



Afghan Sports Trust (AST)
Annual Report 20th March 2020 to 05th April 2021
Registered Charity Number: 1189138

Annual Report Supporting Notes

1. Objectives & Activities

1.1 Our Mission Statement

The Afghan Sports Trust provides grants for grassroots sports organisations and sports clubs in Afghanistan.

“Sports is a cost-effective and powerful tool for promoting important human values such as respect for rules and for others, teamwork, discipline, diversity, hospitality and empathy.” – UN Sustainable Development goal 3

People will often think of Afghanistan as a place of instability, conflict, or poverty. But it is also a country with a long history, great beauty, and incredible generosity. Too often we only hear one side of the story, and it's important to try to locate and create positive stories, a sense of pride, and a way for people to enjoy themselves together. Sport can provide all those things.

1.2 Summary of Activities

During its first year of operations, the Afghan Sports Trust became recognised as reliable cooperation partner for sports related organisations, movement and clubs in Afghanistan.

We are pleased to have been able to provide support to a number of grassroots sports projects. During the financial year we have distributed grants to the following recipients:

- Free to Run
- Kabul Boys Parkour
- Drop and Ride
- Bamiyan Ski Club
- Afghan Parkour Society
- Kabul Women's Curling

1.3 Regard to public benefit

Sports activities generate individual benefit with regards to physical and mental health and provide for societal change. The distribution small-scale grants to grassroots sports movements and clubs build the foundation for greater access to sports for the general public, and more specifically vulnerable groups such as women and youth.

2. Achievements and Performance

The Afghan Sports Trust established itself as a reliable organisational structure to which sports movements, organisations and clubs tend for support and served as platform for information sharing and networking. During the reporting period, the organisation was in touch with more than a dozen sports organisations and clubs of which eight applied for support. Six applications were approved and funded.

- Free to Run:
- Kabul Boys Parkour
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The organisation receiving funding from the Afghan Sports Trust representing a diverse range of sports activities, including winter and summer sports. Activities are not planned only in the capital Kabul, but in several provinces in the country, assuring a decentralised approach for greater impact.

The majority of the grant disbursement was implemented in the last two months of the reporting year. Recognizable differences and impacts will be visible in the course of the upcoming months and year, depending on the agreed implementation period with the respective sports organisation and shall be displayed in future reports,

Disclaimer: Writing this report in February 2022, it can be already acknowledged that in August 2021, the Taliban became the ruling power in Afghanistan which resulted in massive changes for the organisations and individual to operate and perform, including recipients and final beneficiaries of the Afghan Sports Trust work. The effects of the Taliban regime on our work will be outlined in more detail in the report covering the period from April 2021 – April 2022.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Income

We have received income of £17,421 of which £7,622 was unrestricted and £9,799 was restricted. The restricted funds were all restricted for use on the Marathon of Afghanistan event in 2020.

Income during the year was received primarily from:

- Virtual run with donations made via Eventbrite
- Donations made from other charities such as Frontline Children, CodePink and the Secret Marathon event
- Additional funds were received via individual donations and the sale of goods (artwork, AST branded clothing etc)

3.2 Expenditure

The main expenditure for the year was from the Restricted fund which was issued to the Marathon of Afghanistan of £11,062. This was to fund the hosting of the race and administration costs. Due to ongoing difficulties in distributing funds safely and efficiently into Afghanistan, the funds were distributed via Untamed Borders Ltd. Untamed Borders have a close connection to the race organisers and were able to take the funds for appropriate disbursement in line with our terms. The transfer to Untamed Borders was agreed under a signed Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement.

In addition to MoA funds, we distributed grants to the following recipients:

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3.3 Year End Balance

The balances at the end of the reporting period are £2,507 unrestricted and £515 restricted. The unrestricted amount has continued to be used to fund grassroot projects whilst the restricted fund amounts will be distributed to the Marathon of Afghanistan for their next event. This event has yet to be held due to ongoing developments in Afghanistan currently.

3.4 Transfer between restricted and unrestricted funds

A transfer of £2,100 was made from the unrestricted fund to the restricted fund. This was due to an accounting error when reconciling the bank account which was later rectified.

3.5 Additional items

The charity incurred a small amount of expense in our attempts to distribute money internationally from UK to Afghanistan. This was due to money which was returned by the banking system and fees charged. Whilst we acknowledge that there is likely to be ongoing difficulties in distributing money to Afghanistan, to mitigate the risk of future instances

we plan to distribute funds through Payments Transfer companies (an account with Western Union has been set up) and through trusted cash couriers or other charities.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

4.1 Type of Governing Document:

CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 20 Apr 2020

4.2 How the charity is constituted:

Charity Incorporated Organisation

4.3 Trustee selection methods

Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

5. Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Afghan Sports Trust (AST)
Registered charity number	1189138
Charity's principal address	5a Pipers Avenue HARPENDEN AL5 1HB
Website	www.afghansportstrust.org

6. Charity Details

Name	Position	Notes
James Bingham	Chairman	
Juliane Weymann	Trustee	
Keith MacIntosh	Trustee	
Ian O'Toole	Treasurer	
Zeinab Rezaie		Appointed 11 October 2021
James Willcox	Trustee	Trustee was in position during this financial year but has since resigned

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name: Ian O'Toole

Position: Treasurer

Date: 04 February 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income & Expense)

April 20, 2020 to April 5, 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
<i>Income</i>				
Income and Endowments	7,621.98	9,798.79		17,420.77
Total Income	7,621.98	9,798.79	0.00	17,420.77
<i>Expenses</i>				
Expenditure	3,014.75	11,383.15		14,397.90
Total Expenses	3,014.75	11,383.15	0.00	14,397.90
Net Resource Movement	4,607.23	-1,584.36	0.00	3,022.87
Transfers Between Funds	-2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement in Funds	2,507.23	515.64	0.00	3,022.87
Total Funds Brought Forward	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Funds Carried Forward	2,507.23	515.64	0.00	3,022.87

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Charity Commission Registration Number 1189138
Balance Sheet - Detail
As at July 31, 2021

Current Assets

Cash At Bank And In Hand	11,144
Net Assets	<hr/> 11,144

Funds & Reserves

Accumulated Funds (1/1/1970 - 31/7/2021)	11,144
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