
HELP THE PERSECUTED

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

Charity Registered Number 1183327

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Help The Persecuted is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (number 1183327) and exists to strengthen, support and advocate for the persecuted Church. We provide direct practical and spiritual assistance to Christians in the most hostile regions of the world. We work to see persecuted Christians experience fellowship with the Body of Christ as their needs are met—and find renewed strength to follow Christ.

Objectives

The charitable objects are:

1. To advance the Christian religion around the world, in particularly but not exclusively, by enabling those who are victims of religious persecution to worship. This will include enabling pastoral activities, and encouraging Christians in their faith through biblical study and, therefore, strengthening the local churches where they exist.
2. To relieve poverty or financial hardship for victims of religious persecution anywhere in the world, by providing or assisting in the provision of grants, items, services, and programmes to individuals in need, and/or other organisations working to support persecuted populations.
3. To advance the education of the public, in particular in the subject of religious persecution.

Mission Statement

We are ministers of the Gospel who Rescue, Restore, and Rebuild the lives of persecuted believers.

Vision Statement

A world where the persecuted Church endures, flourishes and multiplies in hostile places.

Public benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets or investments ('the free reserves') held by the charity are sufficient to meet the ongoing work of the charity. This policy and the levels of reserves will be reviewed from time to time. The total level of reserves at the end of the year was £54,838. Based upon a review by the Trustees,

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they have determined that the level of reserves at the year end were adequate for the operations of the Charity.

Achievement and Performance

Review of Activities

Help The Persecuted exists to Rescue, Restore, and Rebuild the lives of persecuted Christians and works toward a vision where the persecuted Church endures, flourishes, and multiplies in the most hostile regions of the world. The Charity partners with other Help The Persecuted organisations internationally together with an indigenous staff team (the HTP Group) to identify and direct support to persecuted people. Our Theory of Change is based on the view that Christian individuals and families in hostile places endure persecution and require direct practical interventions and spiritual support. HTP Group methods are, therefore, geared toward identifying and assessing bone-fide cases of persecution and subsequently addressing both spiritual and practical needs to stabilize individuals and families, assisting in their journey of healing and rebuilding. We call this approach “*Rescue, Restore, and Rebuild.*”

HTP Group staff receive case referrals from a range of local organizations concerning people living in poverty or distress because of religious persecution. Victims of religious persecution are often in need of immediate and extensive assistance, including needing a safe place to escape danger, support for basic living expenses, assistance with school fees, help with medical needs due to torture or abuse, and trauma counselling. Before agreeing to provide direct assistance, the case details are verified according to strict criteria, and a needs assessment is conducted to ensure that the person is in poverty or distress and to ascertain how best they can be helped. Once a case has been properly vetted, the HTP Group is then able to provide a wide range of relief and pastoral care, including:

- Emergency Safe House housing
- The provision of food, housing, rent and basic living needs
- Transportation and relocation expenses to secure and safe environment
- Livelihood support, such as small business grants and vocational training
- Construction assistance to rebuild homes and family businesses
- Medical expenses related to any form of torture or abuse, and medications
- Psycho-social help, such as trauma counselling
- Pastoral care, participation in our discipleship programs, and connections to a local church

Notable Achievements

During the financial period ending 30 June 2023, the HTP Group directly helped over 81,978 beneficiaries in 13 countries. Starting with those that needed immediate help to get out of danger, direct support was provided including transportation, a place in a Safe House or legal counsel. Beyond these emergency needs, on-the-ground teams delivered direct support to persecuted people in various forms, including essential living expenses, needed medicines, trauma counselling, access to schooling (enabling displaced children to complete their education), and assisting persecuted individuals in finding new jobs and starting new businesses to foster independence.

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Highlights include:

- **Lebanon Crisis Response:** The scale of the economic crisis in Lebanon reached unprecedented levels during 2021, with the World Bank ranking the country's economic crisis among the top three in the world in the past 150 years—resulting in shortages of food, fuel, electricity and medicines and an increase in political unrest. The HTP Group successfully launched a crisis response programme to address at scale critical needs, such as food and medical insecurity, which included the development of a large vegetable farm. By the end of FY23 over 24,000 persecuted and vulnerable Christians had been directly helped with supplemental food, medicines, medical help, and pastoral care.
- **Syria/Turkey Earthquake Crisis Response:** As a colossal earthquake rocked the Syria-Turkey border on February 6, 2023, Lightning Funds were immediately deployed with our local church partners to provide food, water, shelter, and heat to survivors. A pastoral care team was formed to support those grieving and traumatized. The HTP Group delivered practical care providing Emergency Relief Kits with food staples and hygiene vouchers to those left without access to showers and laundry and repairing the homes of those left displaced by earthquake damage. Over 12,000 people were rescued, restored, and empowered to rebuild.
- **Sudan Crisis Response:** When news of a political crisis and possible civil war surfaced, the HTP Group team in Egypt immediately began planning their travel to the northern border of Sudan to respond. Sudanese Christians, fleeing violent persecution and fearing for their lives, poured into Egypt. Hot meals, water, and medical care together with Gospel hope were provided to those who had lost homes, livelihoods, and family members. Over 5,000 people directly benefitted.
- **Enduring Livelihood Programme:** Increased our capacity to create sustainable incomes for vetted persecuted beneficiaries, supporting a wide range of small family businesses from grocery shops and mobile phone stores to car maintenance and appliance repair. Job skills training for new work opportunities was also provided.
- **Discipleship Programmes:** Actively trained 2,889 Christians and formed many new local church home discipleship groups.
- **Emergency Relief Kits:** Additional funds were deployed into the programme this year, enabling the HTP Group to distribute 7,167 Emergency Relief Kits. Each kit provides an average family of four with critical food essentials like rice, flour, and oil, alongside Bibles and discipleship materials and the pastoral care of the team. Emergency Relief Kits also open the door for further support to be provided, from ongoing discipleship meetings to the provision of safe housing and more.
- **Safe Houses:** The number of operational Safe Houses was increased during the past year — bringing greater capacity to host vulnerable persecuted cases at very short notice. The Safe Houses provide not just a secure location, but a clean and comfortable place to heal and to be spiritually encouraged.

The achievements in the year were enabled partly by project funding provided by Help The Persecuted and its supporters across the UK. The Trustees look forward to increasing the organisation's impact as the charity continues to grow.

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Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 17 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Allan Guinan
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HELP THE PERSECUTED

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Help The Persecuted ("the charity")

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year to 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 the examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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17 November 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations and legacies	2	302,570	-	302,570	289,524
Investments	3	191	-	191	9
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		302,761	-	302,761	289,533
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	4	316,490	-	316,490	230,508
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		316,490	-	316,490	230,508
NET INCOMING RESOURCES/(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS		(13,729)	-	(13,729)	59,025
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(13,729)	-	(13,729)	59,025
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		113,863	-	113,863	54,838
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	8	100,134	-	100,134	113,863

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	21,123		38,381	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>86,323</u>		<u>79,957</u>	
		107,446		118,338	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(7,312)</u>		<u>(4,475)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>100,134</u>		<u>113,863</u>	
NET ASSETS		<u>100,134</u>		<u>113,863</u>	
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds		-		-	
Unrestricted funds		<u>100,134</u>		<u>113,863</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS	8	<u>100,134</u>		<u>113,863</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 November 2023 and signed on their behalf, by:



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Allan Guinan
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that 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.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2023 (continued)

1.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount incurred net of any trade discounts due.

1.6 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	266,272	-	266,272	265,045
Gift aid	36,298	-	36,298	24,479
	302,570	-	302,570	289,524

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2023 (continued)

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Bank interest	191	-	191	9
	<u>191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>9</u>

4. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Programme Grants disbursed				
to Help The Persecuted Inc	225,000	-	225,000	175,000
Programme & Support Consultancy	44,192	-	44,192	33,425
Education, Advocacy & Marketing	22,526	-	22,526	14,805
Fundraising costs	7,909	-	7,909	-
Travel and subsistence	7,008	-	7,008	-
Postage & Stationery	455	-	455	587
Telephone	360	-	360	305
Computer costs	2,895	-	2,895	367
Professional fees	100	-	100	-
Bank charges	5,445	-	5,445	5,419
Independent examination	600	-	600	600
	<u>316,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,490</u>	<u>230,508</u>

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Trustee received remuneration (2022: £NIL).
During the year, no Trustee received any benefits in kind (2022: £NIL).
During the year, no Trustee received reimbursement of expenses (2022: £NIL).

6. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income	19,123	38,381
Prepayments	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>21,123</u>	<u>38,381</u>

7. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	6,712	3,875
Accruals and deferred income	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>7,312</u>	<u>4,475</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2023 (continued)

8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Current year	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/out £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	113,863	302,761	(316,490)	-	100,134
Restricted funds:					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	113,863	302,761	(316,490)	-	100,134
Prior year	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/out £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	54,838	289,533	(230,508)	-	113,863
Restricted funds:					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	54,838	289,533	(230,508)	-	113,863

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Current year	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	107,446	-	107,446
Creditors due within one year	(7,312)	-	(7,312)
	100,134	-	100,134
Prior year	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	118,338	-	118,338
Creditors due within one year	(4,475)	-	(4,475)
	113,863	-	113,863