



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Somali Health Exchange

Other names charity is known by

SHE

Registered charity number (if any)

1191571

Charity's principal address

(Correspondence address) ISRAAC centre, Vestry Hall, 54 Cemetery Road, Sheffield,

Postcode

S11 8FP

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	Amina Ibrahim			
2	Amal Saleh			
3	Asha Abdillahi			
4	Sawsan Abdillahi			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We continue to focus on building the charity's foundations. Trustees are volunteers who are committed to delivering on the charity's aims of building capacity through knowledge exchange.

Although the charity benefits from the support of a pool of volunteers, it relies on the Chair and Trustees for core planning, project delivery and governance. Trustees have begun to consider how best to share project delivery responsibilities.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

In summary they are to:

- Increase capability of healthcare in Somaliland: Knowledge share, on the job development and exchange of ideas
- Raise funds for equipment and consumables.
- Create sustainable opportunities for young Somaliland Healthcare Professionals (HCPs).

The charity aims to develop and improve the capability of healthcare in Somaliland via in-country travel to carry out the following activities:

- Face to face training sessions for healthcare workers in hospitals and medical & nursing students in universities
- Workshops for HCPs providing training for 'soft skills' such as communication and teamwork.
- Train the trainer programmes for nominated Champions to ensure the training that is provided is embedded and sustained.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Over the year **1 April 2022-31 March 2023**, our activities have focused on recruiting and re-engaging volunteers for the next in country knowledge exchange. The planning, review and monitoring stages are critical for the safe delivery of our objectives. We deferred a planned trip twice due to regional instability.

Engaging volunteers

The majority of the charity's volunteers are healthcare professionals who are employed by the NHS. They have full careers and individual commitments. Despite this we have seen continued interest and engagement from potential volunteers.

We have held several informal in-person and virtual meetings with trustees and previous volunteers to understand motivations, explain our methodology and outline plans.

A core component of delivering our work is ensuring we have aligned values, mutual respect and trust. This is important for the volunteer group's work as a team and when engaging in-country stakeholders and partners.

Assessing mutual contributions

We take time to understand each volunteer's skills, specialism/specialist interest, the contributions they can make and the buddy system we can employ both ahead of time and in-country. Whilst we have a broad base of clinical and professional expertise. Each volunteer is at a different point in their professional development journey. We make every effort to support them to refine and/or develop new skills through planning or leading a session, supporting colleagues in training delivery, as they are sourcing technical equipment/teaching materials. For this reason, each trip has had a slightly different clinical and professional skills base.

Planned visits and safeguarding measures.

Safe and reliable travel was carefully monitored throughout the reporting period (see *Section F*). We also took care to ensure feasibility of any trip in light of this. For these reasons our next visit was earmarked for September 2022 and then deferred and intended to take place in March 2023 This was paused due to regional instability.

Collection of consumables

The charity gathered and consolidated several groups of donated goods and consumables to be used in hospitals locally. These items were held ready to be shipped to coincide with the team's arrival. This allows us to safely divide up and repackage goods for distribution at each location and avoid further onward distribution costs.

Trustees also held Trustee meeting during the period. Trustees carefully monitored the in-country public health reports throughout this period. A number of outbreaks of concern were reported.

Safe and reliable travel options were carefully monitored throughout (see *Section F*)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Recruitment and engagement of volunteers

Through our activities see (*Section c*) we have a pool of 8 volunteers with relevant experience, skills mix and scope to support our objectives. This pool supplements our existing volunteer pool who donated their time and clinical/project management/comms expertise in Trip 1 (2018) and Trip 2 (2020).

We held in-person and online planning meetings (August 2022, October 2022, March 2023) to agree scope of the trip, training content, partner sites and logistics with volunteers as well as discuss relevant security updates. Onboarding volunteers is a significant responsibility and requires due care.

Engagement with local partners – online and in person

Trustees met with Dr Edna Adan (March 2023) and engaged other partners to discuss planned trip, priority areas for training to ensure work is aligned with local needs and availability. We also gathered information on institutional changes within partner hospitals/institutions and worked on establishing the new links.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has limited overheads (see correspondence address costs); core costs relate to in-country training delivery. We monitor base funds to ensure feasibility.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our charity is funded by individuals through our public donation platform page. These funds enable us to carry out our in-country training. There was minimal expenditure this financial year as the planned in country training was deferred due to regional instability.

The charity has struggled to open a bank account to receive its charitable donations and make appropriate expenditure. The reason being that we deliver training and make local payments in Somaliland (for hotels, transport, food). Somaliland is a self-declared republic of Somalia and due to financial regulations placed in Somalia there is a challenge to our operations. We have explored several UK banks many of whom had greater delays with

registration/accepting new accounts post COVID-19.
Trustees continue to explore all available options.

Section F Other optional information

Monitoring the social/political/economic landscape to allow safe international travel:

- 25 September 2022, Somaliland postpones presidential election until next year (Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/somaliland-says-planned-presidential-poll-not-viable-postpones-next-year-2022-09-24/>)

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>A. Saleh</i>	
Full name(s)	Amal Saleh	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	22-March-2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Somali Health Exchange

No (if any)

Income and expenditure accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
1-Apr-22

To

Period end date
31-Mar-23

Section A Income and Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Income					
Donations 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	362	-	-	362	
Interest 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	4	-	-	4	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	366	-	-	366	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	366	-	-	366	-
A3 Expenditure					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
n/a	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	366	-	-	366	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,008	-	-	2,008	-
Cash funds this year end	2,374	-	-	2,374	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	n/a	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	n/a	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	n/a		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	n/a		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	n/a		-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	A. Saleh	Amal Saleh	22-Mar-24	