

Hope Project (Lesvos)

Annual Accounts

31 December 2023

Registered Charity 1195697



THE HOPE PROJECT

(LESVOS)

website: <https://www.hopeprojectgreece.org>

Trustees Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Trustees:

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1. Introduction

The trustees of Hope Project (Lesvos) present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended December 2023. The report has been prepared following the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and in compliance with the governing document of the charity.

The whole project has been in operation in Lesvos island, Greece since 2015. Our aim is to provide aid, physical goods, services, support and advice to refugees.

2. Objectives and Activities

Our Mission:

To provide support and aid to refugees and displaced persons on the island of Lesvos, with a focus on ensuring dignity, safety, and access to essential services.

Objectives:

The charities prime objectives for the year included:

- Providing essential supplies such as food, clothing, and hygiene products to refugees.
- Offering psychosocial support and community building activities.
- Advocating for the rights and dignity of displaced individuals.



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Key Activities:

During the reporting period, Hope Project (Lesvos) undertook several key activities:

- **Aid distribution:** We continued to provide residents of the neighbouring refugee camp with the items that they needed for their day-to-day living, clothing and toiletries and occasional pharmacy items, reaching over 10,000 individuals.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Mobilized over 80 volunteers from both refugee and international communities to support operations.
- **Advocacy and Awareness:** engaged in advocacy efforts, including partnerships with other organisations, to raise awareness about the ongoing refugee crisis, through social media and conferences in Europe.
- **Support Services:** provided ongoing mental and physical health support, organized community activities, including art and educational programs through The Hope Project Art. The art project as well as covering fine art and classes for those less skilled established an area for experimental and abstract art.

This has proved very popular with artists of all abilities as a way of expressing themselves but also to have fun and a break from the extremely challenging conditions of the camp.

3. Achievements and Performance

Distribution Efforts:

Despite challenges, we successfully distributed essential items to over 10,000 individuals, ensuring that newly arrived refugees receive timely aid.

The appointment system in place, instituted during the pandemic to deal with new arrivals at the camp, has been kept on as it provided very useful to keep a record and deal with new service users on a one-to-one basis allowing us to provide what is really needed and minimize waste. Throughout the year we relied mainly on material and financial donations to fulfill the need for clothing and other items for the approximately 3000 residents in the camp.

We also endeavoured to cover special-needs requests such as additional items for babies, i.e. blankets nappies, toiletries and clothing.

Volunteer Engagement:

Our volunteer program expanded, with 80 new volunteers joining, bringing diverse skills and backgrounds that enhanced our operations.



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Advocacy Successes:

Our advocacy work included participating in several campaigns and forming strategic partnerships with Hamburger Hilfskonvoi, MSF, Open Arms and Sea Watch, helping to amplify the voices of those we serve.

Community Impact:

The psychosocial programs, including art therapy and educational workshops, positively impacted 60 participants, providing them with a sense of community and a platform for expression.

4. Financial Review

Income: £ 112,091	A decrease of 31%
Expenditure: £ 133,015	A decrease of 19%
Reserves: £30,000	Equivalent to 4 months of operations

5. Governance and Management

Trustees Meetings:

The trustees met six (6) times during the year to review operations, finances, and strategic direction. Key decisions included, expanding programs, securing new funding sources and the way forward in the future.

Compliance:

The charity remains compliant with all regulatory requirements and no safeguarding incidents reported during the period.

Plans for the Future:

Looking forward, Hope Project (Lesvos) aims to:

- Expand our reach to more refugees and displaced persons.
- Increase advocacy efforts to influence policy changes.
- Strengthen our volunteer program by enhancing training and support.
- Secure additional funding to sustain and grow our operations.



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7. Conclusion

The trustees would like to thank all donors, volunteers, and partners for their continued support the past year has been challenging, but with the collective efforts of our community, we have made significant strides in fulfilling our mission.

Approved by the Trustees on: 21.08.2024

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name

Mr Peter Beddoes

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

21.08.2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Project (Lesvos)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hope Project (Lesvos) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Philip Hughes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA (member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

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Date 21 August 2024

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	£
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	104,491	7,600	112,091	147,478
Resources expended				
Raising funds	8,891		8,891	16,495
Charitable activities	109,038	7,600	116,638	135,188
Other	7,486		7,486	6,441
Total	125,415	7,600	133,015	158,124
Net movement in funds	(20,924)	-	(20,924)	(10,646)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	76,356	-	76,356	87,002
Total funds carried forward	<u>55,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,432</u>	<u>76,356</u>

Hope Project (Lesvos)
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances	56,103	75,853	
Other current assets and prepayments	1,850	3,183	
	<u>57,953</u>	<u>79,036</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors	<u>2,521</u>	<u>2,680</u>	
Net current assets		55,432	76,356
Net assets		<u>55,432</u>	<u>76,356</u>
Funds of the charity - unrestricted			
Balance at start of period		76,356	87,002
Net movement in funds		(20,924)	(10,646)
Total funds		<u>55,432</u>	<u>76,356</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting basis

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

2 Analysis of expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Raising funds		
Publicity fees	8,376	15,924
Website costs	515	571
	<u>8,891</u>	<u>16,495</u>
Charitable activities		
Refugee Cost - Food	38,674	41,720
Refugee Cost - Clothes	5,823	2,548
Refugee Cost - Pharmacy / Welfare	1,211	805
Art Supplies	1,732	4,091
Staffing costs	34,596	46,128
Travel and subsistence	5,354	5,068
Warehouse Rent	22,433	20,273
Warehouse Electricity	2,731	8,241
Warehouse Heating	1,199	492
Warehouse Water	1,534	1,162
Warehouse repairs	1,351	4,660
	<u>116,638</u>	<u>135,188</u>
Other		
Telephone and internet	2,891	2,272
Postage	272	106
Stationery and printing	-	187
Insurance	819	819
Sundry	60	114
Bank charges	510	1,399
Accountants fees	1,996	1,294
Tax	938	-
Legal & Professional	-	250
	<u>7,486</u>	<u>6,441</u>