys and sensory equipment, enriching their sensory experiences and providing them with opportunities for cognitive and emotional development.

Pakistan

Orphans, Water & food programmes

In Pakistan we spent a total of £23,550.00. A large proportion of this was for the Pakistan floods, where we provided food, sanitation kits and supported with sheltering people who lost their homes. We have continued to dig and build bore holes and water filtration systems in Cholistan –Thar. We delivered food baskets and parcels throughout Ramadhan again to aid the Iftar programmes for all to celebrate and participate fairly in the fasting. We conducted Qurbani for Eid ul-Adha and handed out a Zakat for Eid ul-Fitr.

The Gambia

Orphan Sponsorship, Education and Water projects

We spent a total of £13,816.19 which went towards the new build school which provides free education and daily healthy school dinners to refugees and children living in an area of high deprivation. We have now enrolled 130 children who attend regularly, of which 75 children had no access to education previously. The school is located in Kaling Village – it has 4 large classrooms which are fully equipped with tables, chairs, a wash area, teachers office, a kitchen and outdoor dining area. We have land available to expand in the future and to develop the outdoor play area.

Water Is Life Project

When we build a bore hole or a community well, we ensure communities have a sustainable source of clean water for years to come. Having good links with local partner organisations on the ground enables us to purchase materials and hire workers to keep costs to a minimal. This year we have completed 7 bore holes and water wells in the region which are now benefitting 7 different communities with clean drinking water. That's over 700 people who are benefitting on a daily basis. This is part of our long-term development plans for the area as on average a bore hole lasts for 10 years without needing any repairs or work done to it.

Key risks and uncertainties

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis, in particular those relating to its operations and finances. They are satisfied with the systems in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to the major risks. The risk management strategy comprises of

- * A regular review of the risks which the Charity may face, including an updated risk assessment of any new activity, organised event or visit.
- * The adequacy of current systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the strategy.
- * The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential risk on the Charity should any of those risks materialise.

The strategy will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

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Organisational structure

The Charity was founded and is based in Halifax, West Yorkshire. The Charity works with local organisations in Yorkshire and abroad. The Trustees are responsible for the governance of the Charity, and the day-to-day management is performed by the Trustees and a volunteer run management committee.

Project leads and volunteers

We are proud to continue 100% of our work without having any project lead, helper or volunteer on the payroll. The charity is run through the kind help of a team of selfless volunteers who share responsibilities and tasks to meet the charities aims and objectives. The team of volunteers are managed by the chair. The Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers without whom the Charity would not be able to run.

Governance, administration and monitoring

In 2022 the organisation's agreements and areas of work with partners were reviewed as well as a number of key organisational policies and procedures as well.

Monitoring of our work to ensure delivery is in line with our charitable objects as laid out at the beginning of the report is carried out consistently as well as due diligence checks on paper trails for all projects. Our dedicated volunteers personally visit our international sites to ensure money is being spent where we expected and to see if there is anything else we can do. These trips include an assessment of the quality of delivery which is shared with our beneficiaries along with an examination and review of the financial support offered. A similar visit and assessment was done by volunteers in Pakistan as well as in Gaziantep in Türkiye.

Al-Ajar is entrusted by donors to deliver to orphans and widows and we maintain strict controls on expenditure, striving to keep associated costs to a minimum and all staffing and admin work undertook on a generous 100% volunteer led basis - which ultimately makes us unique and saves thousands in expenses. Although we work hard to keep our administration costs to a minimum, we also value our commitment to ensuring that we are monitoring, assessing and improving our work with beneficiaries and this does require us to invest in thorough due diligence, local volunteer's expenses and appropriate policies and procedures.

The Charity does not make any deduction from Zakat donations. All admin expenditure is taken from our fundraising activities fees via the Saturday School. For the year 2022-23 it was agreed by trustees that all admin costs will be taken from gift-aid income. This allowed us to continue to spend 100% of charity & zakat donations on our poverty relief projects.

Our project development work & grassroots activities continue to be transparent and inclusive and we strive to ensure that our fundraising is respectful, open, honest and accountable to the public and open to scrutiny.

Financial review

The trustees regularly review the risks to the charity and are actively monitoring the reserves available to the charity as it is a significant commitment to sustain sponsorship projects, the work continues only when funds are available, the trustees have decided to keep a minimal reserve amount of £50,000 to cover contingencies & rolling poverty relief projects across 6 sites.

The charity relies fully on voluntary & grant making income which was £153,192.02 during 2022/23. The expenditure for the year was £182,718.82. In this Zakat expenditure totalled up to £152,540.07 and non-Zakat expenditure was £30,178.75. The total expenditure for community & education projects was £11,817.60. The expenditure for facilities & coach hires for our weekend youth & sports

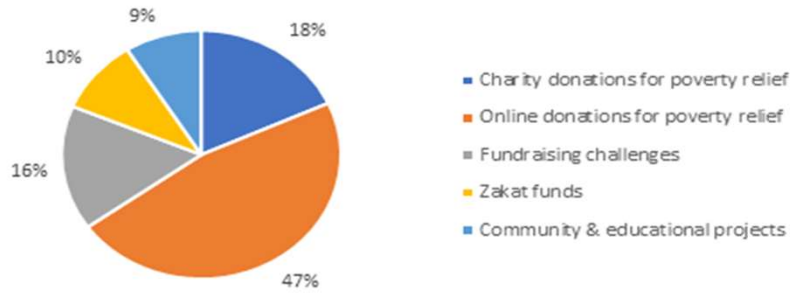
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provision totalled £3,016. This was paid for from non-charity enrolment income paid by the attendance fees. The Public liability & volunteers insurance cover costs amounted to £327.06 and were also covered by the Saturday school fees.

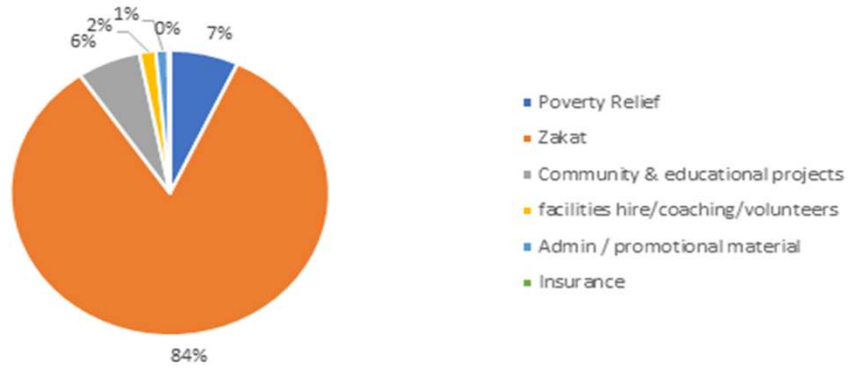
At the financial year end the charity had a closing balance of £73,596.20, of which unrestricted reserves were £3,203.63 & restricted reserves were £70,392.57.

The trustees are satisfied that the funds received have been applied in a wholly effective manner.

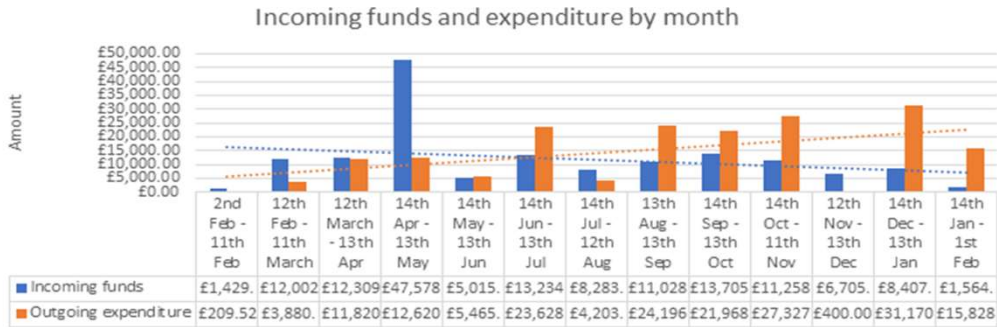
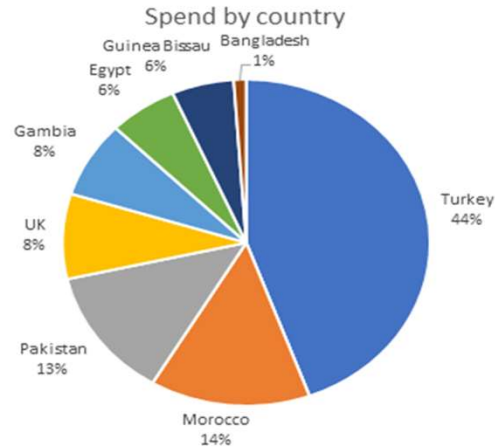
Incoming funds breakdown



Expenditure breakdown



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Statement of Financial Activities
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| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Appeals and donations | 153,192 | 126,198 |
| Total resources expended | | |
| Direct costs | | |
| Projects and relief | 176,698 | 80,215 |
| Accountancy | 240 | 240 |
| Hire of facilities | 3,416 | 1,070 |
| Advertising | 2,038 | 2,114 |
| Insurance | 327 | 314 |
| | <u>182,719</u> | <u>83,953</u> |
| Profit/loss for the year | <u><u>(29,527)</u></u> | <u><u>42,245</u></u> |

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Balance Sheet
for the year 2nd February 2022 to 1st February 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|---------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 73,596 | 103,123 |
| | | <u>73,596</u> | <u>103,123</u> |
| Creditors | | | |
| Accrued expenses | | 240 | 240 |
| | | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| | | <u>73,356</u> | <u>102,883</u> |
| Net business assets represented by | | | |
| Capital account: | | | |
| Balance brought forward | | 102,883 | 60,638 |
| Net profit or loss | | -29,527 | 42,245 |
| | | <u>73,356</u> | <u>102,883</u> |

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mohammed Husnain
Trustee

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
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Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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Fund accounting policy

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Incoming resources

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Resources expended

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Charity registration number

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Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation

Trustees' Report

ABOUT AL-AJAR CHARITY & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Aims, objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are;

(1) To advance in life and help young people through:

(a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

(b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(2) For the public benefit the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in particular but not exclusively in the UK, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Pakistan, Turkey and those classed as refugees without a home particularly but not limited to through the provision of services, items, education and financial assistance.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The section of this report above entitled 'aims, objectives and activities' sets out the aims and priorities of the Charity. The Trustees have considered this matter, in conjunction with the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and have concluded:

* That the aims of the Charity continue to be charitable;

* That the aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;

* That the benefits are for the public, and are not unreasonably restricted in any way.

* That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

CHAIRPERSONS MESSAGE

This year has been another exceptional year and I report as a proud chairperson on behalf our charity which is making an impact in some of the poorest regions in the World. We have continued our grassroots work here in Calderdale with our regular community development, education and sports activities as well as growing as an international poverty relief charity.

We paid particular attention and tribute to the growing number of refugees who had been displaced in West Africa and the Syrian refugees in Turkey as well as serving thousands of food parcels and school dinners as part of our soup kitchens in the Sahara, Pakistan and The Gambia.

Our new build projects this year include the opening of a cancer centre for refugees and homeless in east Turkey and we have initiated fundraising for a new school in Guinea-Bissau which will host and educate over 300 children and young people, mainly orphans.

Al-Ajar has continued to sustain its water projects to provide drinking water by expanding and increasing the number of water facilities in the famine regions of Morocco, West Africa and Pakistan. Our primary school in The Gambia has enrolled more children on to education programmes - giving them new opportunities and a fair chance to succeed in life.

For a charity that started by a group of students in a classroom wanting to make a difference, I feel our journey and work as a whole grew massively this year as our beneficiaries including orphans, refugees, widows, homeless and the most needy grew in to their thousands. A fantastic achievement but also a huge responsibility for our trustees and donor community to continue to serve humanity and sustain the growing projects. With that in mind, I thank all our donors, supporters, volunteers and well wishers for your continued support all year round. It is through your hands, we are able to support and put smiles on the faces of some of the most vulnerable people on earth.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Here's a small snippet and information on some of our current projects. This reporting year, we continue to support and work with children and young people across 6 sites through our orphan sponsorship, food programmes & education projects. Each child has a different level of support dependant on individual and area needs with some receiving a fixed monthly stipend contributing towards their education, food, clothing and other necessities. The progress of these children is measured by our partners on the ground, who maintain that each child on the programme remain in education as a minimum.

Our Ramadhan fundraising campaign & sponsored challenges which included Tough Mudder and the Marathon run in Istanbul has allowed us to raise extra funds with which we can supplement the care provided & allow for a wider reach of donor participation. Our Orphan support sites include Morocco (two sites), the Sahara, Turkey and now in the Gambia and Guinea-Bissau

Turkey – Karim Home Orphanage, Refugee support & small projects Istanbul

In April, after months of planning as promised we visited Karim Home to support the Needs of the Orphans. The orphanage that was set up to house, protect and raise children who have been orphaned by the war in Syria or were abandoned by their parents. We conducted a site visit and spent a week with the children and carers. It was very clear from the start they care very deeply about the children and that this isn't a job that they clock off from at the end of the day, they're here 24/7 for them.

During our trip to Gaziantep we worked with the Home to provide food packs to families in need, where the man of the house had died during the war leaving the widow to work and provide for the children or where families were just struggling financially. In each of the food packs we had flour, cooking oil, rice, sugar, salt, lentils, pasta, chicken and meat to name a few. With each food pack we also gave an envelope which donors had sent as Zakat or Sadaqah. Syrians are treated like second class citizens here, sending money to a Syrian in Turkey is a complicated process and then for them to withdraw that money is even more difficult due to arbitrary financial rules. Therefore the money given in envelopes will also provide the families with brief financial relief. In situations like this it is clear that zakat is more than a religious obligation, it is a form of social welfare which benefits communities.

Hospital of Hope (Enfant Espoire - Abandoned Babies Project)

Based on recent studies, 2 in 100 children are abandoned in Morocco, a number that drives us to continue to help with this youth-led project. In 2009, UNICEF relied on hospital and community sources to identify the number of abandoned children. For children placed in an institution, almost half of them are taken care of through care, and around 8 out of 100 children are taken care of by their families. Also, 37 out of 100 children remain in the host institution, and 8 out of 100 children sadly die.

Following contact with Enfant Espoire, we made a pledge to help the association to support abandoned new-borns until their adoption including disabled new-borns who have not had the chance to be adopted because of their various complex disabilities. For orphans with SEND, Al-Ajar has supported via the distribution of school supplies, medicine, clothing, food and support for educational activities. Donations made were used to develop the Hospital ward and support the health and wellbeing of all at the association. Equipment, toys, feeders, clothing and learning aids are replenished all year round through the vital donations from our donors here in the UK.

Pakistan Orphans, Water & Food programmes

We have continued to dig and build bore holes and water filtration systems in the desert of Pakistan in Cholistan, Tharpar. Our local volunteers in the region delivered food baskets and parcels throughout Ramadhan to aid the iftaar programmes for all to celebrate and participate fairly in the fasting. We conducted Qurbani for Eid ul-Adha and handed out a Zakat for Eid ul-fitr. The Charities current focus is the relief work and rebuild on the back of the devastating floods – We are building new homes and have set up medical camps in various regions for the most needy. Each new home is costing £2000 inclusive of materials and labour. We envisage the next 12 months to be key in rebuilding and restoring local communities.

Dar Ul Tifl Orphanage

We continued to support up to 300 orphans with their educational needs and sports development programme. The School continues to excel in all areas in the heart of Marrakech.

Having the right supplies is essential for teaching and learning to take place anywhere. We ensure this can happen each year by providing a range of stationary equipment which include exercise books, pens, pencils, scissors, school bags amongst many other teaching resources. We have also helped renovate classrooms and provided the orphanage with whiteboards, tables and chairs to give learners a comfortable and realistic teaching experience.

The Association for taking care of Orphans Marrakech

Al-Ajar donated £10,000 to help refurbish a new support centre for Orphans and widows – this is now almost complete and ready to open. We are proud to sponsor and support the association to continue their hard work. Our monthly sponsorship project aims to relieve some of the hardship suffered by widows and their children. We aim to ensure the most vulnerable and isolated widows in and around Marrakesh have access to basic food and essential non-food items all year round.

The Gambia –Orphan Sponsorship, Education and Water projects

The new build school provides free education and daily healthy school dinners to refugees and children living in an area of high deprivation. We have now enrolled 150 children who attend regularly, of which 80 children had no access to education previously. The school is located in Kaling Village – it has 4 large classrooms which are fully kitted out with tables and chairs. A wash area, teachers office and a kitchen and outdoor dining area. This year we are hoping to develop an outdoor play area and a football pitch to increase play and sports amongst the children and young people.

Water Is Life Project

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KEY RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION & MONITORING

In 2021-22, the organisation's agreements and areas of work with partners were reviewed as well a number of key organisation policies and procedures.

Monitoring of our work to ensure delivery is in line with our charitable objects is carried out and due diligence checks through paper trail for all projects along with monitoring visits carried out by staff to the areas of need. Although this has been difficult to carry out due to the pandemic, we undertook a physical trip to Dar Ul-Tifl Orphanage and the Association for taking care of Orphans in Morocco. These trips included an assessment of the quality of delivery to our beneficiaries along with an examination and review of the financial support offered. A similar visit and assessment was done by volunteers in Pakistan as well as a initial visit to Istanbul and Gaziantep in Turkey.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees regularly review the risks to the charity and are actively monitoring the reserves available to the charity. As there are significant commitments to sustain sponsorship support projects and the work continues only when funds are available, the trustees have decided to keep a minimal reserve amount of £60,000 to cover contingencies & rolling poverty relief projects across our 6 main sites.

The charity relies fully on voluntary & grant making income which was £126,197.95 during 2021/22. The expenditure for the year was £83,953.36 on Poverty relief and Zakat projects. The expenditure for facilities & coach hires for our weekend youth & sports provision totalled £1,070, this was paid from non-charity enrolment income paid by the attendance fees. The Public liability & volunteers insurance cover costs amounted to £314.11 and were also covered by the Saturday school fees.

At the financial year end the charity had a closing balance of £103,122.59, of which unrestricted reserves were £6,665.55.

The trustees are satisfied that the funds received have been applied in a wholly effective manner.

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year 2nd February 2021 to 1st February 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Appeals and donations | 126,198 | 104,796 |
| Total resources expended | | |
| Direct costs | | |
| Projects and relief | 80,215 | 74,130 |
| Accountancy | 240 | 240 |
| Hire of facilities | 1,070 | 2,306 |
| Advertising | 2,114 | 2,346 |
| Insurance | 314 | 272 |
| | <u>83,953</u> | <u>79,294</u> |
| Profit/loss for the year | <u><u>42,245</u></u> | <u><u>25,502</u></u> |

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Balance Sheet
for the year 2nd February 2021 to 1st February 2022

| | Note | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 103,123 | 60,878 |
| | | <u>103,123</u> | <u>60,878</u> |
| Creditors | | | |
| Accrued expenses | | 240 | 240 |
| | | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| | | <u>102,883</u> | <u>60,638</u> |
| Net business assets represented by | | | |
| Capital account: | | | |
| Balance brought forward | | 60,638 | 35,136 |
| Net profit or loss | | 42,245 | 25,502 |
| | | <u>102,883</u> | <u>60,638</u> |

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mohammed Husnain
Trustee

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
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Basis of preparation

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Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

AL-AJAR CHARITY & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1180851

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1180851

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year 2nd February 2020 to 1st February 2021

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**Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Business Information**

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Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation

Charity registration number

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ABOUT AL-AJAR CHARITY & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Aims, objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are;

(1) To advance in life and help young people through:

(a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

(b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(2) For the public benefit the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in particular but not exclusively in Marrakesh particularly but not limited to through the provision of services, items, education and financial assistance.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The section of this report above entitled 'aims, objectives and activities' sets out the aims and priorities of the Charity.

The Trustees have considered this matter, in conjunction with the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and have concluded:

- That the aims of the Charity continue to be charitable;
- That the aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
- That the benefits are for the public, and are not unreasonably restricted in any way.
- That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

CHAIRPERSONS MESSAGE

Another proud year to report as chair for Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation and special in many ways. We have continued our grassroots work here in Calderdale with our community development activities and Covid response efforts as well as growing as a poverty relief charity across five sites internationally.

The charity continues to strive in its effort to provide relief of poverty and sickness anywhere in the world, and in particular, those affected by natural causes or by wars and conflicts either foreign or domestic by the provision of financial or other ongoing assistance.

We thank all our donors, supporters, volunteers and well-wishers. Through your hands, we are able to provide support to some of the most vulnerable people on earth, helping to remove the fear of hunger and start a cycle of poverty alleviation from the lives of men, women and children.

The Charity's view is that relief, as important as it is, is only the beginning. Giving people the confidence to participate in their own development and to secure their own future without the need for continuing external assistance is the ultimate goal. Our ethos is built around empowering young people and members of the communities around the world to become self-sufficient through education.

Our main area of work continues to be Orphan sponsorship, with particular focus on the education of those most in need, including orphans, anywhere in the world by the provision of financial aid, materials and the required tools and also through supporting orphans in orphanages, schools, colleges, training centres and universities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation continues its dedication to serving orphans and widows in 2020-21 with the continued growth of its one-to-one orphan sponsorship programme, increase in food parcel distributions to widows, the increase in work of its Water well & Solar panel project in West Africa & the Covid support & Extra-curricular activities here in Calderdale including its Saturday school, Sports & Volunteers programme.

This reporting year, we continue to support and work with children and young people across 5 sites through our orphan sponsorship & education programmes. Each child has a different level of support dependant on individual and area needs with some receiving a fixed monthly stipend contributing towards their education, food, clothing and other necessities. The progress of these children is measured by our partners on the ground, who maintain that each child on the programme remain in education as a minimum.

We strive to ensure that our children stay with extended family, where possible (Pakistan Orphan education and family support programme). The support we provide them allows them to send the child to school where in other circumstances they may be forced onto the streets to beg or into child labour which is an increased concerning case in The Gambia. The success of our orphan sponsorship programme is down to our generous donors, who undertake to provide these children with hope through their regular donations.

Our Ramadhan fundraising campaign & sponsored challenges has allowed us to raise extra funds with which we can supplement the care provided & allow for a wider reach of donor participation. Our Orphan support sites include Morocco (two sites), the Sahara, Pakistan, Palestine and The Gambia.

Covid-19 Community Response & Food bank

The Saturday Soup Kitchen was established in December 2017 where the charity has been working in partnership with JMAH, providing free hot meals on a weekly basis -, which includes meals for the needy, refugees and the most vulnerable in and around Park Ward, Halifax.

Since the start of the pandemic the soup kitchen has adapted through the lockdowns to provide these families with weekly essential food parcels. Initially we networked with the

local authority and with other local volunteer groups to deliver food parcels weekly from the kitchen to the doorsteps. As the pandemic eased the food parcel service became a pick-up provision which has continued and we now have families benefiting and collecting food parcels from our base on Hopwood Lane every Saturday.

In total over 1600 food parcels were delivered / collected as part of the food bank & £1500 worth of food vouchers were handed out over the Autumn/Winter period. Funding from the community fund along with reserves from the Saturday school fees were utilised to deliver this much needed project in the local community.

Hospital of Hope (Enfant Espoire - Abandoned Babies Project)

Based on recent studies, 2 in 100 children are abandoned in Morocco, a number that drives us to continue to help with this youth-led project. In 2009, UNICEF relied on hospital and community sources to identify the number of abandoned children. For children placed in an institution, almost half of them are taken care of through care, and around 8 out of 100 children are taken care of by their families. Also, 37 out of 100 children remain in the host institution, and 8 out of 100 children sadly die.

Following contact with Enfant Espoire, we made a pledge to help the association to support abandoned new-borns until their adoption including disabled new-borns who have not had the chance to be adopted because of their various complex disabilities. For disabled children and underprivileged children, Al-Ajar has supported via the distribution of school supplies, medicine, clothing, food and support for cultural and educational activities. Donations made were used to develop a garden to support the health and wellbeing of all at the association. Grass has been laid to make the area child friendly and benches and tables have been placed for dining and outdoor play. Administration equipment and a projector was purchased to assist families in the administrative process of adoption. A display cabinet has been funded for the association where they display items, they sell to generate money that is used for the babies.

Pakistan Orphan education & family support

Initially we made a commitment to sponsor a small number of Orphans who could not afford to enrol in to schools. We now Sponsor 116 young people of which the majority are girls, for whom we cover the cost of school tuition fees, uniform, books and stationery is sponsored. Zakat is given on a monthly basis to the child's mother or carer for daily food and groceries.

Dar Ul Tifl Orphanage

We continue to support up to 300 orphans with their educational needs and sports development programme.

Having the right supplies is essential for teaching and learning to take place anywhere. We ensure this can happen each year by providing a range of stationary equipment which include exercise books, pens, pencils, scissors, school bags amongst many other teaching

resources. We have also helped renovate classrooms and provided the orphanage with whiteboards, tables and chairs to give learners a comfortable and realistic teaching experience.

Furthermore, our commitment to the orphanage's sports development programme has enabled us to give children and young people the chance to learn key values through play. Honesty, team building, fair play and respect are just a few examples of key values acquired through playing sports. Most recently we have supplied a wide range of sports equipment including footballs, boxing bags/gloves, badminton rackets, basketball nets, ping pong table, bikes and sports kits.

The Association for taking care of Orphans Marrakech

Our monthly sponsorship project aims to relieve some of the hardship suffered by widows and their children. We aim to ensure the most vulnerable and isolated widows in and around Marrakesh have access to basic food and essential non-food items all year round. The association looks after over 1,000 families and carefully handpicks the most needy beneficiaries after undergoing vigorous checks to ensure we reach out to the most vulnerable and needy people of Marrakesh. We are proud to sponsor and support the association to continue their hard work.

The Gambia –Orphan Sponsorship, Education and Water projects

The new build school provides free education and daily healthy school dinners to refugees and children living in an area of high deprivation. We have now enrolled 130 children who attend regularly, of which 75 children had no access to education previously. The school is located in Kaling Village – it has 4 large classrooms which are fully kitted out with tables and chairs. A wash area, teachers office and a kitchen and outdoor dining area. We have land available to expand in the future and to develop the outdoor play area.

Water Is Life Project

When we build a bore hole or a community well, we ensure communities have a sustainable source of clean water for years to come. Hence after conducting site visits in the Gambia in the previous year, we started to implement the digging and construction of solar powered bore holes which are sustainable for a longer term and reduce the risk of drought and disease. Having good links with local partner organisations on the ground enables us to purchase materials and hire workers to keep costs to a minimal. This year we have completed 10 bore holes and water wells in the region which are now benefitting 10 different communities with clean drinking water. That's over a thousand people who are benefitting on a daily basis. This is part of our long-term development plans for the area as on average a bore hole lasts for 10 years without needing any repairs or work done to it.

Siraj Al-Quds School

Al-Ajar is currently supporting Siraj Al-Quds School and Society for the Blind and Special Needs in Palestine. The families served by Siraj Al-Quds include those experiencing severe poverty, health problems, and physical and learning disabilities; also, families that are broken, experience domestic violence, or who are at risk of home demolition.

This year, Al-Ajar Foundation organised some incentive trips for the children of Siraj Al-Quds instead of distributing gifts. We thought this would be a good way in which to relieve some of their psychological stress as well as give them a happy childhood memory. We also provide ongoing support ensuring the school has sufficient furniture and where urgent renovations need to be done, we provide assistance there too.

Furthermore, for the coming year, we have raised funds to enable us to continue to support the school so that it is a building fit for purpose: repairing the new school premises and the surrounding walls, parts of the playground and the basement floor.

KEY RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis, in particular those relating to its operations and finances. They are satisfied those systems are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to the major risks. The risk management strategy comprises:

- A regular review of the risks which the Charity may face; including an updated risk assessment of any new activity, organised event or visit.
- The adequacy of current systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the strategy;
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential risk on the Charity should any of those risks materialise.

The strategy will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Charity was founded and is based in Halifax, West Yorkshire. The Charity works with local organisations in Yorkshire and abroad. The Trustees are responsible for the governance of the Charity, and the day-to-day management is performed by the Trustees and a volunteer run management committee.

VOLUNTEERS

The charity is being run through the kind help of a team of committed volunteers who share responsibilities and tasks to meet the charities aims and objectives. The team of volunteers are managed by the chair. The Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers without whom the Charity would not be able to run.

GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION & MONITORING

In 2020-21, the organisation's agreements and areas of work with partners were reviewed as well as a number of key organisation policies and procedures.

Monitoring of our work to ensure delivery is in line with our charitable objects is carried out and due diligence checks through paper trail for all projects along with monitoring visits carried out by staff to the areas of need. Although this has been difficult to carry out due to the pandemic, we undertook a physical trip to The Hospital of Hope, Dar Ul-Tifl Orphanage and the Association for taking care of Orphans in Morocco. These trips included an assessment of the quality of delivery to our beneficiaries along with an examination and review of the financial support offered. At our areas of support in Sahara, Pakistan & The Gambia this was supplemented with partner and beneficiary interviews through video conferencing.

Al-Ajar is entrusted by donors to deliver to orphans and widows and we maintain strict controls on expenditure, striving to keep associated costs to a minimum and all staffing and admin work undertaken on a generous 100% volunteer led basis - which ultimately makes us unique and saves thousands in expenses. Although we work hard to keep our administration costs to a minimum, we also value our commitment to ensuring that we are monitoring, assessing and improving our work with beneficiaries and this does require us to invest in thorough due diligence, volunteers and appropriate policies and procedures.

The Charity does not make any deduction from zakat donations. All admin expenditure is taken from our fundraising activities fees via the Saturday School. For the following year (2021-22), it has been agreed by trustees that all admin costs will be taken from gift-aid income. This will allow us to continue to spend 100% of charity & zakat donations on our poverty relief projects.

Our project development work & grassroots activities continue to be transparent and inclusive and we strive to ensure that our fundraising is respectful, open, honest and accountable to the public and open to scrutiny.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees regularly review the risks to the charity and are actively monitoring the reserves available to the charity. As there are significant commitments to sustain sponsorship support projects and the work continues only when funds are available, the trustees have decided to keep a minimal reserve amount of £50,000 to cover contingencies & rolling poverty relief projects across 5 sites.

The charity relies fully on voluntary & grant making income which was £104,796.18 during 2020/21. The expenditure for the year was £79,293.11 of which £44,520.56 was on Zakat projects. The expenditure for non-Zakat poverty relief was £17,325.90, which included building works and materials for the new build school in the Gambia in addition to some Water & Bore hole constructions. The total expenditure for community & education projects was £12,283.11, which included the Covid-19 community response & food bank expenditure

in Halifax. The expenditure for facilities & coach hires for our weekend youth & sports provision totalled £2,305.36, this was paid from non-charity enrolment income paid by the attendance fees. The Public liability & volunteers insurance cover costs amounted to £271.77 and were also covered by the Saturday school fees.

At the financial year end the charity had a closing balance of £60,879.06, of which unrestricted reserves were £778.76& restricted reserves were £60,100.30.

The trustees are satisfied that the funds received have been applied in a wholly effective manner.

FUTURE PLANS

In 2021, We increased our efforts to support our beneficiaries affected by the pandemic, both here in Calderdale and across our sites in Asia & Africa.

The charity aims to supplement and develop the foundations it has already built through the orphan sponsorship programme. We will continue to provide orphans, their carers and orphanages with the extra support that is needed through the pandemic that is not possible through the limited scope of direct orphan sponsorship. This will range from medical care such as covering the cost of medicine and hospital visits and treatments. For us this is an exciting time as we dig in deep and encourage our donors, volunteers, supporters and well-wishers to stay involved and be part of the heavenly reward in supporting humanity and poverty relief.

As the lockdown eases here in the UK we aim to start physical contact and encourage participation in fundraising activities. At the time of writing this report we have completed the Mount Snowdon trek over the summer of 2021 with 50 trekkers who raised just over £10,000 for our charity projects. Our Youth teams completed the gruelling Yorkshire Tough Mudder challenge to raise a fantastic £5,000 for the Hospital of Hope. And most recently we have had a team complete the Istanbul Marathon where over £10,000 was raised for refugee support and their education and training initiatives.

We have increased activities for our weekend & sports provisions which allows young people to participate and develop locally. We plan to cut enrolment fees and offer some additional free places to refugees and disadvantaged young people who are new to the area. We have key meetings to follow up and plan to network with partners at Calderdale College, 3Gi Health & Fitness & Team Unique to deliver a fantastic youth & sports provision in the area.

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year 2nd February 2020 to 1st February 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Appeals and donations | 104,796 | 89,286 |
| Total resources expended | | |
| Direct costs | | |
| Projects and relief | 74,130 | 102,591 |
| Accountancy | 240 | 240 |
| Hire of facilities | 2,306 | 3,912 |
| Advertising | 2,346 | 2,355 |
| Insurance | 272 | 201 |
| | <u>79,294</u> | <u>109,299</u> |
| Profit/loss for the year | <u><u>25,502</u></u> | <u><u>(20,013)</u></u> |

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
Balance Sheet
for the year 2nd February 2020 to 1st February 2021

| | Note | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 60,878 | 35,376 |
| | | <u>60,878</u> | <u>35,376</u> |
| Creditors | | | |
| Accrued expenses | | 240 | 240 |
| | | <u>240</u> | <u>240</u> |
| | | <u>60,638</u> | <u>35,136</u> |
| Net business assets represented by | | | |
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| Net profit or loss | | 25,502 | -20,013 |
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I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mohammed Husnain
Trustee

Al-Ajar Charity & Education Foundation
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