



**WOMEN'S HEALTH
ADVOCACY NETWORK**

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**WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK ANNUAL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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**WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

Chair	Mrs. Adama Nyama Bah
Trustees	Mrs Adama Nyama Bah Mrs Emily Samu Dr Sourav Das Mrs Elfreda Baindu Kebbie Mr. Delwyn Arthur Thomas Mr. Winston O Dixon Mr. Foday Yusuf Sillah Mr. Ivan Coomber
Charity Registration Number	1189861 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	16 Moore Close Mitcham London CR4 1BW
Accountants	Edmil Accountants UK Ltd 146 Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8SH
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Surrey London

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TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)
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The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK (the charity) for the year ended 31 AUGUST 2022. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements of the charity 's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in December 2005.

Status

The charity is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 9th June 2020 and registered in England and Wales with charity number 1189861.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed under the terms of the trust deed. There was no change in the membership of the Board of Trustees during the year under review.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of new trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The induction process for the newly appointed member of the board of trustee usually comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by short meetings with the other trustees on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees.

Organisational structure and decision making

The charity is organized so that the trustees can meet regularly to manage its affairs. All major decisions are collectively taken by the trustees. The trustees are unpaid, and details of any related party transactions are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the account. The Chair manages the day-to-day administration of the charity.

Related Party Relationships

The Women's Health Advocacy Network in England collaborates with agencies both in the UK and Sierra Leone to support vulnerable women and Girls all over the world with memorandum of understanding governed by an 'Agreement for Common Purposes'.

Risk Management

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

Objectives and Activities

The principal object is the charity is to relieve the needs and preserve and protect the physical and mental health of women and girls in the UK and Sierra Leone who have survived rape or sexual abuse by anyone and in the case of Sierra Leone, by rebels during the ten year long civil war in the country. To advance the education of the public about the effects of rape and sexual violence through the provision of talks in conferences and training and any charitable purpose at the discretion of the trustees for the benefit of the community. To achieve its objectives, the charity adopted the following strategies:

- Running seminars in the community to highlight the issues of sexual violence against women.
- Support for other charities and women organisations and events
- Providing overseas aid and relief for victims of sexual and domestic abuse
- Involving in economic and community development
- Community outreach events
- Conferences and events
- Welfare support to victims and public
- Various charitable activities

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue for the foreseeable future.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the. 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.

Public Benefit

The main plan of the charity is to educate and empower women through monthly newsletters, promote awareness through sensation workshops, seminars and being keynote or guest speakers at conferences and engaging with other stakeholders to educate victims and the general public of the benefits of speaking out and healing the community based on real life experience.



The activities of the charity have achieved the following public benefits during the accounting year:

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WHAN REFLECTIVE ACCOUNT (By the Founder)
Mrs Adama Bah

It gives me the greatest pleasure to provide a reflective account of WHAN 's (Women's Health Advocacy Network) activities in general, especially over the last one year. I have seen this organisation grow from just an idea and a dream to the point of excelling daily. As a Founder of WHAN involving with the day to day running of the charity has helped me understand the issues surrounding service provision and the greater need for our services.

WHAN have been involved in various activities and one of them is providing excellent support network for survivors/victims through the help of accessing relevant services available to deal with their daily practical issues affecting their general wellbeing and advocating their needs to other service provider. The organisation has been receiving positive feedback both verbal and written from service users, individual professionals, community members and other organisations working with WHAN to ensure safe and effective provision of care. As a lived experience leader, my aim is to inspire and motivate other survivors to seek help in dealing with their trauma. I have seen WHAN not only motivating victims but other service providers (organisations) in terms of making an impact.

Personally, WHAN has helped me developed greatly from having no knowledge of setting up and running a charity except the experience of being a victim of sexual violence to this confident outspoken determine individual who is ready and willing to take any challenges in order to support other victims/survivor through their survival journey (the transition). I have had the opportunity to work with the Police, Social Service from different boroughs, The Modern Slavery Helpline, organisations operating safe houses and other organisations in support of women's health. WHAN has also supported (taking part) policy makers through participation of research to help improve service provision for survivors of gender-based-violence. Our (WHAN) highlight for this year was, WHAN being the leading organisation for the MRU (Manor River Union) Community Health and Wellbeing Hub Project which was selected for the Mayor of London Poverty Prevention Challenge under CAD-HR (Centre for the Advancement of Development and Human Right). Being the Founder/CEO of WHAN and the Director of the Hub project gave me the chance to meet very important, amazing and inspiring people which only emphasized the relevancy of WHAN services and reenforced my motivation of working hard to make this charity succeed in supporting both service users and other service providers.

Reflecting on our above activities within this year, I am honored and proud to say that WHAN is making an impact and having the opportunity for more support will only enable the organisation grow and provide greater services to individuals and beyond. Considering this, I would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of me and my able team to every individual who has supported WHAN with our ongoing development. Thank You.

Most victims have no access to internet and telephone and the charity being the bridge between expert services and victims will help victims to seek help and increase their self-confidence.

With the right support and assistance, the victims will be empowered and therefore become a valuable member of the community contributing positively to community development.

The charity also plans to enhance quality of life and sense of wellbeing for the victims of rape through engagement and participating in activities and events that bring people together through cohesive benefit.

The trustees confirm that they 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 future activities. Below are some testimonies from service users and external agencies the charity worked with during the year.

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CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

TESTIMONY ON WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK'S (WHAN) WORK

Firstly, I would like to express my profound gratitude and appreciation to the Founder and Executive Director of Women's Health Advocacy Network, Mrs Adama Nyama Bah for her exceptional and outstanding determination and commitment in supporting women from migrant and deprived communities going through very difficult moments in their lives. Her strength, courage, determination, and commitment is admirable and has inspired and motivated many voluntary organisations and community groups within the Black African community in the UK to similar actions.

Since CAD-HR started working in collaboration with WHAN two years ago, our work in the area of assisting victims of modern slavery, forced marriages, and women trapped in abusive relationships in the UK has been very effective. With her and her organisation's support we were able to resolve the multi-layered and intertwined problems affecting migrant and deprived communities across the UK. Within a very short period of time and after our first referral, Mrs Bah was able to connect the modern slavery team, including the Home Office and Police, built and enhanced her connection with them and are now working collaboratively in various projects. These relationships she has built with the various organisations that the work of her organisation is doing in the UK has made it easier for victims of the issues outlined above to come out in very large number and ask for help, something that was very rare in the Black African community.

We strongly recommend her organisation for support and funding as the work she and her team are doing is helping many local authorities, the NHS, and the UK Government by extension save a lot of money that would have otherwise been spent in dealing with the issues she and her organisation are resolving right now. On our side, we have been supporting her organisation in our own little way but the support we provide is not nearly half of what her organisation needs to effectively tackle the range of problems affecting the women she and her team support.

We have put together a project that we think will help WHAN and many other organisations tackling health and wellbeing related problems affecting migrant and deprived communities across the UK by enabling the participating organisations to work collaboratively, share a common resource, build, and strengthen partnerships. Mrs Bah is spearheading this project and she is doing exceptional work in shaping and developing the project through community engagement and many other outreach activities.



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Another Service User wrote:

"Some years ago, I was suffering from depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts from my son being autistic and his transitioning from mainstream school to a special school. Me doing this transition by myself and not having the support from his dad made me to get to that mental state/ breakdown. One day I was talking to someone, and she introduced me to the Women's Health Advocacy Network charity, and I called them for help and support. They were extremely supportive and helpful. They helped me to call my GP surgery to get some advice and support for me and my son and they also helped me with face-to-face sessions whenever am in distress. Women's Health Advocacy Network Charity is phenomenal, and I am extremely grateful to them for all the help and support they provide for me and my family. Thank you so much for everything. I am very happy now doing things I couldn't do before. Thank you so much WHAN. Your support is phenomenal and priceless only God will bless Adama and WHAN".

Grant Making Policy

The charity makes grant to individuals who are victims of domestic violence both within and outside the United Kingdom. The charity supports other charities and missionaries that share its objectives in advancement of education and training for the public highlighting domestic and sexual violence against women and girls.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful to the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in providing services for the charity.

Review of Activities

The charity continues to enjoy tremendous growth in its physical and mental capacity during the year, and in the advancement of women health in accordance with the charity strategy document as contained in our Trust Deed. The charity continues to progress in its search for a permanent building to screen and process victims while waiting for help from the relevant authority.

Investment Policy

The trustees' have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (free reserves) to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended which equals to roughly £16,000 to £32,000 in general funds.

The Trustees feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The trustees are continuing to seek additional unrestricted funds to build up its reserves.

Principal Funding

Funding has been provided mainly through donations, fund raising activities and pledges made by trustees and through Gift Aid claims. Pledges are also taken for specific projects.

Future Development

The charity continues to explore various ways of spreading the word on what the charity does in an effective manner. The charity is also looking to grow its donors and attend more conferences to create awareness to make life-changing impact in society.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statement in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Acceptable Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees recognise their responsibilities to keep proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The appended financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.



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Adama Nyama Bah- Chair

Approved by the board on:

WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Accountants' report to the trustees of WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK (the Charity)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charity Commission Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 AUGUST 2022.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibilities to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- State whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examinations are 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 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 statements below.

Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any materials respect the trustees have not met the requirement to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of Act; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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27 May 2023

WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and similar incoming resources	7,054	525
Total Incoming Resources	<u>7,054</u>	<u>525</u>
Administrative Expenses	(25,625)	-
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for the year	<u>18,572</u>	<u>525</u>
Surplus/ Deficit for the financial year	<u>(18,572)</u>	<u>525</u>

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Current assets	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand		5,833	525
Net current assets		<u>5,833</u>	<u>525</u>
Net assets		<u>5,833</u>	<u>525</u>
Charity Funds			
Contributions by Trustees		23,880	
Surplus funds		<u>(18,047)</u>	<u>525</u>
Total Charity funds		<u>5,833</u>	<u>525</u>

For the year ending 31 AUGUST 2022 the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) issued March 2005 as modified for smaller charities. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Adama Nyama Bah

Chair

Charity Registration No. 1189861

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Statutory information

WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK is a Charity registered in England and Wales, registration number 1189861. The registered office is 16 Moore Close, Mitcham, London. CR4 1BW.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) issued March 2005 as modified for smaller charities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

- (a) The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow best practice set out as set out in the statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) issued March 2005 as modified for smaller charities.
- (b) Income and expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.
- (c) Fixed assets comprise furniture and equipment and musical equipment and have been costing more than £300. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Musical equipment	25%	reducing balance
Furniture and fittings	25%	reducing balance
Computer equipment	25%	reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	25%	reducing balance

- (d) Unrestricted funds are incoming resources received/ receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (e) Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by their donors.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

4 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2021: 0).

**WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover from Exempt Trading Activities		
Donations and other Giving	7,054	525
Administrative expenses		
Travel and subsistence	200	-
Rent	305	-
All grants and donations made within the UK	600	-
Accountancy fees	1,440	-
All general administration costs(Paid by Trustees)	21,840	-
Advertising and PR	1,241	-
Total Expenses	25,626	-
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) resources for the year	- 18,572	525
Surplus/ (Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	- 18,572	525



A very big thank you from all members of WHAN UK and Sierra Leone to every organisation and individual who had contributed towards the success of the charity and it's official launching ceremony.

We wouldn't have done it without your support and we will still need your ongoing support in-order save more lives.

Thank you all for your help towards humanity. God bless each an every one of you.

Adama Nyama Bah









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