

**Centre For Civilians in Conflict UK
Trustees Annual Report
for the Period 23 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objective and principal activities are the protection of civilian communities throughout the world affected by armed conflict, including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing):

- Educating and assisting conflict-affected civilian communities to successfully advocate their own protection.
- Improving the ability of conflict-affected civilian communities to implement actions that enhance the safety and security of such communities.
- Improving the access of civilian communities to Armed Actors and improving their influence over Armed Actors.
- Strengthening the resolve and capacity of Armed Actors to prevent and respond to civilian harm.
- Building the capacity of governments and governmental security forces to better protect civilians.
- Engaging with and training armed non-governmental bodies to reduce harm to civilian communities and increase their capacity to protect such communities, provided that:
 - The Charity shall always act by non-violent means, and
 - Nothing in the Charity's constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the Charity for purposes that are not charitable in accordance with the Law of England.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In this period, the Centre for Civilians in Conflict UK consolidated its efforts to support global initiatives that f the protection of civilians. This included reinforcing internal systems and procedures created for fundraising.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

With regard to the performance of the Charity during the year 2023, the Trustees believe the Charity has fulfilled its mission of supporting and protecting civilians experiencing conflict worldwide.

PUBLIC BENEFIT CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 regarding public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income received for the year was £44, representing a significant reduction in donations as outreach activity declined. Total expenditure for the year was £60.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity's principal funding sources continue to be donations. The Charity continues to seek funding from a broader base of funders for its future needs.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Charity's investment policy is regularly kept under review. The Trustees have decided to maintain the general reserves with CAF Bank Ltd. All the Charity's funding is dependent on voluntary donations. Most of the funds will be spent over the short to medium term providing services to beneficiaries.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should equate to a minimum of 12 months' reserves in order to avert major crises in service provision. The reserves are needed to support the working capital requirements of the Charity, and the Trustees are confident they would be able to continue their current charitable activities due to a significant reduction in funds.

Projected expenditure for the forthcoming year is approximately £100. The level of unrestricted reserves represents more than one year's worth of expenditure on the normal budget. The Trustees accept this target range and expect to achieve it.

As in prior years, the Trustees will monitor existing activities and expenditure against their annual business plan to ensure funding is available to maintain operations at an acceptable standard.

GOING CONCERN

The Board of Trustees considers that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue. CIVIC UK will continue to support its global mission by developing partnerships with individuals, organizations, and the UK government to support and promote the protection of civilians caught in conflict zones.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Centre for Civilians in Conflict UK plans to continue developing methods and procedures that expand fundraising operations and fortify strategic initiatives for its global mission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

LEGAL STRUCTURE

The Charity was set up on 12 August 2021 as a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO). Its registered number is 1195505.

LEADERSHIP TEAM (LT)

This comprises the Trustee Board. The minimum number of Trustees shall be three and the maximum 15. Most of the Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

New Trustees at present are inducted with a formal welcome letter which extends the organization's gratitude for their commitment. Alongside this, each Trustee receives a copy of the Charity's bylaws, ensuring they have ready access to essential information.

Apart from the first Charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting. Individuals selected for appointment as Charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Charity's Leadership Team (LT) meet periodically to review fundraising activities and finances. The LT's members have a variety of backgrounds relevant to the work of the Charity; they are responsible for its strategic direction, the development of policy and risk management.

MANAGEMENT OF RISKS, SYSTEMS, AND PROCEDURES

The provision of services is the responsibility of the Trustees. A system of delegation is in place with day-to-day responsibility resting with the Chair.

Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Charity may face. The funding strategy is based on donations and fundraising events, and new methods are being developed to connect with potential donors.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of authorisation procedures for all transactions. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the health and safety of staff, volunteers, and service users.

The Charity is an equal opportunities organisation and is committed to a working environment that is free from any form of discrimination on the grounds of colour, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. The Charity will make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of staff or volunteers who are, or become, disabled.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to Charities in England & 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 of the 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping 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, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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Centre for Civilands In Conflict UK
Year ended 31 Decdember 2023
Bank Account and transactions

Prepared by IDB
Date 22/10/2024 **K5**

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Balance b/fwd	21,990.72	
Receipts	43.92	
Payments		60.00
Balance c/fwd (per statement number 5)		21,974.64
	<u>22,034.64</u>	<u>22,034.64</u>

Bank receipts

27/03/2023	Bank Interest	10.83	interest rec'd
26/06/2023	Bank Interest	11.07	interest rec'd
26/09/2023	Bank Interest	11.07	interest rec'd
27/12/2023	Bank Interest	10.95	interest rec'd

43.92

Bank Payments

23/01/2023	Bank charges	5.00
22/02/2023	Bank charges	5.00
22/03/2023	Bank charges	5.00
17/04/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/05/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/06/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/07/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/08/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/09/2023	Bank charges	5.00
16/10/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/11/2023	Bank charges	5.00
15/12/2023	Bank charges	5.00

60.00