

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

UK Registered Charity No. 1181838



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Charity information

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees of the charity, present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Latifi Hands is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The registration number is 1181838.

Although membership of the organisation is geared primarily to the Bangladesh Community, it is in no way limited to such persons only. The Charity serves to assist the members of all the communities within its reach and it adheres to the Equality policy.

The Trustees have the power to make rules governing the affairs of the charity. The members, in general meeting, may alter or appeal such rules.

In order to effectively govern, a committee of four trustee serve also as managers and coordinators to oversee the overall operation.

APPOINTMENT OF MANAGERS AND TRUSTEES

The Trustees are appointed in general meeting and are collectively known as the Committee. Every year at an AGM, each offer themselves for re-election. The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 3.

ORGANISATION

The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the four Trustees.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Periodic reviews are made to ensure that the charity continues to identify and mitigate any major risk that may arise. The major financial risks facing the charity arise in connection with uncertainty about the continuing financial capacity of some of the regular funders to continue to support the work.

OUR MISSION & OBJECTIVES

The mission of Latifi Hands is to promote the wellbeing of disadvantaged communities in Bangladesh and throughout the UK. Our mission is to accomplish all types of charitable purposes including helping vulnerable children and young people, people with disabilities, elderly people, orphans, widows and the generic public to prevent or relief of poverty. We mainly focus on education, healthcare, clean water, housing and accommodation for homeless and orphans.

The key charitable objectives of the charity are:

- *** To provide grants, welfare advice, support and other charitable services to individuals and organisations in the UK and in Bangladesh who are in need
- *** Help those with suffering with old age and disability
- *** Help prevent and relieve Poverty
- *** Promote education among the disadvantaged communities
- *** Help in other Charitable Purposes

ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We currently have an active “hands on” management committee who meet regularly during the year to review, guide and direct the work of the organisation. This governance structure seeks to ensure that the services and the activities carried out by the charity are in keeping with its objectives and satisfies the needs of the community to deliver its overall mission.

In particular, the trustees refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when considering how planned activities will contribute to the Charity objectives and aims.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Our teams raise funds from the public by organising charitable collections, events and through direct marketing. During this year we received several generous donations from both individuals and in the form of grants from larger giving organisations.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The key beneficiaries of our work continue to be the communities in the catchment that we serve. Predominantly, our users come from the Bangladeshi communities; however, the Equal Opportunities Policy that we abide by ensures that no deserving individual is discriminated against. Our focus has been on all age groups, and both men and women.

Similarly, the various ad-hoc projects are all designed to benefit the respective sections of the community.

USE OF VOLUNTEERS

Latifi Hands is actively recruiting volunteers to assist with its work. We are grateful to our volunteers and the public who have supported our appeals and have fundraised in their spare time to help the poor and needy.



FIELD VISITS

Over the past 12 months, our dedicated team has undertaken several visits to Bangladesh. These visits have allowed us to gain first-hand insight into the conditions and challenges faced by the communities we serve, enabling us to tailor our efforts to their specific needs. We have been able to closely monitor and evaluate the implementation of our projects. We have had the opportunity to interact with beneficiaries, listen to their stories, and understand their unique circumstances.

At Latifi Hands, we believe that accountability and transparency are essential in ensuring the effectiveness and success of our charitable endeavours. By personally visiting, we ensure that resources are being utilized efficiently and responsibly.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

A determined focus on balancing the books, and tight control on costs is needed each year. Each year this helps the organization to break-even and report either a modest revenue/expenditure loss or surplus. The current year reports a small surplus of £5,428 (2022 £40,359) All funds and Activities are currently unrestricted so it has not been necessary to report on restricted activities separately.

There is now a modest amount of reserves (unrestricted funds not designated) which could be used to cover running costs in the event of unforeseen curtailment of income in the coming year and so the charity hopes to enjoy the continued support that has been given. Net assets are valued at £73,989.

FUTURE PLANS

As we look ahead, our primary goal is to continue providing essential support such as food, clean water and educational facilities to the communities in which we operate. We recognize the immediate and critical needs of these communities and aim to maintain our efforts in addressing hunger and water scarcity. However, we also understand the importance of empowering individuals and communities to become self-sufficient. Therefore, we have made it a priority to focus on sustainable projects that enable people to earn a livelihood. By implementing income-generating initiatives and supporting entrepreneurship, we can foster economic independence and long-term stability. We want to continue our focus on building homes for those in need and we aim to build homes in Bangladesh and extend this project to other regions.

The accounts comply with statutory requirements, the provisions of the governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities issued March 2005.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by the Chairman :



Mr Salman Ahmed Chowdhury

Dated: 15/01/2024

LATIFI HANDS ACTIVITIES REPORT

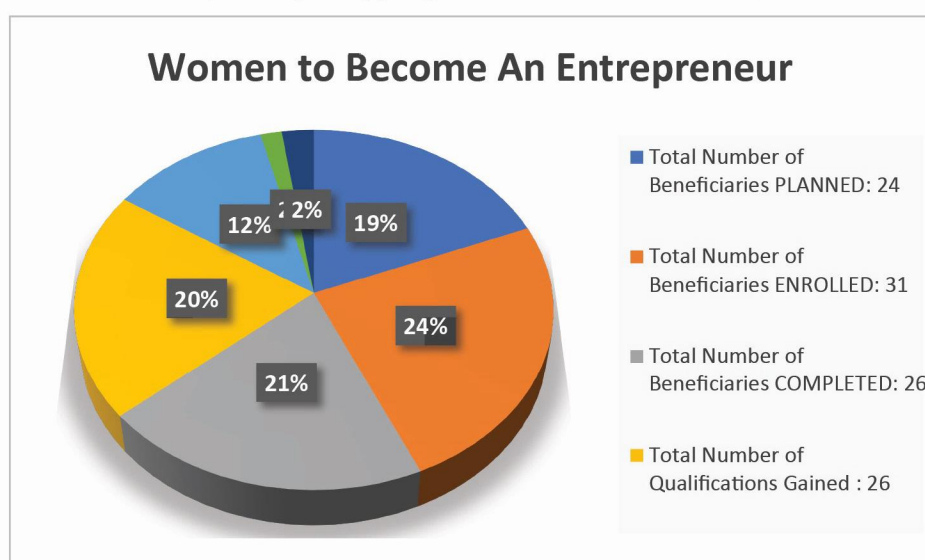


WOMEN TO BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR

The long-term effects of our project on economic growth and employment in has helped our women to explore the world of work and has opened up opportunities into employment and training. The project has enabled our women to build confidence in learning and helped them to understand their own capabilities by exploring their existing skills. The participants have progressed onto further training courses, volunteering and self-employment as the project has been able to give a clear picture of a long-term goal.

The long-term effects of your project on social progression has enabled the women to take part in Walking Group, Healthy eating projects and attend weekly work clubs. This has enabled the women to help with social isolation, engage within the community and improve confidence and effective communication skills.

Our project adopted an additional environmental measure as due to the pandemic has cost us of tragedies, it has been able to benefit our project as to it being held online through remote learning. Participants were not required to travel to the venue and instead were asked to learn from home therefore reducing the chances of increased pollution. There was also the benefit of saving paper as work had to be submitted online through applications and had been taught through 'Zoom'. An alternative for handouts were pre-recorded videos. Learners were also able to form groups on WhatsApp to discuss their projects and communicate with one and other instead of increasing their carbon footprint by stepping outside the house to meet each other.



PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH

ORPHANS

The Prophet ﷺ said, “The one who cares for an orphan and myself will be together in paradise like this and he held his two fingers together to illustrate.” Orphan project leading the highest rank providing children with security and standard education. All the necessities of the orphan children are met up through your donation. At present more than two thousand orphan children are staying at Latifia Orphanage and continuing their study harmoniously. Latifia Orphanage is a home to many orphans. It is one of the largest “Orphanage” in Asian-sub- continent. With your generous donation we will be able to provide them food, clothing, education, healthcare and shelter.



EDUCATION

Education is a fundamental human right - yet millions of children around the world are not in school. Many parents do not have the means to pay for their child's education and for those living in poverty, children are sent out to work at a young age to contribute much needed funds to the family income. This is why education is at the heart of our work. In Bangladesh we provide many orphans and poor children with necessary equipment and facilities for free education.



GIFT

WINTER FAMILY PACK : Among all the seasons existing in Bangladesh winter multiplies the adversity of the underprivileged people into many folds. The temperature of some parts of the country drops down to 4°C with lack of access to heating and warm cloth especially children and elderly people get into trouble. They suffer from cold fever, cough, pneumonia and additional diseases. With your support we can provide them with warm clothing, bedding, blankets, wood to burn and food packs to diminish their suffering through the season.

EID FAMILY PACK : Celebrating Eid is a dream for the poor and needy also those are living in miseries. This includes the community who are orphans, street child, widow, destitute and handicapped. During Eid celebration maximum of us wear new clothes, receive gifts and enjoy delicious food in company of friends and family. In spite of having eagerness for such celebration these people could not reach their dream. We try our outmost to share our joy and excitement along with a gift pack including essential commodities of food and clothing.



WIDOW'S SUPPORT

In Bangladesh, there is no social security system. Widows face extreme hardship to get enough help to support themselves and their dependents. Latifi Hands provides essential food, clothing and cash grants to those bereaved families in their hard times.



HEALTH CARE



Latifi Hands suppose good health should be treated as one of the biggest priorities for every one. Through Latifi Hands we offer lifesaving health supports to some of the most remote communities in Bangladesh. To serve the suffering poor people we have been running Latifi Community Clinic for under privileged people of remote areas where there is no medical facility available. We operate regular medical camps to provide general health checks, eye care, circumcision, dental and maternity care including free medicines. We also provide acute health care and emergency financial support for the outpatients if required.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER RELIEF

Bangladesh is a disaster-prone area where several natural disasters strike different parts destroying homes, crops, necessary goods, entangling communication services. Flood, storm, tidal wave, cyclone, earthquakes etc. are the common occurrences. Whenever and wherever a natural disaster occur Latifi Hands take part in relief operation and distributes relief materials in forms of goods, pure drinking water, medicine, clothes, sanitary items and so on, particularly in rural areas and poor floating population of slum in urban areas.





In 2022-23 Bangladesh experienced one of the severest floods in its history. Extreme impacted the lives of over 4 million people. Heavy monsoon rains led to rivers bursting their banks and Sylhet area was completely submerged. Our team in Bangladesh distributed emergency relief parcels, which included food supplies, water purification tablets and other essential non-food items. The parcels were distributed to more than 3000 beneficiaries residing in Zakiganj-Kanaighat Upazila and Sunamganj District.

We also built 58 shelter houses to help the the flood-victims to rebuild their lives.



Independent Examiners Report to Latifi Hands

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO LATIFI HANDS

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the Year Ended 31 March 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of International Accountants. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act and under section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

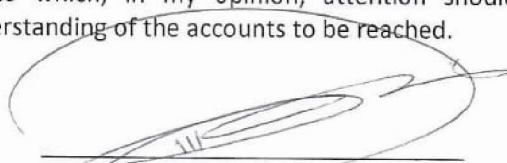
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records have in accordance with section 41 of 1993 Act and section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act and section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



MD Hossain FAIA-Director

Dated: 16th February 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations		41738		51132
Grants		1915		10443
HMRC Gift Aid		<u>8564</u>		<u> </u>
GROSS INCOME		52217		61575
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Project Expenditure - Bangladesh	44932		-	
Project Expenditure- Local	1137		20454	
Charitable donations	-		162	
Accountancy	<u>720</u>	<u>46789</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>21216</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>5428</u>		<u>40359</u>

Balance Sheet

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES & FITTINGS				
Cost bf		10138		8365
Addition		—		<u>1773</u>
		10138		10138
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank and in Hand	65171		59023	
LESS CREDITORS:				
AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Accruals	<u>1320</u>	<u>63851</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>58423</u>
		<u>73989</u>		<u>68561</u>
REPRESENTED BY				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS (ALL UNRESTRICTED)				
Balance bf		68561		28202
Surplus for the Year		<u>5428</u>		<u>40359</u>
Balance cf		<u>73989</u>		<u>68561</u>



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