



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date 16-4-2020 To: Period end date 31-3-2021

Charity name: Nalam Vaala

Charity registration number: 1189081

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance in life and help children and young people from marginalised communities who have been displaced during and after civil war, in particular in the war-affected Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka, through: (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life; (b) Providing support and activities, which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1. Continued the support programme for the young people and families in Sri Lanka that commenced before the registration of Nalam Vaala. 2. Carried out online fundraising during the 2020 lockdown to support the beneficiaries.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are fully conversant with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and pay due regard to it. The trustees continued the support to the beneficiaries as planned and also additional support during the COVID crisis. Apart from continuing the support for the beneficiaries already on the project, other activities were postponed (visiting Sri Lanka and the land related matters) because of the COVID lock down.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the reporting period, we continued to offer support and resources to our beneficiaries, three of whom successfully obtained entry to university education.</p> <p>The project was already in operation before we were registered as CIO in April 2020 and we also raised funds through individual donations to help the families in the project who were adversely affected.</p> <p>Nalam Vaala has supported more than 50 students by offering support in Literacy, numeracy, science, and ICT skills. Bearing in mind the beneficiary group had become disconnected from the process of learning, we delivered our support applying the (tried and tested) principles and techniques of non-formal learning.</p> <p>Our coordinator and tutors encouraged the beneficiaries 'active participation in the programme they were taking part in and helped young people develop a greater awareness of the impact of education, self-confidence and become engaged with learning.</p> <p>We support young unemployed people by referring them to specialist vocational training centres.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The evaluation of the outcome of our intervention since 2016 has been positive with two beneficiaries now in university education. We believe that our approach has potential to succeed on a wider scale with properly coordinated planning and adequate resources.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Finance report attached. At the end of the review period, due to the lockdown, we were not able to carry out the key activities we planned to commence after being registered.</p> <p>We have no paid staff. Trustees carried out the work on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>Until we are in a position to commence the key parts of the operational plan, we are able to continue the support for our current beneficiaries with the funds we can raise.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Policy is in the process of being developed.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We were only registered in April 2020 and we have no staffing costs. Until we are able to resume the activities that were suspended due to Covid crisis, we have the ability to continue without reserves as we had done before the registration.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	At the end of the reporting period, we were in deficit of under £100. The trustees have since cleared the deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Currently, and until the COVID situation improves, our principal sources of funds are from individual donations and charity walks.</p> <p>In order to prepare application for institutional funds, the trustees have to visit Sri Lanka and carryout a series of tasks including discussions with the local education authorities and schools.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As a newly registered charity (during the lockdown period), we had to postpone our operational plans, some key tasks that had been carried out before commencing fundraising from institutional sources could not be carried out.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum of Articles of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Any new trustees will be appointed through an open and transparent recruitment in adherence to our Equal Opportunities Policy.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Nalam Vaala trustees have experience of working in charities or as trustees in other charities.</p> <p>Before the organisation was formally set up, a workshop was held on the roles and responsibilities of trustees of a charity and how to manage a charity.</p> <p>We are in the process of adopting policies and induction and training programme.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The charity has not been able to discuss and adopt a number of important policies and tools due to lockdown.</p> <p>Moreover, Currently we have no paid staff and all the work is carried out by the trustees on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>Trustee meetings had to be held remotely (Zoom) and the decision making is carried out by trustees. We have no staff.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nalam Vaala
Other name the charity uses	For a Better Life
Registered charity number	1189081
Charity's principal address	28 Collyer Avenue, Croydon, CR0 4QU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Cathamuthu Raveendradass	Chair	Whole year	
2	Alex Purssey		Whole year	
3	Kathiravelu Thambiah		Whole year	
4	Ratnasingam Rajadurai		Whole year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	.	
Full name(s)	Cathamuthu Raveendradass	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30/01/2022	



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	01/04/2020	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Fund raised for Covid relief	405	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	405	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	405	-	-
A3 Payments			
Money sent to Sri Lanka for Covid relief	500	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	500	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	500	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 95	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds at year end	1	-	-

<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	95	-	-
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		- 95
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	Total cash funds	- 95

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates
B5 Liabilities		
	3	31/01/2022

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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units

31/03/2021

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Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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