

DESTA ETHIOPIA

Trustees Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

Desta Ethiopia was constituted under a trust deed dated 5th April 2021.

The trustees are:

S J Rickerby, Chair
L Shekede
K L Gray
J M Wilson

The charity's principal office is 12 New Street, Ross on Wye, HR9 7A, and its Charity Number is 1194896.

This is Desta Ethiopia's first report since it became a registered charity on 22 June 2021. This has been a period of unprecedented need owing to armed conflict in many parts of Ethiopia, and in particular the regions of Afar, Tigray and Amhara, to which the majority of our funds are being sent. Operationally, it has been a very challenging time, particularly with regard to getting funds into Tigray: the almost complete blockade of the region by the federal government (air and road transport, internet and telephone network, banking system etc.) has only been lifted in the last few weeks. Despite these immense logistical difficulties, with the help of international intermediaries and our network of colleagues on the ground, we have been able to provide a steady stream of aid to some of the worst-affected areas.

In accordance with the aims of the charity as stated in our registration document we have provided assistance to:

- people (mainly children and old people) in remote rural areas who have suffered from the seizure or destruction of crops and cattle
- internally displaced persons who have fled from war zones and had no means of subsistence, including unaccompanied minors
- vulnerable women, some with children, who have suffered sexual violence, many of whom are also suffering long-term physical and psychological challenges
- teachers and hospital workers who have not been paid since the outbreak of conflict and have no other means of subsistence

We have come to realise the real benefits in being a small and flexible organisation, as this has enabled us to identify and quickly address changing needs which larger aid agencies are too large and cumbersome to deal with. We have also been able to continue to provide funding and basic supplies to people in conflict zones when many larger organisations were unable to do so. We have even assisted another charity - 'Ethiopia: Operation Rescue' which supports children in the Adigrat area - to get funds through to the children in their care. Our small and dedicated team

of Ethiopian friends and colleagues have worked very effectively in collaboration with municipal authorities and local organisations to provide targeted assistance to many desperate people whose needs have not otherwise been recognised.

Desta Ethiopia intends to contribute to reconstruction efforts into the future. For example, within Tigray no schooling has been possible for more than two years, but now that the situation is (at least temporarily) stable, education will be a major focus.

Lisa Shekede and Stephen Rickerby (Trustees)

26th January 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name DESTA ETHIOPIA	No (if any) 1194896
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/03/21	To	Period end date 31/03/22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	44,024	-	-	44,024
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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Sub total (Gross income for AR) (see table).	44,024	-	-	44,024
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,024	-	-	44,024
A3 Payments				
Support payments	16,212	-	-	16,212
Bank Charges	600	-	-	600
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,813	-	-	16,813
A4 Asset and investment				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,813	-	-	16,813
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,211	-	-	27,211
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	27,211	-	-	27,211

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds bank account	27,211	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	27,211	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name
	Stephen Rickerby	S J Rickerby
	Lisa Shekede	L Shekede

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**Current value
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**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**

20/11/22
20/11/22



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	DESTA ETHIOPIA		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st MARCH 2022	Charity no	1194896
Set out on pages	1 & 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:	NDStewart	Date:	08/03/23
Name:	Nigel David Stewart		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow of the Association of International Accountants		
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	Weston under Penyard		
	Ross on Wye		