



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 03/04/2024
end date**

Period start date To

02/02/2025

Period

Charity name: GLOBAL REFUGEE AID

Charity registration number: 1193619

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of Global Refugee Aid (GRA) which are for the public benefit, are specifically restricted to the following: a. the relief of poverty and the preservation and protection of health of those seeking asylum or granted leave to remain in the UK or overseas by assisting with provision of aid, accommodation, advice, support and education and by facilitating the integration of refugees and asylum seekers into the wider community. b. to advance the education and training and relieve financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents in the UK or overseas particularly by signposting to accommodation, employment, education, legal and other advice so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt and integrate within a new community.

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	Global Refugee Aid is dedicated to providing vital support and hope to refugees and internally displaced individuals, particularly vulnerable women and girls who have endured unimaginable hardship. Through counselling, maternal health services, and livelihood training, GRA empowers survivors to rebuild their lives and regain a sense of purpose and dignity. GRA focuses on healing the physical and emotional wounds of traumatised women, girls, men, and boys who have fled brutal regional conflicts across East Africa. Two of our key projects include: • Trauma Healing for Refugee Survivors of Sexual Violence in East Africa, offering essential therapeutic care and support to
		survivors to help them reclaim their lives. • Transforming the Physical and Emotional Health of Albino Refugees, providing targeted health and social interventions for this often-marginalized group. In addition to these life-changing initiatives, GRA has expanded its mission to Burundi, where we are addressing a growing and urgent crisis: displaced women suffering from breast cancer without access to proper care or support. These women, many of whom have been internally displaced and lack resources, face devastating health outcomes due to delayed or inaccessible treatment. To combat this crisis, GRA has launched a Breast Cancer Mission in Burundi and Kenya mobilising dedicated volunteers' doctors and health professionals from the UK to provide free breast cancer screenings and symptomatic clinics. This initiative not only saves lives but also restores hope, offering compassionate care to women who had none. By focusing on early detection and symptom management, we are giving these women a fighting chance and standing by their side in their journey toward recovery.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Global Refugee Aid is committed to providing essential support and resources to displaced individuals worldwide, ensuring they receive the assistance necessary for their survival, well-being, and eventual resettlement. Our mission is to deliver humanitarian aid, education, and opportunities for refugees, fostering hope and rebuilding lives in the face of adversity. The trustees of Global Refugee Aid confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. In our activities and decisionmaking processes, we continuously ensure that our work aligns with the principles of public benefit as outlined by the Charity Commission. This commitment ensures that our actions effectively contribute to the public good, particularly in supporting vulnerable refugee populations and addressing their urgent needs.
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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 program including related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	This year, the dedicated volunteers of Global Refugee Aid have made an extraordinary impact through their selfless commitment and tireless efforts. Their unwavering dedication to helping vulnerable women, particularly those battling breast cancer, has been nothing short of inspiring. In Burundi and Kenya, GRA's volunteers—comprising doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals—are at the forefront of our Breast Cancer Mission. They have worked tirelessly to provide free breast cancer screenings and symptomatic clinics for internally displaced women who have no access to care or financial means for treatment. By delivering life-saving services, our volunteers are not only identifying cancer at an early stage but also offering hope and compassion to women who might otherwise face this illness alone. Meanwhile, in Uganda, GRA's health professionals continue to deliver vital trauma healing services and maternal health support to refugees and internally displaced individuals. Their work transforms lives, providing emotional and physical care to those who have experienced unimaginable suffering. Through these efforts, they are empowering women and families to rebuild their futures with renewed strength and resilience. The incredible work of GRA's volunteers—whether in Burundi, Uganda, or across East Africa—has brought meaningful change to countless lives. Their tireless commitment to improving the health and well-being of women and their families is the heart of our mission. We could not be prouder of their contributions, which
		embody the true spirit of compassion and humanity.
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	Global Refugee Aid (GRA) has continued to make significant strides in improving the lives of refugees, particularly vulnerable women and girls, across East Africa. Through our targeted projects focused on trauma healing, maternal health services, livelihood training, and specialized healthcare, we have brought meaningful and lasting change to individuals and communities. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in the previous financial year, GRA has emerged stronger, leveraging new opportunities and resources to amplify its impact. Our work, supported by generous grants such as that received from the Souter Charitable Trust, has allowed us to expand critical services in Uganda and initiate new life-saving programs in Burundi, demonstrating our resilience and unwavering commitment to our mission. Impact on Beneficiaries Counselling and Trauma Healing - GRA's Trauma Healing for Refugee Survivors of Sexual Violence in East Africa has continued to provide essential counselling services to women and girls who have endured severe trauma. This initiative has supported survivors in their journey toward emotional recovery, enabling them to rebuild their lives with resilience and dignity. Maternal Health Services • We have made significant progress in ensuring access to maternal health services,

		promoting safe pregnancies and childbirths. Our efforts have directly contributed to a measurable reduction in maternal and infant mortality rates, fostering healthier families and stronger communities. 3. Livelihood Training • Through livelihood training programs, we have equipped refugees—particularly women—with the skills needed to achieve financial independence. These programs not only improve individual economic outcomes but also instil a sense of self-reliance and empowerment among participants. 4. Support for Albino Refugees • Our project to Transform the Physical and Emotional Health of Albino Refugees has continued to address the unique challenges faced by this vulnerable group. By providing access to medical care, psychological support, and community advocacy, we are improving their quality of life and fostering social inclusion. 5. Breast Cancer Mission in Kenya • This year, we launched a critical Breast Cancer Mission in Kenya, focusing on displaced women who lack access to healthcare. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our medical volunteers, we are offering free breast cancer screenings and symptomatic care to women who might otherwise face this devastating illness without support. This initiative has already provided hope and life-saving care to many, highlighting GRA's ability to respond to urgent and emerging health crises. Wider Societal Benefits 1. Enhanced Community Health
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		• Our comprehensive approach to both physical and mental health continues to strengthen refugee communities. By addressing core health needs, GRA reduces the strain on local healthcare systems and fosters healthier, more resilient populations. 2. Economic Empowerment • Livelihood training programs have broader economic implications, empowering refugees to contribute meaningfully to local economies. This reduces long-term dependency on aid and promotes sustainable development in refugee-hosting regions. 3. Social Cohesion • GRA's efforts to integrate refugees into local communities have fostered social cohesion, reduced tensions, and promoted inclusive societies where refugees are recognized as valuable contributors. Progress from the Previous Year The past financial year saw GRA resume and expand its activities, building on the foundation laid in previous years. While the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on our ability to fundraise and implement projects, we successfully adapted to these challenges. The grant received from the Coles Medlock and William Leech charities allowed us to scale our efforts in Uganda, enhancing trauma healing and maternal health services for refugees. This funding has been instrumental in enabling us to restore and expand essential services to those in need. In Burundi, the launch of our Breast Cancer Mission represents a major milestone, as we address a pressing health crisis among displaced women. The incredible dedication of our volunteers, including doctors and healthcare professionals, has been central to the success of this program, and their work continues to inspire hope and transformation.
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		Looking Ahead Global Refugee Aid remains committed to its mission of healing, empowering, and transforming lives. The progress achieved this year reflects not only the resilience of our organization but also the enduring support of our donors, partners, and volunteers. Together, we are making a tangible difference, bringing healing, hope, and empowerment to refugees across East Africa and beyond.
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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	Global Refugee Aid has made commendable progress in fundraising during this financial year compared to the previous year. Despite ongoing challenges in securing grants, we have seen a positive shift in our ability to attract donations and engage supporters, which has significantly bolstered our ability to carry out vital projects. This year, GRA was fortunate to receive a £6,000 grant from the Coles Medlock and William Leech Charities, which has been instrumental in supporting our women's project in Uganda. Additionally, Calvary Chapel Church contributed a generous £300, demonstrating their continued commitment to our cause. The remainder of our funding was raised through the incredible efforts of volunteers who set up JustGiving and GoFundMe pages. These grassroots campaigns rallied community support for our Breast Cancer Mission in Burundi and Kenya, enabling us to provide life-saving screenings and care for displaced women suffering from breast cancer. By the end of the financial year, GRA remains focused on fundraising and acknowledges the continued challenges in securing larger grants. However, the strides made this year highlight the resilience and dedication of our supporters, volunteers, and partners. These contributions are not only vital to sustaining our ongoing projects but also provide a foundation for growth as we continue to heal and empower refugees across East Africa.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Global Refugee Aid (GRA) recognises the importance of holding financial reserves to ensure the sustainability of our mission and to safeguard the continuation of critical projects in the face of unexpected challenges. Reserves provide a financial

	safety net, enabling the charity to remain resilient and adaptable while maintaining our commitment to supporting refugees and vulnerable individuals across East Africa. For the financial year ending 02/04/2025, GRA received a total income of £13330.94. Out of this, we were able to set aside £2406 in reserves. This achievement is particularly notable given the significant expenses incurred to sustain and expand our projects. These reserves reflect prudent financial management and a dedication to futureproofing our operations. Financial Overview for the Year • Total Income: £13,330 • Total Expenditures: £10929 • Reserves Held: £2406 Achievements Despite Challenges This year, GRA overcame significant financial challenges to deliver impactful programs: 1. Breast Cancer Mission in Burundi ○ Funds were used to pay for flights and travel expenses for UK doctors and health professionals who volunteered their time to provide free breast cancer screenings and care to displaced women. This lifesaving mission has transformed lives and exemplified the power of global collaboration. 2. Uganda Projects ○ We ensured that our ongoing projects in Uganda, including trauma healing and maternal health services, were run effectively and reached those in desperate need of support.
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		Looking Ahead Global Refugee Aid remains steadfast in its mission to empower and heal vulnerable communities. The achievements of this financial year demonstrate the charity's resilience, growth, and dedication to its cause. Moving forward, GRA will continue to prioritize strategic fundraising, effective resource allocation, and the expansion of programs to reach even more refugees and displaced individuals in need. Our progress this year has been extraordinary, and with the continued support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, we are confident in our ability to build on this momentum and achieve even greater impact in the future.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2406
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Global Refugee Aid remains confident in its ability to continue as a going concern. This financial year has seen remarkable progress in both fundraising and program delivery, marking a significant improvement from the challenges faced in the previous financial year.
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		resilience and ability to adapt to changing circumstances to meet the needs of vulnerable populations. Financial Considerations While GRA has made significant strides in fundraising this year, challenges remain in securing sufficient grant funding to match the increasing demand for our services. The £600 reserve held at the end of this financial year is a positive step towards building financial stability, but it underscores the need for continued focus on diversifying income streams and scaling up fundraising efforts. Operational Highlights • Burundi Breast Cancer Mission: Funded by grassroots campaigns and individual donors, this project has provided life-saving care to internally displaced women, showcasing the ability of our team to mobilize resources for urgent needs. • Uganda Projects: The Souter Charitable Trust's grant allowed GRA to sustain its programs in Uganda, including trauma healing and maternal health initiatives, ensuring the continuity of critical services for refugee communities. • Corporate Partnerships: Innovative partnerships, such as the £3,150 donation from Riverstone Company, highlight the potential for leveraging corporate support to strengthen our financial base. Conclusion Despite ongoing challenges in securing sufficient grant funding, GRA is in a much stronger financial position than in previous years. The charity's leadership is committed to further diversifying funding sources, exploring new grant opportunities, and enhancing grassroots fundraising initiatives to ensure sustainability and growth. With renewed momentum and the continued support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, GRA is confident in its ability to maintain operations, achieve its mission, and expand its impact in the lives of refugees across East Africa.
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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	Global Refugee Aid is governed by a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). In this structure, the only voting members are the charity trustees. This governing document outlines the framework within which GRA operates, including the roles and responsibilities of the trustees, the procedures for decisionmaking, and the overall governance of the charity. This constitution ensures that the organization is managed effectively, in accordance with legal requirements and best practices, to fulfil its mission of supporting refugees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Global Refugee Aid is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Per the Global Refugee Aid constitution: 1. Resolution Requirement: - Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. This ensures that each appointment is formally approved and documented, promoting transparency and accountability within the organization. 2. Consideration of Skills, Knowledge, and Experience: - In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the current trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge, and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. This ensures that the board comprises individuals with the appropriate expertise to guide and support the charity's mission effectively. These provisions in the GRA constitution ensure a thorough and equitable process for trustee appointments, contributing to the robust governance and successful operation of the organisation.

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	GLOBAL REFUGEE AID
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1193619
Charity's principal address	4 The Oaklands Hemsworth West Yorkshire WF94TT

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)
Mireille Nkamicaniye			
Beverly Cunnane			
Dr Febronie Nkunzimana			
Elsa Irabona			

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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
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
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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

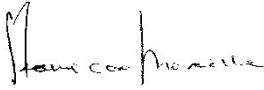
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Mireille	Nkamicaniye
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**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair	
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Date

28/01/2025
