



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 18 March 2022 **To** 30 September 2023

Charity name: GLOBAL RECONCILIATION, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING ENGAGEMENT (GRACE) IN WAR-AFFECTED REGIONS

Charity registration number: 1199786

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects are for the benefit of the public, the advancement of the wellbeing of children born of war, their families and communities in any part of the world, by providing grants to projects, charities, organisations working to reduce hardship and stigmatization, to promote and protect their physical/mental wellbeing, education, social inclusion, economic empowerment and human rights.
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	Following the creation of the GRACE in War Affected Regions (GRACE hereafter) and its registration with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, GRACE was formally launched in an awareness-raising and advocacy event at the Barbican on 11 October 2022 in the presence of all trustees, important stakeholders and, significantly, children born of war. During subsequent months, activities focussed on the operationalisation of the charity's activities, including opening of a bank account, the development of policies relating among others to financial management, grant making, information security, data protection, safeguarding, mandatory training as well as the clarification of the governance structure. A further focus was the expansion of the charity, its advisors, friends and volunteers as well as partnership development. An additional focus was the development of a communications strategy to enable the charity successfully to fulfil its public benefit commitments.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
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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	GRACE grant-making policy, filed with the Charity Commission, is reviewed annually and due to be confirmed by the AGM on 30 September 2023
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	GRACE has been supported by a range of volunteers with contributions ranging from ad hoc support e.g. of the launch event, to more extensive and sustainable engagement, e.g. as communications manager, finance advisor, or events panner. As the charity's activities grow in number and size, it is expected that more volunteers will make more significant contributions. Apart from the Trustees, eight volunteers were active on a longer-term footing covering the following areas: Toni Smith (comms and events management, partnership development) Andy Canty (internet security, website, data management) Amir Smailbegovic (meetings management, donations management) Antonia Parker Smith (comms/social media) Amy Wilkins (comms lead) Christian Juri (website development) Christoph Biehl (finance) Katharina Lee (events development and management)
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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	As this year was largely taken up with developing the structures and policies that allow successful operations in support of beneficiaries, the focus of activities was on awareness-raising, advocacy and modest fundraising as well as planning for income-generating activities in the coming year. Events included: Barbican launch event with film screening and panel discussion (11/10/2022) Film screening and panel discussion at the University of West London (15/03/2023) Trustee contributions to FCDO work on promoting the rights and wellbeing of Children Born of Conflict-related Sexual Violence (ongoing) Co-development of one-year project to develop effective programming in support of CBOW in Northern Uganda (to be implemented 2023/4) Contribution to Policy Workshop on nationality rights for children born of war led by the Global Survivors Fund (27/06/2023)
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not yet applicable, as charity is still in the process of policy and governance structure development.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not yet applicable, as charity is still in the process of policy and governance structure development.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not yet applicable, as charity is still in the process of policy and governance structure development.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£7901 credit.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As we are in our first year of operation and have not committed any funding to activities, we currently do not have a reserves policy. This is something we will look to develop as our activity grows.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0 - see above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	See above.
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	n/a

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	Start-up donation of AHRC prize money Donations Gift Aid
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The charity is in the process of setting up appropriate risk management processes. When these are in place we will be able to identify risks and put mitigations in place for the charity.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a CIO
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	Under development

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	Under development
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has a Board of Trustees which meets twice a year. We have a Management Group, which includes trustees and associates/friends. This group meets monthly. We're in the process of setting up an Advisory Board which will enable the charity to be supported by a greater range of specialists.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	GLOBAL RECONCILIATION, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING ENGAGEMENT (GRACE) IN WAR-AFFECTED REGIONS
Other name the charity uses	GRACE International
Registered charity number	1199786
Charity's principal address	Holly Ridge Crossin Lane Claydon Oxon OX17 1EX

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	Sabine Lee			
2	Rachel M Canty			
3	Dheeraj Akolkar			
4	Karen E Houghton			
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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

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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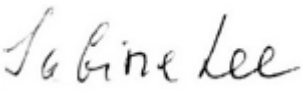
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Sabine Lee	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	16.12.23	

Receipts and payments accounts

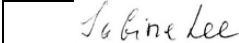
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For the period from	19.7.22	To	30.6.23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, including Gift Aid	9,999	-	-	9,999	-
Interest on current and deposit account	32	-	-	32	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,031	-	-	10,031	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,031	-	-	10,031	-
A3 Payments					
Monthly bank account charges	30	-	-	30	-
Production of branding materials	2,100	-	-	2,100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,130	-	-	2,130	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,130	-	-	2,130	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,901	-	-	7,901	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,901	-	-	7,901	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Funds held in current and deposit accounts	7,901	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,901	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		SABINE LEE	16.12.23	