



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From *April 2023* Period start date To *December 2024* Period end date

Charity name: **Dudhal Fi Bhantal**

Charity registration number: **1204083**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<i>We are working towards establishing a Learning Centre for the Gbentu Community in Sierra Leone.</i>
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	<i>Since the approval of our registration application, we have been working towards establishing the Learning Centre and have identified suitable space and are working with the landlords to secure the space.</i>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<i>The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and they are committed to adhere to its contents and spirit.</i>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<i>The charity depends wholly on its members who are also its volunteers to raise funds and to deliver projects geared towards fulfilling the charity's objectives. All the income for this reporting year was provided by volunteers through their monthly contributions.</i>
Other		

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## 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	<i>As this is the first year since the charity was established, the main focus has been on preparation and putting all the resources necessary for its achievement and performance together before embarking on its quest to make impact on its beneficiary community.</i>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<i>No objectives were set for this year's performance in fundraising activities.</i>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<i>The Charity is still in its preparatory phase.</i>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<i>As the amount of income is still in the lower level, the charity does not have any reserves. However, it is working on developing its reserve policy and other policies necessary to effectively manage the charity.</i>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<i>The Trustees are aware of no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. As far as the Trustees are concerned the charity is in a very healthy position to continue as a going concern.</i>

### 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	<i>The charity's main funders are its members. Every month, each member of the charity pay any amount that they can afford to contribute towards the charity reaching its goals. This year planned have been made to organise bigger fundraising events to would increase the charity's funding stream and boost the contributions received from its members.</i>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<i>The charity does not intend to invest in the short or medium term. Therefore, there is currently no investment policy.</i>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<i>The Trustees consider that the charity is open to financial and reputational risks as they we are planning to organise fundraising activities both physically and online. We have heard from other charities about the financial risks associated with online fundraising and we are working to develop a robust fundraising strategy and policy. The fundraising policy will address the risk factors and put in place mitigating measures to either minimise or eliminate such risks.</i>
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		<i>Dudhal Fi Bhantal is a foundation model charitable incorporated organisation governed by a Board of Trustees whose duties and obligations include to further the objectives of the charity while at the same time ensure that all the regulatory requirements are adhered to.</i>
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<i>Foundation Model Constitution</i>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<i>The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.</i>
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	<i>All Trustees are elected at Annual General Meetings and re-elected every two years. no trustee is allowed to be a trustee for more than nine years. trustees are elected from the general membership of the charity and based on their skills, knowledge, and experience. At the election, each member of the charity shall cast a vote by a secret ballot based on first past the post.</i>

### 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	<i>The trustees confirm that most of the policies and procedures necessary to run the charity are in place.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<i>Below the Board of Trustees is the Executive Director who is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity. She is supported by a Project Manager, Administrative Officer, Community Engagement Manager, and Fundraising Manager. The charity works mainly with the MRU Community in the UK. This Community is defined as descendants from Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, and Ivory Coast living in the UK.</i>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<i>The Trustees ensures that guidance on conflict of interests are adhered to strictly and require all members to declare their relationships and/or affiliations with individuals, organisations, and businesses that the charity works with.</i>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dudhal Fi Bhantal
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1204083
Charity's principal address	190D Valley Road London SW16 2XS

**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	Saadu Keita	Chair	20/04/2024	Board of Trustees
2	Sidi Bah	Secretary	20/04/2024	Board of Trustees
3	Abdourahmane Sow	Treasurer	20/04/2024	Board of Trustees
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
Saadu Keita		

**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
Legal	CAD-HR	2 Danesfield, 220 Albany Road, London, SE5 0AW
Organisational Support	CAD-HR	2 Danesfield, 220 Albany Road, London, SE5 0AW

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information

N/A
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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)	<i>SKeita</i>	
Full name(s)	Saadu Keita	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	18/02/2025	