

The Gambia Welfare Society

England & Wales · Charity number 1182433

Details

Other names	THE GAMBIA WELFARE SOCIETY LEEDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-03-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE GAMBIA WELFARE SOCIETY ARE THROUGH (A) ADVOCACY, INFORMATION AND ADVICE; (B) RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND EVENTS INVOLVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY; (C) EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND SUPPORT WITH LITERACY AND NUMERACY: WE WILL PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG MIGRANTS WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON GROUNDS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEVE OR CREED OR THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY. TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF THOSE LIVING IN LEEDS. TO ADVANCE RELIGION BY RAISING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MUSLIM FAITH THROUGH RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONAL ACTS AND OUTREACH WORK. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE OUR CENTRE AS A PRAYING GROUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHERE COMMUNAL PRAYERS WILL BE HELD DURING THE MUSLIM FEAST OF EID AND FRIDAYS. THE SOCIETY WILL SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY IN AREAS OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ESPECIALLY OF THOSE LESS PRIVILEGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF LEEDS.

Activities: Through (a) advocacy, information and advice; (b) Recreational facilities and events involving the local community; (c) Education and training in English language and support with literacy and numeracy: We

will promote social inclusion for the public benefit among migrants who are socially excluded on grounds of their ethnic origin, religion, believe or creed or their socio-economic position

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£84,042	£50,441	-	-
2024-01-31	£59,786	£32,253	-	-
2023-01-31	£31,076	£22,116	-	-
2022-01-31	£20,916	£19,446	-	-
2021-01-31	£35,514	£19,301	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Yankuba Sawo	Chair	2023-02-25
Amadou Touray		2018-07-22
Foday Sanneh		2018-07-22
Seedy Sanneh		2018-07-22
Yankuba Balajo		2018-07-22

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The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year ended
31 January 2025

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You have approved the financial information for the year ended 31 January 2025 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Beckett Accountants
Leeds Ltd 

Signed: 
Managing Director

Beckett Accountants Leeds Ltd
Suite 204
33 Great George Street
Leeds
LS1 3AJ

Date: 29 April 2025

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

Income Statement

for the year from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover	84,042	54,248
Other income	-	20,445
Cost related to running the charity	(25,953)	(7,463)
Other Charges	(24,488)	(24,790)
Profit for the year	<u>33,601</u>	<u>42,440</u>

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

Statement of Financial Position

31 January 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets	190,500	500
Current Assets	35,369	91,650
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(1,635)	-
Net current assets (liabilities)	33,734	91,650
Total assets less current liabilities	224,234	92,150
Creditors amounts falling due after one year	(98,482)	-
Net assets (liabilities)	125,752	92,150
Consolidated Revenue Fund	125,752	92,150

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

They were approved on 29 April 2025 by:



The Gambia Welfare Society
Chairman

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds
Detailed Profit and Loss Account
for the year from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover / Revenue		
Charity Bank Grant	25,000	-
Dara Fees	1,850	870
Electrical Safety Grant	5,000	-
Fundraising Profits	-	8,968
Gambia House Project - Phase 2	5,280	-
Gift Aid Donations	3,216	4,269
Health for All Grant	-	4,706
Household Support Fund Grant	5,000	3,450
Leeds City Council Communities Grant	-	1,000
Other Donations	5,729	2,047
Other Income	2,669	-
Safe Space Grant	-	750
Subscriptions	26,468	23,187
TGWS Youth Project Grant	1,000	5,001
Winter Fuel Grant	2,830	-
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Other Charitable Income		
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Expenses - Health for All Grant	2,388	1,704
Expenses - Household Support Fund Grant	5,000	-
Expenses - Leeds City Council Communities Grant	-	959
Expenses for Safe Space	88	-
Expenses for Youth Project	6,598	-
Purchase of Gambia House Expenses	6,959	-
	25,953	7,463
Other charges		
Bank Fees	-	(2)
Burial & Repatriation	3,600	-
Charitable and Political Donations	873	-
Community Welfare Support	300	1,953
Entertainment - 0%	-	(9)
Entertainment-100% business	150	300

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account (continued)
for the year from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gambia House Rent	4,375	9,240
General Expenses	755	-
Hall Hire	1,000	850
Insurance	2,272	257
IT Software and Consumables	211	-
LACON - Leeds African Cup of Nations	-	50
Legal Expenses	1,336	-
Mortgage Interest Paid - Charity Bank	194	-
Mosque Expenses	180	-
Repairs & Maintenance	5,701	6,555
Telephone & Internet	576	581
Water, Electricity & Gas and Boiler Insurance	2,965	5,015
	24,488	24,790
Surplus for the year		
Net Surplus	33,601	42,440
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THE GAMBIA WELFARE SOCIETY LEEDS
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ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT

Through various programmes and activities that the organisation arranges for the community, we work tirelessly to ensure maximum safeguarding of children, the vulnerable, families, faith groups are maintained to ensure safe and free from harm environment is available whilst, compliance to legislative guidelines are strictly observed.

- Social inclusion programs to new migrants to help them integrate with the British society.
- Emergency temporary shelter support to migrants in need of accommodation and basic needs.
- The Centre is used to help young people through educational, recreational, and sporting activities, to develop their capabilities, enabling them to contribute positively and productively towards the development of the society.
- Knife crime workshop to educate the young about the danger of horrible knife culture.
- The organisation uses this centre to provide support to communities in areas of funeral arrangements, especially those less fortunate members of the community in Leeds.
- During the Covid-19 the centre was used as food distribution hub (food bank) and still continues to be a hub for food bank in collaboration with Hamara healthy living centre.
- First aid workshop briefs.
- Bowell cancer awareness briefs.
- Diabetes awareness briefs
- Assisting EU migrants completing job application forms.
- The organisation uses the centre to offer people within the community free advice at point of needs especially at these difficult times, offer advice in areas of personal finance, tax returns, investments, pensions, and access to financial help.
- The organisation uses the centre to coordinate efforts to reach out to the community visiting sick, bereavement support in the form of burial logistics and costs, as well as moral wellbeing support.
- Cultural support for example christenings, marriages and dispute resolutions.

Impact on Youth Education

The Gambia Welfare Society (TGWS) believes that organising interacting activities for children is better than allowing them to spend more of their waking hours in front of a screen. Parents want their children to grow up to be healthy, well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of independence and compassion. Therefore, keeping kids outside is the best way to teach them these qualities.

Moral development at early stage of life plays a critical role in shaping a child's character. At TGWS, we organise weekly coordinated sessions at our current location (Gambia House) that plays an important role in evoking a sense of morality in young children.

Losing Gambia House will deter us from teaching good moral values such as humility, kindness, and compassion at children early age to build their character. Thus, hindering one of our objectives, to mould kids to become individuals the society wants them to be.

We are hereby seeking help to find a place or to maintain Gambia House please, so we can continue to teach kids responsibility to figure out their purpose in community. We believe that it is our responsibility to make sure that our children become more productive members of society.

Impact on the women's Project

- Women gatherings: Conversation over Attaya (China green tea) is a women project runs by TGWS. The project encourages the women to come together have a conversation over cup of tea. Tea plays an important role in daily lives around the globe. The West African tea, known as Attaya, is not in isolation. The Attaya is made from Chinese green tea mainly used for socialisation, provides opportunity for families and friends to connect.
- The project targeted women from Black, Asian, marginalised, disadvantage and refugees' communities across Leeds. The project is a social group that meets for a talk and fun activities.
- Empowerment of women to function at higher standard of levels as mothers, wives, and professionals in their communities.
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- Minimise social isolation and ensure that women are encouraged to come together to support one another.
- The group has over 200 members from minority ethnic backgrounds with diverse histories, experiences and needs. The women group come together once a week at The Gambia house for an inspiring conversation, courses, walking groups, cooking sessions, and mothers and children's sessions.
- Assist and support new migrants' women to settled across Leeds
- The sessions provide opportunities to learn about Leeds and what is required of us as citizens and what is available to us. the programmes are diverse from issues affecting our health and wellbeing.
- Deliver sewing classes, jewellery making, cooking classes and networking (making new friends).
- Supportive, motivate each other and engaged in important and meaningful conversations.
- Raising awareness of social issues and to educate, sensitise, and engaged the targeted groups of women in maintaining peace and harmony, which underpins harmonious coexistence within communities and the country at large.
- Over the past years, the group organised summer activities for families whom without such programmes they may not be able to take their children to any events throughout the summer holidays due to financial difficulties.

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OAK HOUSE**

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ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT

The Gambia Welfare Society hereby present its annual report for 01/02/ 2023 – 31/01/2024, which conforms to the stipulations of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102)

OUR VISION

The Gambia Welfare Society aspires to the achievement of a vibrant and sustainable community, through a shared- vision perspective, modeled around effective community engagement, involvement, and collaboration. The organization strives to operate in an equal opportunity environment, welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds, treats everyone equally irrespective of religion, race, ethnicity, sex, disability, creed, or color, in accordance with the Equality Act (2010). The protection of the environment in which we operate and live is of paramount importance to us. We adhere to sound sustainable practices aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and promote credible environmental awareness within our areas of operation.

The organization is committed to the safeguarding of children, the vulnerable, and operates in an environment that is safe, and free from harm, whilst ensuring maximum compliance with legislative guidelines.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organization is a Charitable Incorporated Organization with voting members other than the charity trustees and governed by a written constitution. The general affairs are overseen by the trustees, who meet as and when required. Implementation and execution of organizational policy is conducted by the executive Committee, composed of both sexes, appointment by the chairman, upon recommendation from members.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

The executive committee is solely responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organization, under the leadership of the Chairman, in conjunction with the Treasury, the Secretariat, Center Management, Educational and Religious Affairs, and Social and Communities department.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The charity trustees of The Gambia Welfare Society are dully elected through voting, by members of the society at annual general meetings. Trustees are expected to possess character, expertise, and commitment in the execution operational affairs. Trustees are orientated on the modalities of the trust deed, policies and procedures, and the charity commission guidelines upon appointment. Both trustees and executive committee members offer their services voluntarily and freely.

The current charity trustees of the Society are:

Bampha Jaiteh
Yankuba Balajo
Foday Sanneh
Amadou Touray
Seedy Sanneh

OUR CORE OBJECTIVES

- Promote social inclusion for the benefit of migrants who are socially excluded on grounds of ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed or their social and economic position, helping them with their basic needs, and assistance in integrating into society.
- Help young people through educational, recreational and sporting activities, to develop their capabilities, enabling them to contribute productively and positively towards societal development.
- Promote religion by raising awareness and understanding of the Muslim faith through community engagement, and collaboration with partner agencies. We will also provide our center as a praying ground for the benefit of the local community where communal prayers will be held during the Muslim feast of Eid and Friday congregational prayers.
- The Society will provide support to the community in funeral arrangements, especially those less fortunate members of the community of Leeds.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

PURCHASE OF OAK HOUSE:

The Gambia Welfare Society acquired Oak House by commercial rental agreement in 2017 to serve as a community hub, for the various activities the organization embarks upon, geared towards the delivery of sustainable community advancement, cohesion, and positive integration of the diverse sections of Leeds society.

However, the owner served notice of their intention to sell the property, and knowing the vital role the premises offer, TGWS embarked on a search for opportunities to facilitate the purchase of the property. Fortunately, TGWS was successful in obtaining a mortgage for the purchase of oak House, fulfilling the organization's biggest ambition since its inception. The process of buying the property is at the advanced stages, with final completion expected soon.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING

As communities transitioned into the post Covid-19 recovery era, an unprecedented energy crisis crept into the fold, forcing more people into hardship and debt, living in cold homes, due to fuel poverty, predicated by rising energy bills that subsequently created a consumer goods inflation. This situation ushered in a cost-of-living crisis, with the cost of food items spiraling at an alarming rate. Faced with this unprecedented dilemma, the organization through its multi-agency partnership collaboration with the Hamara Center Leeds, was able to source regular food supplies for the vulnerable within the community, which is currently being distributed from Oak House, as and when availability allows.

YOUTH CLUB

The establishment of a youth club has been a great success, providing recreational and sporting activities directed at young people, to develop their social and behavioral skills, and enable them to contribute positively and productively towards the development of societal affairs. The existence of the youth club helps young people to develop vital life's skills, as detailed below:

- Personal Development
- Community Involvement
- Mentoring and Coaching
- Communication and socializing

GENDER INCLUSIVITY

The organization provides women within the community regular respite sessions to unwind, chat and the opportunity to ponder on the state of their individual lives and families, as well as celebrate their dedication, hard work and contribution to societal affairs. It serves as a recognition of their invaluable work in ensuring the smooth running of community continuity and resilience.

The Leeds Women **ATAYA** (Green tea) **PROJECT**, which provides a forum for interested parties to engage over a cup green tea, serves to indicate that the organization is open to all, regardless of gender, creed or color.

The project targets women from disadvantaged communities across Leeds, with the aim of empowering women to function effectively as mothers, wives, and professionals within their communities.

BENEFITS:

- Promotes awareness around health and well-being, ensuring that women are better equipped to contribute and make a difference to themselves and the community.
- Minimizes social isolation and ensure that women are encouraged to come together to support one another.
- Encourages skills acquisition in areas like sewing classes, jewelry making, and startups.
- Helps educate individuals about Leeds and the roles and responsibilities of a good resident and citizen.

MEN'S SOCIAL GATHERINGS

The organization conducts regular sessions for men to meet up and chat, discuss and share their feelings and thoughts on contemporary issues of the day. This is crucially important as indicated by the BBC article, authored by Dr Ben Hine "The Fathers and Family Breakdown, Separation, and Divorce Project" (19th November 2023). The work explores the links between family breakdowns, and mental health issues among men. These social gathering help alleviate isolation and encourages individuals to discuss issues affecting their well-being, because as the saying goes "A problem shared, is a problem half solved "

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

TGWS continues to provide free financial advice at point of need. Covering areas of personal finance, tax, investments, pensions, and access to financial help. This service provides vital guidance to members of the community, enabling and empowering individuals to manage their financial affairs, especially during these economically challenging times

EDUCATION

EXTRA CURRICULAR YOUTH EDUCATION

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TGWS organizes educational sessions which play a vital role in evoking a sense of morality in young children. These sessions help teach good character, moral values, humility, kindness, and compassion, which is crucial during their formative years.

FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- 1: Completion of the purchase of Oak House

- 2: Promotion of community tolerance and unity, especially in the aftermath of the July 2024 riots
- 3: Further the organization's reach, and aspire to cover the length and breadth of the Leeds community
- 4: Embark on succession planning, to enable the future generation to start taking up shadowing roles within the executive committee.
- 5: Continue to improve and increase multi-agency partnership and cooperation
- 6: Establishment of a supplementary Primary School at Oak House, which will offer lessons in Mathematics and English

End of report

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Beckett Accountants
Leeds Ltd



Signed:.....
Managing Director

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Date: 14 March 2024

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31 January 2024

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Capital and reserves	92,150	49,711

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The Gambia Welfare Society
Proprietor

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Profit/(loss) for the year		
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The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

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Report to the sole proprietor on the preparation of the unaudited accounts of The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds.

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You have approved the financial information for the year ended 31 January 2024 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Beckett Accountants
Leeds Ltd



Signed:.....
Managing Director

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Beckett Accountants Leeds Ltd
Suite 204
33 Great George Street
Leeds
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Date: 14 March 2024

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

Income Statement

for the year from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	54,248	31,081
Other income	20,445	-
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(7,463)	(4,800)
Other Charges	(24,790)	(17,316)
Profit for the year	<u>42,440</u>	<u>8,965</u>

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds

Statement of Financial Position

31 January 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets	500	-
Current Assets	91,650	49,711
Net current assets (liabilities)	91,650	49,711
Total assets less current liabilities	92,150	49,711
Net assets (liabilities)	92,150	49,711
Capital and reserves	92,150	49,711

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They were approved on 14 March 2024 by:



The Gambia Welfare Society
Proprietor

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds
Detailed Profit and Loss Account
for the year from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover		
Dara Fees	870	1,110
Fundraising Profits	8,968	4,669
Gift Aid Donations	4,269	3,601
Grants	-	500
Health for All Grant	4,706	-
Household Support Fund Grant	3,450	-
Leeds City Council Communities Grant	1,000	-
Other Donations	2,047	205
Other Income	-	609
Safe Space Grant	750	-
Subscriptions	23,187	20,387
TGWS Youth Project Grant	5,001	-
	54,248	31,081
Other Operating Income		
Gambia House Project	20,445	-
	20,445	-
Raw materials and consumables used		
Dara Expenses	4,800	4,800
Expenses - Health for All Grant	1,704	-
Expenses - Leeds City Council Communities Grant	959	-
	7,463	4,800
Other charges		
Bank Fees	(2)	-
Burial & Repatriation	-	3,400
Community Welfare Support	1,953	2,325
Entertainment - 0%	(9)	-
Entertainment-100% business	300	-
Gambia House Rent	9,240	7,500
General Expenses	-	150
Hall Hire	850	350
Insurance	257	269
LACON - Leeds African Cup of Nations	50	422
Repairs & Maintenance	6,555	-
Telephone & Internet	581	1,223
Water, Electricity & Gas and Boiler Insurance	5,015	1,677
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Detailed Profit and Loss Account (continued)
for the year from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024

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	£	£
	24,790	17,316
Profit/(loss) for the year		
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The period under consideration has turned out to be another year of trials and tribulations, as communities transitioned into the commencement of the post Covid-19 recovery era, an unprecedented energy crisis crept into the fold.

The origins of the energy crisis can be traced to the insatiable demand for energy during the post Covid-19 reopening of economies, which unfortunately coincided with the Russian-Ukraine war and its drastic effects on gas supplies to the European and world markets.

Within our community and across the UK, more people are getting into hardship and debt, living in cold homes due to fuel poverty, predicated by rising energy bills, that has subsequently created a consumer goods inflation. This situation has ushered in a cost-of-living crisis with the cost of food items spiraling at an alarming rate.

As a community-based charity, this has stretched our resources in a variety of ways, but nevertheless, we have strived to remain resilient and creative, which has enabled the organization to continue to deliver on its core objective of supporting the vulnerable within the community. The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds, despite the prevailing challenges, managed to deliver in the following areas:

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING:

• FOOD PARCELS

The organization through its multi-agency partnership collaboration with the Hamara Centre Leeds, was able to source regular food supplies for the vulnerable within the community, which is currently being distributed from our main base in Holbeck.

• WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The women's day celebrations offered women within the community the opportunity to ponder on the state of their individual lives and families, as well as celebrate their dedication, hard work and contribution to societal affairs. It served as a recognition of their invaluable work in ensuring the smooth running of community continuity and resilience.

• GALA AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This marked the re-introduction of this popular event, after a lull precipitated by the Covid-19 restrictions. The weekend was full of pomp and merriment and was a spectacular success, that attracted huge numbers of people within and outside Leeds. It was a showcase of culture, entertainment and community cooperation and cohesion.

• FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Gambia Welfare Society took part in the Leeds Africa Cup of Nations, which was a celebration of African brotherhood based on the concept of UBUNTU, which means "HUMANITY TO OTHERS".

The tournament helped in fostering inter-community engagement, involvement, and participation.

• COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

The organization has carried on with reaching out to the community with visits and monetary aid to the sick, bereavement support in the form of burial logistics and costs, as well as moral and well-being support. The organization also actively participates in naming ceremonies, marriages, and dispute resolutions.

• INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The organization also conducted the Gambia's 58TH Independence celebrations, which attracted a huge youth population, that showcased the diverse cultural makeup of the Leeds Gambian community. It was a fantastic and colorful display of individual tribal costumes, music, and dance routines.

EDUCATION AND RELIGION:

Face-to-face lessons has resumed as restrictions lifted, but students numbers is still below pre-pandemic levels. However, the teaching team endeavors to deliver quality learning, and ensure achievement of expected outcome.

The organization was also able to conduct its first post Covid-19 restrictions in person EID congregational prayers, aimed to also promote tolerance and understanding of diversity in religions, and inter-faith engagement and collaboration.

FINANCE

The finance team continues to offer free advice at point of need, especially in these trying times. Advice is available in areas of personal finance, tax, investments, pensions, and access to financial help.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

• PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

This awareness program was hosted in collaboration with Prostate Cancer UK, to sensitize the community about issues around the disease. As current data indicates, 1 in 4 black men will get Prostate Cancer as compared to other men, hence the necessity of this vital program which aimed to shed light on the subject matter.

• DIABETES AWARENESS

A diabetic awareness session was held in conjunction with Leeds Community Healthcare, to help educate the community. Worldwide research on ethnic minorities and incidents of diabetes, has established that, ethnicity potentially increases the risk of contracting diabetes. Type two diabetes is three times more prevalent in African and Caribbean communities.

The key to combatting the disease is early intervention mechanisms like education and awareness, hence why the organization partnered with LCH, to deliver the program.

FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

As the organization perseveres to navigated through the labyrinth of issues, it will strive to work on the following areas depending on situational circumstances:

- Work on the creation of a rapid reaction task force, to ensure immediate and swift response to people in need of emergency and immediate support.

- Continue with the property search, though this is proving to be challenging due the lack of sufficient funds to afford private commercial mortgage. Despite this major obstacle, this will continue to be our long term and goal.
- Work with LAC (Leeds African Community) for the possibility of opening a food bank facility at our base, as part of our multi-agency partnership strategy
- Expand our fundraising activities to cover events all throughout the year, i.e., Easter, and the Festive period.
- Work towards increasing student numbers for education lessons, through community engagements
- Succession planning: work towards engaging the younger generation to prepare them for leadership positions within the organization.

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Date: 9 February 2023

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	£	£
Turnover	31,076	20,916
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(4,800)	(5,000)
Other Charges	(17,316)	(14,446)
Profit for the year	<u>8,960</u>	<u>1,470</u>

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Statement of Financial Position

31 January 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets	49,706	40,745
Net current assets (liabilities)	49,706	40,745
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Capital and reserves	49,706	40,745

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	£	£
Turnover / Revenue		
Dara Fees	1,110	1,600
Fundraising Profits	4,669	-
Gift Aid Donations	3,601	4,000
Grants	500	-
Other Donations	200	341
Other Income	609	98
Subscriptions	20,387	14,877
	31,076	20,916
Raw materials and consumables used		
Dara Expenses	4,800	5,000
	4,800	5,000
Other charges		
Burial & Repatriation	3,400	-
Community Welfare Support	2,325	1,800
Gambia House Rent	7,500	6,875
General Expenses	150	65
Hall Hire	350	300
Insurance	269	-
LACON - Leeds African Cup of Nations	422	-
Telephone & Internet	1,223	504
Water, Electricity & Gas and Boiler Insurance	1,677	4,902
	17,316	14,446
Profit/(loss) for the year		
Net Profit	8,960	1,470
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The Trustees have not engaged the services of an independent examiner during the year under review. However, it has been resolved that this service will be acquired with immediate effect.

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ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Covid-19 pandemic has proven to be challenging and has had a negative impact on the organization and the community, in areas of service and program delivery, finances, morale and social interactions. The social and economic costs of the pandemic are multi-dimensional, and has widen levels of inequalities.

That said, TGWS adopted an adaptive practical approach at the very onset of the pandemic, by initially undertaking a massive communication campaign geared towards spreading awareness and debunking negative myths associated with the virus, especially within ethnic minority communities. The community was sensitized around Public Health England guidelines, such as effective hand hygiene, social distancing, mask wearing, and testing, should one develop symptoms.

The resilience and fortitude exhibited during this period, emanated from the resolve and capability of the executive arm in implementing practical steps to address the unprecedented situation. Measures were implemented in reaction to the trend, prompting the move to virtual ways of operating, whilst concentrating on core services like social, and health and well-being issues.

On the flip side, the pandemic has ushered in a groundbreaking spirit of togetherness at the neighborhood, community and national level, the shared experience of misfortune has created a vivid sense of unity, belonging and a feeling of being part of something unique and special. This has acted as a natural “Social Remedy” in preventing acute loneliness, depression and associated health and well-being complications. Though the period under consideration has been difficult to navigate, the organization was able to deliver in the following areas:

COMMUNITY

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- Active and visible participation in naming ceremonies, marriages, community outreach activities, and dispute resolutions, all of which fosters community spirit and unification.
- Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the organization has continued to provide bereavement support, and has expanded its scope to include other communities within Leeds. This is done in various formats, spanning from burial arrangements, financial support towards burial costs, as well as moral and emotional guidance. These support mechanisms help promote inter-community cooperation, tolerance, and cohesion

EDUCATION AND RELIGION

The organization has resorted to conducting all educational lessons virtually, although this comes with its own challenges, due to the absence of face-to-face interaction between teachers and pupils. Despite this, the team still manages to deliver effective learning outcomes. This not only benefits children educationally, it also equips them with vital life skills. The in-house moral lessons create an impact on children's lives, and prepares them for adulthood, societal interaction and responsibility. As a result of the restrictions, the organization has had to offer virtual Eid sermons (Khutbah) as oppose to in person congregational prayers, as well as continuing to foster religious tolerance, acceptance of individual beliefs and the promotion of inter-faith cooperation.

FINANCE

Monthly subscriptions and donations to the organization has plummeted, but the state of our finances remains manageable, due to sound and robust fiscal discipline. Finance surgeries continues to be offered to the community, though virtually or over the telephone as and when required by appointment basis, through the Treasury department

This free advice covers areas of personal finance, tax, investments, pensions, and access to financial help. This service provides vital guidance to members of the community, enabling and empowering individuals to manage their financial affairs, especially in the unpredictable pandemic era

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The pandemic has definitely affected lives, from loneliness, anxiety, frustration, uncertainty, and concerns about the economic ramifications of the pandemic, has been prevalent within the community. In an attempt to help alleviate and mitigate these negative issues, the organization in collaboration with Sky Power Radio and Television Services organized virtual community awareness programs to engage the community in a positive manner, in order to provide reassurance. The organization conducted the following sensitization programs:

- Kids Empowerment Program: This requested kids to write about their lockdown experiences. The aim was to facilitate engagement, as well as improving their writing and presentation skills, with the overall winner being rewarded with a prize
- How to maintain a healthy and sustainable family relationship during lockdown
- Managing health and wellbeing issues during the pandemic era.

These combination of programs offered guidance on how individuals can help look after their health and wellbeing, with extra focus on maintaining sound mental health, which has emerged as a key focal point during the pandemic. Emphasis was made on how to help and support each other as a community, communicate about individual concerns, and how to access help if required

FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Covid-19 situation poses crucial challenges both in the medium to long-term. Though there has been the lifting of restrictions for various aspects of life, but the emergence of new variants, is casting a shadow on the gains made, thus propagating additional uncertainty and making it difficult to strategize for the long-term. Nonetheless, the organization will aspire to work on the following areas were the conditionalities of the situation becomes permissible to do so:

- Work on current capacity and preparedness for the Covid-19 situation, to enable rapid reaction ability should the situation deem it necessary
- Exert maximum focus on the property search, though the search has commenced, it is still ongoing due to the lack of finding a suitable property that is fit for purpose.
- Expand and consolidate multi-agency partnership and cooperation
- Encourage regular utilization of Gambia House for social engagement and interaction sessions, within the acceptable guidance of Public Health England
- Engage the Fundraising task force, regarding future Fundraising activities
- Liaise with parents on ways to further improve and enhance children's learning, personal development and continuous improvement

End of report

Income & Expenditure Statement

The Gambia Welfare Society Leeds
For the 12 months ended 31 January 2022

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Income	
Dara Fees	1,600.00
Other Donations	341.00
Other Income	98.44
Subscriptions	14,876.66
Gift Aid Donations	4,000.00
Total Income	20,916.10
Expenses	
Dara Expenses	5,000.00
Total Expenses	5,000.00
Gross Profit	15,916.10
Administrative Costs	
Community Welfare Support	1,800.00
General Expenses	65.00
Hall Hire	300.00
Gambia House Rent	6,875.00
Telephone & Internet	504.12
Water, Electricity & Gas and Boiler Insurance	4,901.84
Total Administrative Costs	14,445.96
Operating Profit/(Loss)	1,470.14
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- Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the organization has continued to provide bereavement support, and has expanded its scope to include other communities within Leeds. This is done in various formats, spanning from burial arrangements, financial support towards burial costs, as well as moral and emotional guidance. These support mechanisms help promote inter-community cooperation, tolerance, and cohesion

EDUCATION AND RELIGION

The organization has resorted to conducting all educational lessons virtually, although this comes with its own challenges, due to the absence of face-to-face interaction between teachers and pupils. Despite this, the team still manages to deliver effective learning outcomes. This not only benefits children educationally, it also equips them with vital life skills. The in-house moral lessons create an impact on children's lives, and prepares them for adulthood, societal interaction and responsibility. As a result of the restrictions, the organization has had to offer virtual Eid sermons (Khutbah) as oppose to in person congregational prayers, as well as continuing to foster religious tolerance, acceptance of individual beliefs and the promotion of inter-faith cooperation.

FINANCE

Monthly subscriptions and donations to the organization has plummeted, but the state of our finances remains manageable, due to sound and robust fiscal discipline. Finance surgeries continues to be offered to the community, though virtually or over the telephone as and when required by appointment basis, through the Treasury department

This free advice covers areas of personal finance, tax, investments, pensions, and access to financial help. This service provides vital guidance to members of the community, enabling and empowering individuals to manage their financial affairs, especially in the unpredictable pandemic era

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The pandemic has definitely affected lives, from loneliness, anxiety, frustration, uncertainty, and concerns about the economic ramifications of the pandemic, has been prevalent within the community. In an attempt to help alleviate and mitigate these negative issues, the organization in collaboration with Sky Power Radio and Television Services organized virtual community awareness programs to engage the community in a positive manner, in order to provide reassurance. The organization conducted the following sensitization programs:

- Kids Empowerment Program: This requested kids to write about their lockdown experiences. The aim was to facilitate engagement, as well as improving their writing and presentation skills, with the overall winner being rewarded with a prize
- How to maintain a healthy and sustainable family relationship during lockdown
- Managing health and wellbeing issues during the pandemic era.

These combination of programs offered guidance on how individuals can help look after their health and wellbeing, with extra focus on maintaining sound mental health, which has emerged as a key focal point during the pandemic. Emphasis was made on how to help and support each other as a community, communicate about individual concerns, and how to access help if required

FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Covid-19 situation poses crucial challenges both in the medium to long-term. Though there has been the lifting of restrictions for various aspects of life, but the emergence of new variants, is casting a shadow on the gains made, thus propagating additional uncertainty and making it difficult to strategize for the long-term. Nonetheless, the organization will aspire to work on the following areas were the conditionalities of the situation becomes permissible to do so:

- Work on current capacity and preparedness for the Covid-19 situation, to enable rapid reaction ability should the situation deem it necessary
- Exert maximum focus on the property search, though the search has commenced, it is still ongoing due to the lack of finding a suitable property that is fit for purpose.
- Expand and consolidate multi-agency partnership and cooperation
- Encourage regular utilization of Gambia House for social engagement and interaction sessions, within the acceptable guidance of Public Health England
- Engage the Fundraising task force, regarding future Fundraising activities
- Liaise with parents on ways to further improve and enhance children's learning, personal development and continuous improvement

End of report

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