



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st Jan 2023 (Period start date) To: 31st Dec 2023 (Period end date)

Charity name: UTHAVUM KARAM (HELPING HANDS)

Charity registration number: 1193592

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	- The advancement of education throughout England and Wales for the public benefit through the provision of supplementary tutorials to increase the basic literacy and numeracy skills of disadvantaged families. - The relief of financial hardship among people living in Sri Lanka by providing such persons with goods and services which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.
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	A tutoring service is offered to disadvantaged students in the UK with the aim of improving social mobility. Furthermore, the main public benefit is achieved through grants to families in Sri Lanka, helping to alleviate hardship and advance education in a developing country, which has been affected by several years of civil war. Grants are targeted in the area of education, small business development and healthcare.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and continually monitor the organisation's activities to ensure it serves this purpose.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Although the financial grants are used to support the education of children in Sri Lanka, the organisation seeks the support of parents and ensures that they are committed to the education of their child. This will ensure the

		proper use of funds and ensures that it is not used for other short-term spending.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers played a key role in the charity's relief efforts, with a group of 20+ tutors contributing to fundraising efforts by offering regular classes to children in the UK. We also had one key volunteer on the ground in Sri Lanka, who served as the main contact point with families receiving financial aid, and reported to the trustees on a regular basis.
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	Following the one-off receipt of funds from Lycamobile, which was largely directed to special projects in Sri Lanka, the charity supplemented this with recurring donations from the parents of students receiving tutoring classes. As the final Covid-19 restrictions lifted, tutoring activity in the UK slowed during 2023, but were sufficient to keep up with regular monthly payments to beneficiaries.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

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	Funds held at 31st Dec 2022: £331
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds were held at the period-end to build up a buffer of cash which can be used to maintain financial support to families in Sri Lanka even in the event of donations fluctuating.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Zero reserves are held as it is intended that all cash donations raised can be used for charitable purposes without restriction.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties over the going concern position of the charity exist.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
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	Constitution – Foundational Model
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	Trustees are appointed by way of resolution at a properly convened meeting of trustees.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Uthavum Karam (Helping Hands)
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1193592
Charity's principal address	50 LOWBROOK ROAD ILFORD IG1 2HB

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	Tharsan Rajendran		01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023	
2	Keval Shah		01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023	
3	Abinaya Mathanarajah		01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023	
4	Riluxana Ravichandran		01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A – No assets held as custodian trustees.	
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

No exemptions applied.

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)	Abinaya Mathanarajah	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	11/10/2024	