

SOORA ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1185315

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF WALSALL WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THOSE WHO ARE FROM IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES, BY: A. THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND INFORMATION ON HOUSING AND WELFARE BENEFITS. B. THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN SUCH WAYS AS MAY BE THOUGHT FIT, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT. C. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN THE WIDER COMMUNITY. D. THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH E. THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somalia
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-04	£13,673	£18,537	-	-
2024-04-04	£18,045	£28,366	-	-
2023-04-04	£16,634	£12,656	-	-
2022-04-04	£40,297	£31,045	-	-
2021-04-04	£17,123	£13,173	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FARHAN ABDI MOHAMED	Chair	2019-10-20
GARAD ISMAEL BAAW		2019-10-20
HASSAN SHEIKH EGEH		2019-10-20

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Trustee Annual Report

From 05 April 2024 - 04 April 2025

Legal charity Name: Soora Association

Charity number: 1185315

Operational address: 17-19 wednesbury road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3RU.

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Achievements and Performance

SOORA has made significant progress in 2024-2025 and successfully implemented 2 important charitable activities that have had a transformative impact on the lives of individuals in the West Midlands. Through our projects, we have supported marginalised groups, empowered individuals and enhanced the community's cohesion. Below are the key activities that SOORA carried out and their outcomes.

(Activity 1) The Relief of Hardship and Advancement of Education

1.0 Executive Summery

This report outlines the delivery and impact of Activity 1, encompassing Hardship Relief and Educational Advancement initiatives conducted by SOORA from April 2024 – April 2025. The activity directly addressed the escalating challenges of the cost-of-

living crisis, social isolation, and the digital divide faced by low-income, marginalised, and refugee communities in Birmingham. Through integrated support in welfare guidance, employment, IT access, and computer literacy, the programme empowered 175 unique individuals, fostering greater financial stability, employability, and social integration.

Activity 1: The Relief of Hardship and Advancement of Education

1.0 Executive Summary

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2.0 Activity Overview: The Relief of Hardship

SOORA's hardship relief intervention targeted the acute financial precarity and isolation experienced by low-income families, refugees, and marginalised groups. In a context of rising inflation and complex systemic barriers, the provision of essential guidance and practical support was critical to mitigating poverty, homelessness and mental health strain.

2.1 Financial Support and Welfare Guidance

Objective: To ensure clients understand and successfully access statutory welfare entitlements, thereby alleviating immediate financial pressure and risk.

Service Delivery:

- Provided comprehensive support to 175 clients navigating the benefits system.
- Completed applications for 34 individuals across key benefits: Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Employment Support Allowance (ESA), Housing Benefit, Child Benefit and Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

- Delivered specialised support including:
- Eligibility clarification regarding income and residency.
- End-to-end application process assistance including form completion and documentation.
- Guidance through medical assessments and benefit implications.

Impact:

- Clients secured critical financial assistance, reducing immediate risks of poverty and homelessness.
- Enhanced long-term financial stability and reduced anxiety associated with navigating complex bureaucratic systems.

2.2 Employment Support:

Objective: To dismantle barriers to employment and equip individuals with the skills and confidence to secure sustainable work.

Service Delivery:

- Provided targeted job-seeking support to 86 individuals facing barriers such as language deficits, lack of qualifications, and limited market access.
- Services included:
- One-to-one CV building and updating.
- Interview technique coaching (professional presentation, question response, body language).
- Job application guidance and strategic job-search support.
- Referrals to partner recruitment agencies, including Tudor Agency and other permanent-role specialists.

Impact:

- Clients demonstrated increased confidence and competence in the job market.
- Improved financial situations and self-reliance through successful employment outcomes.

2.3 IT and Digital Access Support

Objective: To bridge the digital divide by providing essential technology access and skills, a prerequisite for modern employability and service access.

Service Delivery:

Supported 55 low-income individuals by providing fundamental technological tools and training.

Key provisions included:

- Access to computers, the internet, and necessary software.
- Support with creating professional emails, completing online job applications, and building digital CVs.
- Foundational digital skills training for communicating with service providers and accessing online public services.

Impact:

- Enabled meaningful participation in the digital economy and online civic life.
- Reduced a critical barrier to employment and essential service access for disadvantaged individuals.

3.0 Activity Overview: The Advancement of Education

Recognising education as a core pillar of integration and empowerment, SOORA delivered targeted computer literacy programmes for refugee, immigrant and marginalised adults with a focus on school drop-outs and new arrivals.

3.1 Computer Literacy Programme

Objective: To equip participants with foundational and practical digital skills to enhance employability, access services and foster social integration.

Programme Delivery:

- Provided computer literacy instruction to 55 participants from diverse ethnic and refugee backgrounds.

- Delivered a structured programme of 8 hours of weekly instruction, tiered across four levels to accommodate varying abilities.
- Curriculum focused on practical, real-world application:
 - Basic computer skills (word processing, internet navigation, email management).
 - Job search and application skills (online portals, digital CVs).
 - Accessing government and essential services (Universal Credit, NHS app, public transport).
- Fostered a supportive learning environment encouraging peer interaction and experience-sharing.

4.0 Impact Evaluation

A formal evaluation conducted at the programme's conclusion yielded the following outcomes:

- Skill Acquisition: 78.5% of participants reported significant improvement in basic computer literacy, directly enhancing their ability to communicate with services, pursue education and seek employment.
- Increased Self-Reliance: Participants gained confidence in independently engaging with healthcare, housing and welfare services, reducing dependency.
- Progression: Multiple participants successfully secured employment or enrolled in further education programmes.
- Social Cohesion: The programme cultivated a strong sense of community with participants highlighting new friendships and support networks that actively reduced feelings of isolation.

5.0 Conclusion

Activity 1 successfully delivered a holistic and responsive suite of services that addressed both immediate hardship and longer-term systemic barriers for vulnerable populations in Birmingham. By integrating financial guidance, employment support, digital access and foundational education, SOORA has demonstrably improved participants' stability, opportunity and social connectedness. The outcomes underscore the necessity of continued, integrated support in these areas to foster resilience and empowerment within marginalised communities.

Activity 2: Young People's Physical Fitness and Wellness Support

1.0 Programme Overview

Throughout the reporting period, SOORA implemented a targeted initiative to enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of young people (aged 16–24) residing in the Small Heath area and surrounding postcodes (B8, B9, B10, B12) in Birmingham. The programme utilised a dual-activity model, combining structured physical fitness interventions with dedicated mentorship support.

2.0 Activity A: Structured Fitness and Wellness Programme

this component was designed to promote holistic health through organised physical activities, addressing both physiological fitness and psychological wellbeing.

2.1 Programme Design & Delivery

The activity encompassed a range of regular, supervised sessions including yoga, aerobics, walking groups, and team sports, with a particular emphasis on football. These activities were strategically selected to improve cardiovascular health, build discipline, reduce stress and foster social cohesion.

2.2 Engagement Strategy & Format

The programme actively recruited 48 young people from disadvantaged wards, including Small Heath, Bordesley Green, Alum Rock, Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath. Participants were enrolled in an after-school style programme focusing on physical activity, teamwork and healthy competition.

A structured league format was implemented, dividing participants into four teams (A, B, C, D). Teams competed in two-hour football matches twice weekly, totalling four hours of direct activity. A competitive league system, culminating in a final cup and prize presentation for the winning and runner-up teams was employed to sustain motivation, encourage consistent participation and strengthen community connections.

3.0 Activity B: Mentorship and One-to-One Support

Operating in parallel to the fitness programme, this component provided crucial personalised guidance. A total of 128 participants received support, delivered through both group workshops and individual sessions. This 12-month pilot initiative specifically targeted young people from deprived areas combining these mentorship

and skills workshops with physical activity to improve employability, wellbeing and social integration.

3.1 Participant Recruitment: Engagement was achieved through a hybrid model:

- Direct enrolment at the SOORA centre.
- Formal referrals from partner agencies, including schools, youth offending teams, job centres and refugee support organisations.
- Primary eligibility criteria were: age (16-24), residence in a target ward and identification as NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), at risk of offending, a school drop-out and/or a newly arrived migrant or refugee.

4.0 Outcomes and Impact

The integrated programme yielded significant positive results:

- High Retention: An 87% completion rate was achieved for the 12-month programme.
- Physical Health: 76% of participants reported improved physical fitness and the adoption of healthier routines.
- Community Safety: Local police noted a noticeable reduction in youth-related antisocial incidents in the vicinity of project venues during activity times.
- Social Integration: Refugee and immigrant participants 29 individuals demonstrated markedly increased social connections and confidence, with 80% reporting feeling more connected to the community.
- Skills Development: Workshops in digital literacy and interview preparation were identified as highly valuable by participants.
- Progression: 63 individuals successfully moved into employment, apprenticeships, or further education.

5.0 Challenges and Learnings

Several operational challenges were identified and managed:

1. Initial Recruitment: Early hesitancy among some target youth was overcome by leveraging word-of-mouth and trusted community referral pathways.
2. Funding Uncertainty: The short-term nature of funding created planning difficulties for cohort transitions and long-term sustainability.
3. Venue Logistics: Ensuring consistent access to affordable, appropriate spaces required proactive partnership management and flexibility.

6.0 Conclusion

The pilot project successfully demonstrated that a combined approach linking physical activities, skills training and mentorship effectively engaged at-risk young people and lead to measurable improvements in employability, health, and social integration. The model is replicable and scalable with strong potential for greater impact through extended funding and strengthened local partnerships.

The project has laid a foundation for continued youth support in Birmingham and it is recommended that the learning from this pilot be used to shape future youth empowerment initiatives across the city.

Public Benefit

SOORA's activities have directly benefited vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals in the community, aligning with the public benefit requirement outlined by the Charity Commission. The charity has worked to improve the lives of individuals from refugee, migrant and ethnic minority backgrounds by providing essential services in education, employment, welfare support and mental health care. Through our work, we have contributed to the reduction of hardship, the promotion of education, and the enhancement of mental well-being in marginalised communities.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year that provide a true and fair view of the charity's activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. This includes ensuring the charity adheres to accounting and auditing requirements as outlined in the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees also have a duty to safeguard the charity's assets, ensuring that appropriate steps are taken to prevent fraud and other irregularities. In line with this responsibility, SOORA has implemented internal controls and monitoring systems to ensure financial accountability and the effective use of funds.

The Trustees are also responsible for ensuring that the charity's website and financial information are maintained with integrity and they confirm that the financial statements give a true and fair view of SOORA's financial position.

Conclusion

SOORA has had a successful year in delivering impactful services to vulnerable communities in the West Midlands particularly (Walsall and Birmingham). We are proud of the positive changes we have facilitated in the lives of the people we serve. Moving forward, we will continue to focus on meeting the needs of marginalised individuals and communities while adhering to our charitable objectives and ensuring that we provide high-quality services that truly make a difference.

We are grateful to our funders, partners and the dedicated staff and volunteers who have contributed to our work. The Trustees are confident that SOORA will continue to grow and deepen its impact over the next twelve months.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson:
Farhan Mohamed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Farhan', is written over a faint, light blue rectangular background.

Date: 20/01/2026

Independent examiner's report

For the year ended 04 April 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 04 April 2025, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 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.

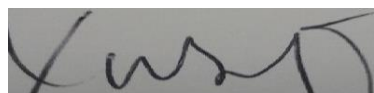
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;



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Date: 20/01/2026

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 4 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	5,673	8,000	13,673	18,045
Investment income	2		-	-	-
Total incoming resources		5,673	8,000	13,673	18,045
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	6,174	12,805	18,979	28,066
Governance costs	4	200	-	200	300
Other resources expended					-
Total Resources Expended		6,374	12,805	19,179	28,366
Net resources for the year		(701)	(4,805)	(5,506)	3,979
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		1,314	8,648	9,962	16,304
Fund balances at 04 April 2025		613	3,843	4,456	20,283

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Balance Sheet

For the year ending 4 April 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible	5		<u>1,325</u>		<u>1,767</u>
			1,325		1,767
Current Assets:					
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>3,330</u>	<u>8,494</u>	
			3,330	8,494	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	6		<u>(200)</u>	<u>(300)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>3,130</u>	<u>8,194</u>	
Total Assets less current liabilities			<u>4,456</u>	<u>9,961</u>	
Funds of the charity:					
Balance for the year			(5,506)	(10,321)	
Balance brought forward			<u>9,962</u>	<u>20,283</u>	
			<u>4,456</u>	<u>9,962</u>	

For the financial year ended 04 April 2025, the Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (2011 Act).

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that they keep charity's accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act and preparing accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Farhan Mohamed
Chairperson

Date: 20 January 2026

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* (Revised SORP 2005) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are recognised on accruals basis.

Incoming resources are reported gross.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Provision for depreciation of tangible fixed assets held by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on reducing balance basis.

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2025

2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	-	-	3,000
National Lottery	-	-	-	9,942
Access Sport CIO Trust	-	5,000	5,000	
Heart of England		-	-	4,998
Fund Raising	30		30	-
Donations from members & the public	5,643	3,000	8,643	105
	<u>5,673</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>13,673</u>	<u>18,045</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>5,673</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>13,673</u>	<u>18,045</u>

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For the year ending 4 April 2025

3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Premises	-	3600	3,600	4,200
Staff cost	-	1,826	1,826	6,825
Operational/Activity Cost	-	6,299	6,299	8,545
Utilities	-	1,080	1,080	1,251
Printing & Publication	2,534	-	2,534	1,975
Volunteer Expenses	800	-	800	1,200
Training	1,202	-	1,202	1,562
Telephone & Internet	146	-	146	269
Publicity	1,050	-	1,050	1,050
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,732</u>	<u>12,805</u>	<u>18,537</u>	<u>26,877</u>

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Insurance	-	-	-	600
Depreciation	442	-	442	589
	<u>442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>1,189</u>
Total Charitable Activities	<u>6,174</u>	<u>12,805</u>	<u>18,979</u>	<u>28,066</u>

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	200	-	200	300
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
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SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2025

	Office Equipment	Total
5 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost	£	£
At 05 April 2024	4,904	4,904
Additions	-	-
	<u>4,904</u>	<u>4,904</u>
Depreciation		
At 05 April 2024	3,137	3,137
Charge for period	442	442
At 04 April 2025	<u>3,579</u>	<u>3,579</u>
Net book values		
At 04 April 2025	<u>1,325</u>	<u>1,325</u>
At 04 April 2024	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,767</u>
6 <i>Creditors: amount falling due within one year</i>	2025 £	2024 £
	-	-
Accountancy fee for 2024/25	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>
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1. The Relief of Hardship

SOORA has focused its efforts on alleviating financial hardship and isolation for low-income and marginalized families in the Birmingham area, particularly those who are refugees or from disadvantaged backgrounds. The ongoing cost of living crisis and rising inflation have made it increasingly difficult for many individuals and families to make ends meet, which has only exacerbated issues such as poverty, mental health

challenges, and social exclusion. SOORA has been committed to providing essential support to mitigate these challenges, helping individuals to navigate financial difficulties and regain stability.

Key Activities and Achievements:

Financial Support and Welfare Guidance: In the reporting period, SOORA assisted 246 clients in understanding and accessing a variety of welfare benefits. Many of our clients were struggling to navigate the increasingly complex benefits system, particularly those affected by changes in government policies. SOORA's welfare guidance was crucial in supporting clients through the application process and ensuring they understood their entitlements.

Services Provided:

- Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Employment Support Allowance (ESA), Housing Benefit, Child Benefit, and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) applications.
- Eligibility clarification: We helped clients understand the eligibility criteria, including income and residency requirements.
- Application process support: This included helping clients complete application forms, gather the necessary documentation, and navigate any issues that arose during the process.
- Benefit assessment guidance: Our team supported clients through medical assessments and provided information about the implications of different benefits on household income.

Impact: Clients who received our support were able to access the financial assistance they were entitled to, which helped to alleviate some of the financial pressure they faced. This also provided individuals with greater financial stability and reduced the risks of poverty and homelessness.

- **Employment Support:** SOORA offered job-seeking support to 77 individuals, focusing on providing the tools and guidance necessary to help them secure

stable employment. Many of our clients faced significant barriers to employment, including language barriers, lack of formal qualifications, and limited access to the job market.

Support services included:

- CV building: We worked one-on-one with clients to create or update CVs, ensuring they were well-positioned to apply for jobs.
- Interview techniques: We offered coaching on how to prepare for and perform in interviews, covering aspects such as body language, responses to common interview questions, and how to present oneself professionally.
- Job applications: We provided guidance on filling out online job applications and job-search strategies.
- Referrals to local recruitment agencies: To enhance job opportunities, we connected clients with local recruitment agencies such as Tudor and recruitment agencies specialising in placing individuals into permanent roles.

Impact: The employment support services helped clients become more confident in their job search and provided them with the resources and guidance they needed to secure employment. Many participants were able to improve their financial situations and build their self-reliance.

- **IT Support:** With technology playing an essential role in today's job market, access to technology is vital for disadvantaged individuals. SOORA supported 73 low-income individuals by providing them with the tools and resources to access job opportunities and essential services online.

Support Services Included:

- IT access: We provided access to computers, the internet, and other essential tools for clients who did not have these resources at home.
- Online job applications: We supported clients in creating professional emails, filling out online job applications, and building CVs using word processing software.

- Training on digital skills: In addition to specific job application support, clients received guidance on how to use technology for other essential tasks, including communication with service providers and social services.

Impact: IT support helped bridge the digital divide for disadvantaged individuals, enabling them to participate in the modern workforce and access public services, which were increasingly available online.

- **Disability Support:** SOORA also provided crucial support to 11 individuals with disabilities, helping them navigate the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Employment Support Allowance (ESA) applications. For many individuals with disabilities, the application process can be daunting and difficult to understand, which is why our team was dedicated to providing personalised support through these processes.

Support Services Included:

- Application assistance: We guided clients through the process of applying for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and ESA, ensuring they had the necessary documentation and understood the forms.
- Medical assessments: Our team helped clients prepare for and understand the implications of medical assessments related to their disability claims.
- Entitlement explanation: We helped clients understand their eligibility and entitlements regarding financial support related to their disabilities.

Impact: This support empowered individuals with disabilities to access the benefits they were entitled to, ensuring they were able to meet their basic needs and maintain their independence. Many of the individuals supported through this service reported feeling more confident and less isolated as a result.

2. The Advancement of Education

Education is a key pillar of SOORA's mission, especially for refugees, immigrants & marginalised adults. This year, we delivered targeted English language classes and computer literacy sessions aimed at helping adults with refugee backgrounds, particularly Sudanese, Syrian and Somali communities to overcome the barrier of language and integrate into society.

Our English Language Classes and Computer Literacy Sessions were specifically designed to address the linguistic and digital literacy challenges faced by refugees, including individuals. These initiatives provided opportunities for personal growth increased independence and community.

Language Classes: This year, SOORA delivered English language classes for 46 participants from various ethnic backgrounds, many of whom were refugees and migrants' status that recently arrived in UK. These classes were essential in providing participants with foundational skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening while translated. The classes focused on practical language skills needed for daily life such as communicating with local services, interacting with healthcare providers and navigating public transportation, as well as enhancing participant's ability to seek employment and further educational opportunities.

Program Highlights:

- 12 hours of English language instruction each week, divided into four levels to cater to the varying abilities of participants.
- Emphasis on practical communication, focusing on speaking and listening skills for real-life situations.
- Creation of a supportive and encouraging learning environment, where students could interact, share experiences, and build their confidence in using English.
- Support for Single Parents: A significant number of our participants were single parents, many of whom faced barriers to employment and social inclusion due to their limited proficiency in English. For single parents, learning English is not only crucial for improving their employment prospects but also for effectively engaging with their children's education, healthcare services and other vital community resources. We ensured that the learning environment was supportive and flexible

recognising the specific challenges that single parents face, including childcare responsibilities and limited time availability. By offering 12 hours of English classes weekly, SOORA empowered participants to build their confidence, learn new skills and engage with local services, which will ultimately improve their socio-economic opportunities and reduce isolation.

Computer Literacy Sessions: In addition to English language support, SOORA also provided computer literacy sessions to enhance participants' ability to use technology in everyday life. Many refugees and marginalised adults face a digital divide, which further hinders their ability to seek employment, access government services, and communicate with others.

The computer literacy sessions focused on:

- Basic computer skills, including using word processing software, accessing the internet, and managing emails.
- Job search and application skills, helping participants navigate online job portals and prepare digital CVs.
- Accessing government services, such as Universal Credit and NHS app, through online platforms. This initiative was crucial in enabling participants to use technology confidently and effectively, which is essential in today's job market and for overall integration into society.

Impact Evaluation:

At the conclusion of the English language classes, we conducted an evaluation to measure the impact of the program on participants' skills development and personal outcomes.

- 58.4% of participants reported significant improvement in their ability to speak and understand English, which directly impacted their ability to communicate with local services, pursue further education, and secure employment.
- Many participants gained confidence in engaging with local services such as healthcare, housing, and welfare support, which reduced their dependence on others and increased their self-reliance.

- Some participants successfully secured employment or enrolled in further education programs, further advancing their integration into the local community and economy.
- Enhanced sense of community: The language classes also fostered a sense of community among participants, with many sharing positive feedback about the new friendships and networks they had formed, which reduced feelings of isolation.

3. Mental Health Awareness and Referral Support

This year, SOORA delivered several initiatives to raise awareness of mental health issues, provide community mental health support and reduce stigma, particularly among disadvantaged ethnic minority communities.

- **Community Mental Health Workshops:** We held several mental health awareness workshops focused on promoting social connections, building resilience, and improving overall mental well-being. These workshops also encouraged participants to speak openly about mental health and seek support when needed.
- **Physical Wellbeing and Outdoor Activities:** We organised physical activity sessions in local green spaces such as Small Heath Park, encouraging people to engage in light physical activities like walking, cycling and jogging. These activities not only improved physical health but also had a positive impact on mental well-being by fostering social interactions and reducing isolation.
- **Referral Support and Partnerships:** SOORA worked closely with local mental health service providers such as Forward-Thinking Birmingham, Better Pathways and Black Country Mental Health to ensure that individuals in need of higher-level mental health care received the appropriate support. SOORA broke some cultural barriers that preventing the community to seek support by building trust within the community and facilitating access to mental health services.

Public Benefit

SOORA's activities have directly benefited vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals in the community, aligning with the public benefit requirement outlined by the Charity Commission. The charity has worked to improve the lives of individuals from refugee, migrant and ethnic minority backgrounds by providing essential services in education, employment, welfare support and mental health care. Through our work, we have contributed to the reduction of hardship, the promotion of education, and the enhancement of mental well-being in marginalised communities.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year that provide a true and fair view of the charity's activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. This includes ensuring the charity adheres to accounting and auditing requirements as outlined in the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees also have a duty to safeguard the charity's assets, ensuring that appropriate steps are taken to prevent fraud and other irregularities. In line with this responsibility, SOORA has implemented internal controls and monitoring systems to ensure financial accountability and the effective use of funds.

The Trustees are also responsible for ensuring that the charity's website and financial information are maintained with integrity and they confirm that the financial statements give a true and fair view of SOORA's financial position.

Conclusion

SOORA has had a successful year in delivering impactful services to vulnerable communities in the West Midlands particularly (Walsall and Birmingham). We are proud of the positive changes we have facilitated in the lives of the people we serve. Moving forward, we will continue to focus on meeting the needs of marginalised individuals and communities while adhering to our charitable objectives and ensuring that we provide high-quality services that truly make a difference.

We are grateful to our funders, partners and the dedicated staff and volunteers who have contributed to our work. The Trustees are confident that SOORA will continue to grow and deepen its impact over the next twelve months.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson:
Farhan Mohamed



Date: 26/01/2025

Independent examiner's report

For the year ended 04 April 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 04 April 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
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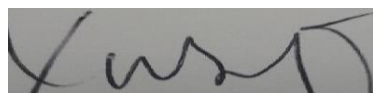
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 4 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	8,103	9,942	18,045	16,634
Investment income	2		-	-	-
Total incoming resources		8,103	9,942	18,045	16,634
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	7,245	20,821	28,066	12,356
Governance costs	4	300	-	300	300
Other resources expended					-
Total Resources Expended		7,545	20,821	28,366	12,656
Net resources for the year		558	(10,879)	(10,321)	3,979
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		756	19,527	20,283	16,304
Fund balances at 04 April 2024		1,314	8,648	9,962	20,283

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Balance Sheet

For the year ending 4 April 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible	5		<u>1,767</u>		<u>2,357</u>
			1,767		2,357
Current Assets:					
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>8,494</u>	<u>18,226</u>	
			8,494	18,226	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6		<u>(300)</u>	<u>(300)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>8,194</u>	<u>17,926</u>	
Total Assets less current liabilities			<u>9,962</u>	<u>20,283</u>	
Funds of the charity:					
Balance for the year			(10,321)		3,979
Balance brought forward			<u>20,283</u>	<u>16,304</u>	
			<u>9,962</u>	<u>20,283</u>	

For the financial year ended 04 April 2024, the Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (2011 Act).

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that they keep charity's accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act and preparing accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Farhan Mohamed
Chairperson

Date: 26 January 2025

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* (Revised SORP 2005) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are recognised on accruals basis.

Incoming resources are reported gross.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Provision for depreciation of tangible fixed assets held by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on reducing balance basis.

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2024

2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Walsall Council	-	-	-	-
The Albert Hunt Trust	3,000	-	3,000	-
National Lottery	-	9,942	9,942	9,034
Everson Grant	-	-	-	500
Tesco Community Grant	-	-	-	5,000
Heart of England	4,998	-	4,998	-
Fund Raising	-	-	-	610
Donations from members & the public	105	-	105	1,490
	<u>8,103</u>	<u>9,942</u>	<u>18,045</u>	<u>16,634</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>8,103</u>	<u>9,942</u>	<u>18,045</u>	<u>16,634</u>

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2024

3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Premises	-	4200	4,200	2,400
Staff cost	-	6,825	6,825	1,445
Operational/Activity Cost	-	8,545	8,545	2,803
Utilities	-	1,251	1,251	1,024
Food bank for Covid-19	-	-	-	-
Printing & Publication	1,975	-	1,975	910
Volunteer Expenses	1,200	-	1,200	700
Training	1,562	-	1,562	500
Telephone & Internet	269	-	269	260
Publicity	1,050	-	1,050	878
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,056</u>	<u>20,821</u>	<u>26,877</u>	<u>10,920</u>

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Insurance	600	-	600	650
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
General Administration	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	589	-	589	786
	<u>1,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,189</u>	<u>1,436</u>
Total Charitable Activities	<u>7,245</u>	<u>20,821</u>	<u>28,066</u>	<u>12,356</u>

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>7,545</u>	<u>20,821</u>	<u>28,366</u>	<u>12,656</u>

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2024

	Office Equipment £	Total £
5 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
At 05 April 2023	4,904	4,904
Additions	-	-
	<u>4,904</u>	<u>4,904</u>
Depreciation		
At 05 April 2023	2,548	2,548
Charge for period	589	589
At 04 April 2024	<u>3,137</u>	<u>3,137</u>
Net book values		
At 04 April 2024	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,767</u>
At 04 April 2023	<u>2,357</u>	<u>2,357</u>
6 <i>Creditors: amount falling due within one year</i>	2024 £	2023 £
	-	-
Accountancy fee for 2023/24	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

SOORA ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1185315

Accounts



Trustee Annual Report

From 05th April 2022 - 04 April 2023

Legal charity Name: Soora Association

Charity number: 1185315

Operational address: 17-19 wednesbury road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3RU.

Trustees: Trustees who served during the period from formation and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Farhan Mohamed Chairperson

Garad Baaw Secretary

Hassan Egeh Deputy chair

Introduction

Soora Association is a non-governmental non-profit making charity organisation founded on 17th January 2018 in Walsall, United Kingdom, and legally registered from the UK Charity Commission as a CIO Foundation on 16th September 2019. Soora values the local existing potential and resources from the communities and aims strengthening of the community cohesion, improving community development and self-reliance to achieve better life for all. Our vision targeted the diversity of people's different backgrounds and cultures to have similar life opportunities. The organisation as set up to relieve the needs of the community in UK & Somaliland who are in need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in particular but not exclusively those who are from immigrant and refugee communities, by:

- The relief of financial hardship, Isolation and disadvantaged persons in the community
- The relief of unemployment for the benefit of the public in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment and self-reliance.
- The advancement of education and training of those in the community who are in

need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within the wider community.

- Reduction of crimes, violence and anti-social behavior in the community.
- The preservation and protection of good physical and mental health
- The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving conditions of life.

Aims and objectives review

Soora Association Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period from 05th April 2022 – 4th April 2023. Soora Association reports the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Soora Association Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. the trustees adhered the health and safety guidelines particularly this pandemic time.

Achievements and performance.

In this year, the organisation carried out and delivered valuable charitable projects. We successfully carried out a significant contribution to the lives of many adults and young people in Birmingham & surroundings, as well positioned to deepen our impact over the next twelve months. Soora Association continues to grow and is making a significant contribution to the lives of many disadvantaged adults and young people across West Midlands. This period Soora successfully achieved 2 charitable goals which was main for our communities. The four charitable activities were undertaken as following; -

1. Welfare & Work Support (pilot)

This part of the relief of financial hardship, Isolation and disadvantaged persons in the community: the welfare and work pilot project continued, this project improved financial stability and self-sufficiency for the vulnerable individuals and families of the community in need who are struggling with everyday problems associated with their living. We supported low-income families and individuals affected current living cries,

navigating the welfare benefits system and the threat of debt. We provided mentoring support sessions to those want to make online employment applications, accessing Job search pages etc.

This charitable project strengthened and enhanced financial stability for the vulnerable people visit our community centre in Birmingham east (Small heath and surroundings) who are struggling with everyday problems associated with living on low income, navigating the welfare benefits system and the threat of debt in addition introduced and updated the government reforms to the benefits system such as Universal credit, Bedroom tax or PIP. provided mentoring support sessions to those wish to make online employment applications or accessing Job search pages. delivered extensive support using IT to the low-income individuals who do not have access to the Internet at home. presented advice and guidance to clients who are being affected by the complexities of the Benefits system and are being impacted by Government Welfare reforms. We allocated professional community support-workers who experienced the method of filling forms, medical advising for booked to attend medical assessments, disability Living Allowance or Employment Support Allowance for the Small heath community. produced a booklet specifying essential designating information written in English, Arabic & Somali languages for many new arrivals that came our Community Centre for help. This booklet included a section describing how to access free resources such as Where to learn English, secure a NI number, free interpreting, homeless support to those want seek housing in the "Social" & private rented sector, register with NHS, find a school place for children. This project enhanced the lives of many adults and youth in small heath residents. Soora is committed to continue this benefitable project since the living crises increased and still on.

2. Mental Health awareness raising and referral support

This fits our organisation's objectives which coming under (The preservation and protection of good physical and mental health). The aim of this project to engage and empower disadvantaged community groups from target areas including people experienced mental health conditions, elderly people who are feeling isolated, disadvantaged families in overcrowded accommodations in high rise flats, long term unemployed people, disabled people, physically inactive groups, vulnerable people with history of mental health issues and those struggling with issues living crises.

Firstly, we have provided services to the children and adolescents with mental health disorder experiences through referrals obtained from different parts of the community., charity organisations and housing associations in Birmingham and Walsall. Before we support the people with mental health conditions risk assessment forms has been completed, this form make easy to understand the situation and what kind of support could be given, the mental health levels are divided in to three levels. level 1, low, level 2 medium and level 3 which is high, we only supported level 1 and 2 and level 3 referred to the professional mental support organisations such as Forward-Thinking Birmingham or Better Pathways. Secondly, we provided Mental wellbeing sessions for the community active members and volunteers to provide appropriate services to the community, we used different methods to deliver the sessions like workshop models to share information, build resilience of service users, promote positive socialisations and reduce isolations. The delivered sessions included:

1. Social connections: we promoted social connections of the community or connecting with other people that important for everyone in the community to reduce loneliness or isolation. Good relationships and social connection for mental wellbeing are numerous such as lower rates of anxiety and depression, higher self-esteem, greater empathy, and more trusting and cooperative relationships.
2. Speak up and idea sharing, this aim is to normalise talking about mental health and inspire the target groups to seek support at early stage, and hence this promoted to encourage early interventions, reduced the stigma and cultural stereotype around mental health and encouraged community to speak and seek a support when they need to it.
3. Learned new skills: we taught the participants new skills, these skills allowed the participants to become active and improves confident, the sessions explored the hobbies and hopes of the participants, what they need to know, challenges and solutions, the participants shared with us their wishes and the skills they need to help, Soora explained the current support and courses available in our center, there are several skills available in our centre such as Employability skills, IT literacy, internet access & English literacy
4. Eat healthy stay healthy: brain-healthy diet supports and make strong mental

health, this session focused the link between diet and mental health linked, the participants learned how health nutrients improved mental wellbeing of the person, the best food for those medical conditions, tips help to know the relationship between what you eat and you how they feel.

5. referral session: the project promoted referrals and increased accessibility of disadvantaged community groups especially ethnic minority community on local mental health provisions, Soora has positive working relationship with other services providers in in West Midlands such as Forward-Thinking Birmingham, Black Country Mental health and Better Pathways. this project gave opportunity to the most marginalised community groups to access mental health services, there were some culture barriers preventing the people to visit the Mental health service providers, we successfully break some of those barriers, we show the people that (Mental Service providers are healing not harming). Second of this was physical mental support, these physical sessions delivered at local green spaces in Birmingham particularly small heath park, the aim of this activity was to inspire the people to use community assets like parks to boost their mental wellbeing. We promoted the people to walk or cycle, this has positive externalities to the environment and reduce carbon emissions and air pollution which are problem in deprived areas, this also resulted to connect people to people and people to nature, we helped the community to exercise simple physical activities like walking, jogging, jumping or cycling to improve their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing,

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is the support and enablement of vulnerable and disadvantaged adults and young people and these are achieved principally by the award and monitoring of activities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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 charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view. The Soora Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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. They 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson:
Farhan Mohamed



Date: 20/01/2024

Independent examiner's report

For the year ended 04 April 2023

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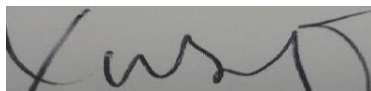
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Date: 20/01/2024

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 4 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	6,519	10,115	16,634	40,297
Investment income	2		-	-	-
Total incoming resources		6,519	10,115	16,634	40,297
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	5,708	6,648	12,356	30,745
Governance costs	4	300	-	300	300
Other resources expended					-
Total Resources Expended		6,008	6,648	12,656	31,045
Net resources for the year		512	3,467	3,979	9,253
Fund balances at 5 April 2022		244	16,060	16,304	7,051
Fund balances at 04 April 2023		756	19,527	20,283	16,304

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

Balance Sheet

For the year ending 4 April 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible	5		<u>2,357</u>		<u>3,143</u>
			2,357		3,143
Current Assets:					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>18,226</u>		<u>13,461</u>	
		18,226		13,461	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	6	<u>(300)</u>		<u>(300)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>17,926</u>		<u>13,161</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities			<u><u>20,283</u></u>		<u><u>16,304</u></u>
Funds of the charity:					
Balance for the year			3,979		9,253
Balance brought forward			<u>16,304</u>		<u>7,051</u>
			<u><u>20,283</u></u>		<u><u>16,304</u></u>

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The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Farhan Mohamed
Chairperson

Date: 20 January 2024

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2023

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1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are recognised on accruals basis.

Incoming resources are reported gross.

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Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

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Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Provision for depreciation of tangible fixed assets held by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

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Walsall Council	-	-	-	1,750
J. A. C. Trust	-	-	-	28,569
National Lottery	-	9,034	9,034	8,478
Everson Grant	500	-	500	-
Tesco Community Grant	3,919	1,081	5,000	-
Ground Tesco	-	-	-	500
Fund Raising	610	-	610	700
Donations from members & the public	1,490	-	1,490	300
	<u>6,519</u>	<u>10,115</u>	<u>16,634</u>	<u>40,297</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023 £	2022 Total £
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>6,519</u>	<u>10,115</u>	<u>16,634</u>	<u>40,297</u>

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

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3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Premises	-	2400	2,400	3,600
Staff cost	-	1,445	1,445	6,122
Operational/Activity Cost	-	2,803	2,803	10,556
Utilities	1,024	-	1,024	866
Food bank for Covid-19	-	-	-	4,420
Printing & Publication	910	-	910	355
Volunteer Expenses	700	-	700	1,040
Training	500	-	500	1,543
Telephone & Internet	260	-	260	450
Publicity	878	-	878	745
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,272</u>	<u>6,648</u>	<u>10,920</u>	<u>29,697</u>

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Insurance	650	-	650	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
General Administration	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	786	-	786	1,048
	<u>1,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>1,048</u>
Total Charitable Activities	<u>5,708</u>	<u>6,648</u>	<u>12,356</u>	<u>30,745</u>

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>6,008</u>	<u>6,648</u>	<u>12,656</u>	<u>31,045</u>

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For the year ending 4 April 2023

5	Tangible fixed assets	Office Equipment	Total
	Cost	£	£
	At 05 April 2022	4,904	4,904
	Additions	-	-
		<u>4,904</u>	<u>4,904</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 05 April 2022	1,762	1,762
	Charge for period	786	786
	At 04 April 2023	<u>2,548</u>	<u>2,548</u>
	Net book values		
	At 04 April 2023	<u>2,357</u>	<u>2,357</u>
	At 04 April 2022	<u>3,143</u>	<u>3,143</u>
6	<i>Creditors: amount falling due within one year</i>	2023 £	2022 £
		-	-
	Accountancy fee for 2022/23	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
		<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

SOORA ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1185315

Accounts



Trustee Annual Report

From 05th April 2021 - 04 April 2022

Legal charity Name: Soora Association

Charity number: 1185315

Operational address: 17-19 wednesbury road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3RU.

Trustees: Trustees who served during the period from formation and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Farhan Mohamed	Chairperson
Garad Baaw	Secretary
Hassan Egeh	Deputy chair

Introduction

Soora Association is a non-governmental non-profit making charity organisation founded on 17th January 2018 in Walsall, United Kingdom, and legally registered from the UK Charity Commission as a CIO Foundation on 16th September 2019. Soora values the local existing potential and resources from the communities and aims strengthening of the community cohesion, improving community development and self-reliance to achieve better life for all. Our vision targeted the diversity of people's different backgrounds and cultures to have similar life opportunities. The organisation as set up to relieve the needs of the community in UK who are in need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in particular but not exclusively those who are from immigrant and refugee communities, by:

- The relief of financial hardship, Isolation and disadvantaged persons in the community
- The relief of unemployment for the benefit of the public in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment and self-reliance.
- The advancement of education and training of those in the community who are in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within the wider community.
- Reduction of crimes, violence and anti-social behavior in the community.
- The preservation and protection of good physical and mental health
- The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving conditions of life.

Aims and objectives review

Soora Association Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period from 05th April 2021 – 4th April 2022. Soora Association reports the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Soora Association Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. the trustees adhered the health and safety guidelines particularly this pandemic time.

Achievements and performance

In this year, the organisation delivered valuable charitable projects in both United Kingdom and Somaliland and successfully carried out a significant contribution to the lives of many adults and young people in United Kingdom and Somaliland, Walsall and Birmingham and as well positioned to deepen our impact over the next twelve months. Soora Association continues to grow and is making a significant contribution to the lives of many disadvantaged Adults and young people across West Midlands and UK in general. This above-mentioned period Soora successfully achieved 4 charitable goals which was main for our communities.

the two activities were:

1. The relief of financial hardship, Isolation and disadvantaged persons in the community: implemented welfare and work project, this project improved financial stability and self-sufficiency for the vulnerable individuals and families visit our community Centre in Birmingham east (Small heath and surroundings) who are struggling with everyday problems associated with living on low income, navigating the welfare benefits system and the threat of debt. provided mentoring support sessions to those want to make online employment applications, accessing Job search pages etc.
2. The relief of unemployment for the benefit of the public in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment and self-reliance. we implemented "Improving food security and resilience of drought affected host communities and IDPs in Daad-Madheedh region, Somaliland.

Activity (1) Community welfare and work support

This charitable project strengthened financial stability for the vulnerable people visit our community Centre in Birmingham east (Small heath and surroundings) who are struggling with everyday problems associated with living on low income, navigating the welfare benefits system and the threat of debt in addition introduced and updated the government reforms to the benefits system such as Universal credit, Bedroom tax or PIP. provided mentoring support sessions to those wish to make online employment applications or accessing Job search pages.

We delivered extensive support using IT to the low-income individuals who do not have access to the Internet at home. presented advice and guidance to clients who are being affected by the complexities of the Benefits system and are being impacted by Government Welfare reforms. We allocated professional community support-workers who experienced the method of filling forms, medical advising for booked to attend medical assessments, disability Living Allowance or Employment Support Allowance for the Small heath community. produced a booklet specifying essential designating information written in English, Arabic & Somali languages for many new arrivals that came our Community Centre for help. This booklet included a section describing how to access free resources such as Where to learn English, secure a NI number, free interpreting, homeless support to those want seek housing in the "Social" & private rented sector, register with NHS, find a school place for children. This project enhanced the lives of many adults and youth in small heath residents and we hope to continue until all the community have similar live opportunists.

Activity (2) Understanding Community Cohesion and Supporting Integration in Walsall

Walsall Council representing 'Walsall for all' and University of Birmingham, Soora and other community organisations worked together to implement community research program to discover Community Cohesion and Supporting Integration in Walsall by interviewing group of individuals who either live or work in Walsall to develop a research project to explore community cohesion and integration in Walsall. The research was conducted as a community research study led by the University of Birmingham within the Community Practitioner Research Programme (CPRP) which brings together academics, practitioners and local individuals who co-design and co-deliver research in local communities. Local practitioners and residents were trained in community research by academics from the Institute for Research into Superdiversity at the University of Birmingham and its established community researchers, and supported to conduct the study in their communities. The overall aim of the study was to explore residents' experiences of living in Walsall; understand the type of relationship people have with others in their communities; examine attitudes to community safety and divisions; and explore ways to improve neighbourhoods and community relations in Walsall. Walsall for All aimed to innovatively equip, support, engage, enable and empower diverse individuals and organisations to work together towards better communities. It was recognised that language played a key part in people's ability to relate to each other. A number of organisations such as SOORA, the Afghan Community and Welfare Centre, the Palfrey Community Association and the Nash Dom Centre were described as leading on community cohesion. People value the fact that Walsall has become a multi-cultural city in recent years. They talked about the work of community centres and community leaders, community events and volunteering activities, such as litter picks in the parks that bring people from different communities together. However, there were. significant concerns about the fact that the work of connecting people ceased during lockdown. People were anxious to see these opportunities re-established as soon as possible. Soora carried the largest number of participants which esteemed 75% of the interviewees from Soora clients. The interviewees identified a wide range of things that would make their community a better place to live, a number of which would require Government action rather than a localised response. These included banning zero-hour contracts, introducing free health services for all, the suggestions that could be taken forward locally included

promoting volunteering programmes, providing training on public speaking, providing youth community support workers and interpreters and monitoring of food hygiene in local restaurants. One suggestion that perhaps could be viewed as more of a dream than a hope was Walsall FC in the Premiership! One of the faith leaders described a community as a group of people who really look after each other and want to see each other succeed. During the interviews, individuals were asked to describe how Covid-19 had affected their lives, their family and their community. The impact on individuals and the whole community was very clear. The participants stressed the economic impact of the pandemic with people losing jobs and closing their businesses: Many people have lost their jobs or seen their incomes cut due to the Corona virus crisis. Unemployment rates have increased across the country, particularly Walsall. Most small businesses in front of or around Saddlers Centre in Walsall been closed down. Many people I know, including my relatives, shut down their small business and stay home without job.

Findings/conclusion

All of the individuals interviewed were positive about their experience of living in Walsall. The town was considered to have all the necessary amenities, attractions and services whilst being small enough to easily get around. Affordable housing was a particular benefit. Walsall's location provides easy access to cities such as Birmingham and Wolverhampton, as well as the rest of the UK. Residents appreciated the green spaces, valuing the Arboretum, the number of parks and the canal network. In addition, individuals enjoyed living in a diverse, multi-cultural community. In relation to facilities in different parts of Walsall there were concerns about the closure of the local libraries. They had provided a wide range of facilities, not just the loan of books. These libraries were often individuals' and families' only opportunity to access computers and printing facilities so closing them reinforced digital inequalities. The libraries also provided activities for children which were accessed by those from the poorest households. Some individuals found it difficult to settle in the first couple of years of being in the area. In the absence of interviews with newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees it is impossible to know whether people's experience would be any different now from that of the interviewees. Individuals who arrived during the Brexit referendum discussions and immediately afterwards clearly faced particular challenges, with hostility towards migrants being fuelled by some of the political parties. However, what was clear was that people were very positive about their lives in Walsall now and having settled in the town there was a sense of ownership and pride. Being able to speak English undoubtedly made a difference in relation to individuals' ability to integrate. The provision of ESOL courses was viewed as critical in supporting individuals to develop their language skills. Community leaders felt that some people are more comfortable accessing courses provided at community centres rather than educational establishments. However, the difficulties described by a white Irish woman moving into the area showed that difficulties in settling and developing relationships do not necessarily relate only to BAME individuals.

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Activity (4) Improving food security and resilience.

Soora has mandate to undertake humanitarian and development interventions in Somaliland and Somalia. Soora with its partner Soydavo (Local NGO) started the implementation of the project of "Improving food security and resilience of drought affected host communities and IDPs in Daad-Madheedh region, Somaliland, through sustainable livelihoods interventions. Somaliland is an autonomous region in northern Somalia, which broke away and declared independence from Somalia in 1991 but internationally considered as part of Somalia. The overall aim of this project was to significantly improve rural water supply and climate resilience, and alleviate poverty in eastern Somaliland marginalized drylands through scaling up the use of sand dams. a unique, multi-use rainwater harvesting solution designed to capture and store rainwater, making water available year-round for rural communities. A sand dam is a reinforced rubble cement wall built across a seasonal sandy valley. we contracted three sand dams in 3 selected areas along the valley of Daad-Madheedh region, all three dams are stone-masonry dams built of concrete blocks of (mix of cement, sand and crashed stones) with average dimension of 60m long, 1.5m wide, 1.5m high and 1.5 deep to the earth. The second activity of the project was Planting Trees. The Ministry of Environment & Climate change of Somaliland contributed 3000 Tree saplings including Seed Nutrients and shading trees, this sapling is intended for to increase yields to improve food security and reduce climate impact. The saplings were distributed for 4 selected districts and 8 surrounding villages including (Odweyne, Khatumo, Haro-Sheikh, Balli-Hresi, Arrale, Abdi-dhere, Gudubi, Hahi, Dhobo-Weyne, galoley, berato & Shaarub). This project Increased and reliable access source of water for the local community for their domestic chores as well as their livestock. Secondly

Strengthened resilience by the local community as more time will be created for other productive work which may be directly linked to the sand dam such as small irrigation for vegetable production, use of the water for bricks making that can later be sold.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is the support and enablement of vulnerable and disadvantaged adults and young people and these are achieved principally by the award and monitoring of activities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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 charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view. The Soora Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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. They 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson: Farhan Mohamed



Date: 30/09/2022

Independent examiner's report

For the year ended 04 April 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 04 April 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 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.

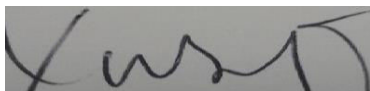
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;



Hassan Ali (Accountant)
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Date: 30/09/2022

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Governance costs	4	300	-	300	300
Other resources expended					-
Total Resources Expended		1,798	29,247	31,045	13,173
Net resources for the year		244	9,009	9,253	3,950
Fund balances at 5 April 2021		-	7,051	7,051	3,101
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			3,143		2,141
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>13,461</u>	<u>5,210</u>	
			13,461	5,210	
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</i>	6		<u>(300)</u>	<u>(300)</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>13,161</u>	<u>4,910</u>	
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u><u>16,304</u></u>	<u><u>7,051</u></u>	
<i>Funds of the charity:</i>					
Balance for the year			9,253	3,950	
Balance brought forward			<u>7,051</u>	<u>3,101</u>	
			<u><u>16,304</u></u>	<u><u>7,051</u></u>	

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Walsall Council	-	1,750	1,750	4,243
J. A. C. Trust	541	28028	28,569	-
National Lottery	-	8478	8,478	-
Heart of England Community Foundation	-	-	-	9,250
WMPCC	-	-	-	2,330
One Walsall	-	-	-	500
Ground Tesco	500	-	500	500
SFI	-	-	-	300
Fund Raising	700	-	700	-
Donations from members & the public	300	-	300	-
	<u>2,041</u>	<u>38,256</u>	<u>40,297</u>	<u>17,123</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,041</u>	<u>38,256</u>	<u>40,297</u>	<u>17,123</u>

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For the year ending 4 April 2022

3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Premises	-	3600	3,600	1,650
Staff cost	-	6,122	6,122	4,319
Operational/Activity Cost	-	10,556	10,556	-
Utilities	-	866	866	997
Food bank for Covid-19	-	4,420	4,420	3,727
Printing & Publication	-	355	355	270
Volunteer Expenses	-	1,040	1,040	491
Training	-	1,543	1,543	-
Telephone & Internet	450	-	450	511
Publicity	-	745	745	-
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	195
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
	<u>450</u>	<u>29,247</u>	<u>29,697</u>	<u>12,160</u>

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
General Administration	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	1,048	-	1,048	714
	<u>1,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,048</u>	<u>714</u>
Total Charitable Activities	<u>1,498</u>	<u>29,247</u>	<u>30,745</u>	<u>12,874</u>

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>1,798</u>	<u>29,247</u>	<u>31,045</u>	<u>13,174</u>

SOCIAL ORIENTATION & RELIEF ASSOCIATION (SOORA ASSOCIATION)

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5	Tangible fixed assets	Office Equipment	Total
	Cost	£	£
	At 05 April 2021	2,854	2,854
	Additions	2,050	2,050
		<u>4,904</u>	<u>4,904</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 05 April 2021	714	714
	Charge for period	1,048	1,048
	At 04 April 2022	<u>1,762</u>	<u>1,762</u>
	Net book values		
	At 04 April 2022	<u>3,143</u>	<u>3,143</u>
	At 04 April 2021	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,141</u>
6	<i>Creditors: amount falling due within one year</i>	2022 £	2021 £
		-	-
	Accountancy fee for 2021/22	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
		<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

SOORA ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1185315

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Trustee Annual Report

From 05th April 2020 - 04 April 2021

Legal charity Name: Soora Association

Charity number: 1185315

Operational address: 17-19 wednesbury road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3RU.

Trustees: Trustees who served during the period from formation and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Farhan Mohamed Chairperson

Garad Baaw Secretary

Hassan Egeh Deputy chair

Introduction

Soora Association is a non-governmental non-profit making charity organisation founded on 17th January 2018 in Walsall, United Kingdom, and legally registered from the UK Charity Commission as a CIO Foundation on 16th September 2019. Soora values the local existing potential and resources from the communities and aims strengthening of the community cohesion, improving community development and self-reliance to achieve better life for all. Our vision targeted the diversity of people's different backgrounds and cultures to have similar life opportunities. The organisation as set up to relieve the needs of the community in UK who are in need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, in particular but not exclusively those who are from immigrant and refugee communities, by:

- The relief of financial hardship, Isolation and disadvantaged persons in the community
- The relief of unemployment for the benefit of the public in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment and self-reliance.
- The advancement of education and training of those in the community who are in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within the wider community.
- Reduction of crimes, violence and anti-social behavior in the community.
- The preservation and protection of good physical and mental health
- The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving conditions of life.

Aims and objectives review

Soora Association Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period from 05th April 2020 – 4th April 2021. Soora Association reports the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Soora Association Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. the trustees adhered the health and safety guidelines particularly this pandemic time.

Achievements and performance

Soora Association believes that charity already making a significant contribution to the lives of many adults and young people in Walsall and Birmingham and as well positioned to deepen our impact over the next twelve months. Soora Association continues to grow and is making a significant contribution to the lives of many disadvantaged Adults and young people across West Midlands and UK in general. This above-mentioned period Soora successfully achieved and carried out 3 charitable goals which was main for the local communities especially the pandemic period.

the three activities were

1. The relief of financial hardship, Isolation and disadvantaged persons in the community, by providing them safety counselling and delivering free food and home necessary essentials for the poor families and individuals in Walsall and Birmingham.
2. The preservation and protection of good physical and mental health by protecting public health and promoting vaccination intake. Soora was part of the community champions project which the UK government intended for to prevent the spread of covid-19 by approaching the people and neighborhood door by door. The community champions are providing vital support in the centre of their communities, from engaging with residents about the vaccination process, to providing interpretation and translation. Anyone aged over 18+ can now receive their COVID-19 vaccination.
3. The advancement of education and training of those in the community who are in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within the wider community.

Activity (1) Description from 05th April 2020 – 04th April 2021

For last 12 months Soora focused on coordinating deliveries of food, medical supplies and safety equipment. we supported the communities that has severely affected by the covid-19 crisis including low-income families, elderly people, self-isolated people and the people in the hospitals. we as 'SOORA' approached and provided free food for 198 poor families 117 self-isolated persons and 152 homeless elders in Walsall and Birmingham. we are supported for shopping and purchasing row food to the poor families and delivering ready meal and other necessary essentials to the poor families

and homeless elders who are less able to cook in addition PPE. We put the priority to help the low-income families with high number of children and those experiencing hunger and food shortage during covid-19. to approach our goal, we used our local shopping stores such as ASDA, TESCO, MORRISONS, AL-HALAL, BABURAQIIS and other local shopping stores. The food components provided include rice, pasta, wheat flour, oats, cornflakes, milk, water, Heinz, grains, green peas, vegetables, fresh fruits, dates, ginger, tinned meat, jam, butter, soap, toilet tissues and many more items in addition face masks and gloves. we also supported homeless elders especially with those medical conditions and those less able to cook because of the health circumstances, we prepared and delivered cooked and ready meals for less-able elders, disabled individuals and those unable to cook because of their health conditions. secondly, we provided £20 voucher cards for 139 poor families, we purchased credit vouchers from the Shop, this voucher contained £20 credit, the voucher was given to the large poor households in order to let the parents to choose their needed items since the large low-income are more vulnerable and more needed than the same small number families. Heart of England community foundation and West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner supported this project. each quarter conducted monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the project objectives were met. The project showed positive difference for the local communities in need since because they got free food to life. This project improved the lives of many low-income families and individuals who were struggling to survive because of the covid-19 impact by covered their life needs, they got what to eat by themselves and they got what to feed their children. hence, the project improved overall life and wellbeing of the community. Secondly the project reduced the coronavirus to spread because of the delivery services we provided in their doors and the PPE we supplied to the community, finally the community thanked to Soora and any supported and we, as a SOORA appreciated and thanked to Heart of England and West Midlands Police and crime commissioner for their tireless support.

activity (2) Description from 05th April 2020 – 04th April 2021

The preservation and protection of good physical and mental health by protecting public health and promoting vaccination intake. The BAME communities are generally vulnerable to misinformation especially in times of uncertainty, due to a complex mix of cognitive, social and algorithmic biases. These include information overload and limited attention distances, majority of the community is easy to believe what have seen from the social media, many Social media activists habituated to mislead the innocent and vulnerable people by broadcasting false information and articles far from the fact, they regularly publish rumours reports to increase their audience and obtain more followers and more subscribers, the reason all this is just to make money but are not thinking the consequences of their information, the journalists and the mainstream media has been linked to increased susceptibility to misinformation. Misinformation is false information that's shared by people who don't realise it is false and don't mean any harm, including vaccine proponents, we feel that unverified information can cause harm by sowing confusion and drowning out accurate health information; it can change behaviour and attitude of the person. most of our clients or service users are from black ethnic minority communities which misinformation and Disinformation are widely spread, we stand for supporting and empowering the disadvantaged community groups. The COVID-19 Community Champions Programme is primarily aimed at

supporting residents from under-represented groups who may be most at risk of covid-19. The objectives of the program were to

- Help increase vaccination uptake
- Prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Tackle the spread of misinformation around COVID-19 and the vaccine
- Reduce the impact of the virus on families, neighbourhoods and wider communities
- Improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of individuals

The Walsall Council created a diverse network of covid-19 'Community Champions' who can help address misconceptions and myths and amplify truths around the virus and the vaccine, make sure that everyone in Walsall has the information they need to stay safe, help to reduce the spread of covid-19 and ultimately save lives. Soora was part of the community champions project which the government of UK intended for to approach and mobilise the people door to door. The community champions are providing vital support in the centre of their communities, from engaging with residents about the vaccination process, to providing interpretation and translation. Anyone aged over 18+ can now receive their COVID-19 vaccination. We produced covid-19 information in community languages and alternative formats, we translated the guidelines in to 3 different languages include Arabic, Somali and Swahili languages to make easy the people to understand the safety rules and lockdown requirements. The target beneficiaries intended to engage this project but not exclusively are mainly refugees and migrants originally from six different nations such as Somalis, Sudanese, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Yemenis and Syrian. we planned to reach around 600 residents in different locations in Walsall. Apart of the vaccination mobilisation the community were provided safety information and Public Health guidance such as:

- Household mixing
- Maintaining strict social 'bubble' rules
- Wearing of face masks in public
- Regular washing of hands with soap
- Maintaining 2m distance when in public
- Observing the latest guidance regarding numbers of people shopping together
- Informing households of facts regarding the vaccines
- Reducing the myths and conspiracies regarding the vaccine
- Encouraging and arranging for vaccines to be taken
- Advising of the dangers of young people carrying COVID-19 to more vulnerable groups/individuals
- Observing the latest guidance regarding places of worship, including worship, funerals and weddings

- Answering questions house-holders might ask regarding COVID-19 with the latest information
- Answering questions posed by house-holders regarding COVID vaccines with the latest information
- Identifying conspiracy theories surrounding the vaccine and COVID-19
- Supporting relevant surveys, research and discussions linked to Public Health and government initiatives

Soor's dedicated volunteers approached 512 individuals in Walsall to persuade the vaccination intake. we provided the latest covid-19 information packs and up-to-date advice and guidance to share with families, friends and their local community, alongside examples of those vaccinated to help them do so. we provided advice on how to stay safe and slow the spread of the virus, details about what extra support is available locally and facts to address misinformation and myths about vaccination. 29% of the participants had their covid-19 vaccination, 41% been invited to had their covid-19 vaccination but not had yet, 8% been invited to have the covid-19 vaccination but not planned to have it, 22% not invited before to have vaccination. This project was successfully concluded and changed many people's negative minds about the vaccination in to positive and that improved health and safety of the community.

Activity (3) Description from 05th April 2020 – 04th April 2021

The Advancement of Education:

The advancement of education and training of those in the community who are in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within the wider community was one of the activities and services delivered to the local communities in Walsall and Birmingham. Soora Association and Walsall Council organised English classes for parents and adults struggling to understand English.

Through our recent work in Walsall with the communities in Butts, Palfrey, Caldmore and Pleck, we have seen a need to support adults who are newly arrived, or who struggle with English, we began to teach basic English skills in order to give them the confidence and skills to be able to better function and thrive in their communities. then Soora Association decided to support those needy people by getting hand Walsall Council Community Engagement department, therefore we started to provide online sessions as a part of our charitable objectives (Advancement of Education and Training). we trained unskilled adults or parents of our community especially the migrants and refugee, who do not have a good enough level of English to be able to look for work, secure housing, engage with schools and colleges on behalf of their children, or with healthcare services, and they cannot express their feelings and opinions. This is relieved many isolated adults who were struggling before to live happily and also reduced the communication barriers of the community and neighbourhood. The English sessions were attended 32 participants from different backgrounds, this program focused to improve the Writing, reading, and speaking, some innovation skills added as well such as self-confidence, good behaviour practices, and benefits of community cohesion. We delivered online sessions for the 32 participants which categorised in to 4 levels by serving 12 hours in total each week. all the sessions were delivered online by using digital technology such as Zoom and

Skype apps, we trained them speaking, reading and writing alongside computer literacy and internet access programs for them to better access for work searching and improves health and wellbeing. The main areas we covered including Employability gap by provide support to those not in Employment Education of Training: This remains one of our largest areas of focus and is primarily targeted the adults people who for a range of reasons have resulted unemployed and are struggling to find employment or go into other positive destinations, we also support Vulnerable and disadvantaged young people by providing suitable and accessible services that fitting their needs such as type competition training and nutrition courses. The qualified tutors and the commitment of the participants confirmed to achieve our charitable aims and objectives of this project. after the project successfully completed the saw 73.4% participants are able to speak and understand what are the other people are saying and now, they can communicate with the other people, employer agents and other service providers.also, they can join College to improve their skills further.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is the support and enablement of vulnerable and disadvantaged adults and young people and these are achieved principally by the award and monitoring of activities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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 charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view. The Soora Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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. They 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson: Farhan Mohamed



Date: 25/01/2022

Independent examiner's report

For the year ended 04 April 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 04 April 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 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.

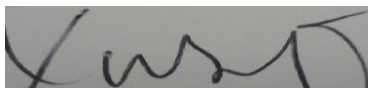
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;



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Date: 25/01/2022

SOORA ASSOCIATION

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 4 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	1,300	15,823	17,123	7,469
Investment income	2		-	-	-
Total incoming resources		1,300	15,823	17,123	7,469
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	714	12,160	12,873	4,368
Governance costs	4	300	-	300	-
Other resources expended					-
Total Resources Expended		1,014	12,160	13,173	4,368
Net resources for the year		287	3,663	3,950	3,101
Fund balances at 5 April 2020		-	3,101	3,101	-
Fund balances at 04 April 2021		287	6,764	7,051	3,101

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Balance Sheet

For the year ending 4 April 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible	5		<u>2,141</u>		
			2,141		
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>5,210</u>	<u>3,101</u>	
			5,210	3,101	
<i>Creditors: amounts falling</i>					
due within one year	6		<u>(300)</u>	<u>-</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>4,910</u>	<u>3,101</u>	
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u>7,051</u>	<u>3,101</u>	
<i>Funds of the charity:</i>					
Balance for the year			3,950	3,101	
Balance brought forward			<u>3,101</u>	<u>-</u>	
			<u>7,051</u>	<u>3,101</u>	

For the financial year ended 04 April 2021, the Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (2011 Act).

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that they keep charity's accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act and preparing accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Farhan Mohamed
Chairperson

Date: 25 January 2022

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2021

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* (Revised SORP 2005) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are recognised on accruals basis.

Incoming resources are reported gross.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Provision for depreciation of tangible fixed assets held by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2021

2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total £	2020 Total £
Walsall Council	-	4243.06	4,243	-
Heart of England Community Foundation	-	9250	9,250	-
WMPCC	-	2330	2,330	-
One Walsall	500	-	500	-
Ground Tesco	500	-	500	-
SFI	300	-	300	-
Donations from members & the public	-	-	-	7,469
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>15,823</u>	<u>17,123</u>	<u>7,469</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,300</u>	<u>15,823</u>	<u>17,123</u>	<u>7,469</u>

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For the year ending 4 April 2021

3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Premises	-	1650	1,650	-
Staff cost	-	4,319	4,319	-
Utilities	-	997	997	-
Food bank for Covid-19	-	3,727	3,727	-
Printing & Publication	-	270	270	-
Volunteer Expenses	-	491	491	-
Telephone & Internet	-	511	511	-
Travel Expenses	-	195	195	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-	4,368
	-	12,160	12,160	4,368

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
General Administration	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	714	-	714	-
	714	-	714	-
Total Charitable Activities	714	12,160	12,873	4,368

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	300	-	300	-
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
	300	-	300	-
Total Resources Expended	1,014	12,160	13,173	4,368

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 4 April 2021

5	Tangible fixed assets	Office	Total
	Cost	Equipment	
	At 05 April 2020	£	£
		-	-
	Additions	2854	2854
		<u>2854</u>	<u>2854</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 05 April 2020	-	-
	Charge for period	714	714
	At 04 April 2021	<u>714</u>	<u>714</u>
	Net book values		
	At 04 April 2021	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,141</u>
	At 04 April 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6	<i>Creditors: amount falling due</i>	2021	2020
	<i>within one year</i>	£	£
		-	-
	Accountancy fee for 2020/21	300	-
		<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>