

## 1. Chairperson's Statement

As Chairperson of Greater Comilla Association, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2024. This report provides an overview of our objectives, activities, and challenges over the past year. Our mission remains focused on promoting social inclusion and alleviating poverty among newly arrived migrants, elderly individuals, young people, and people with disabilities across England.

However, due to ongoing administrative challenges, we have been unable to open a bank account. As a result, we have not received any income or incurred any expenditure during this financial period. Despite these limitations, we have worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for future operations and establish a strong foundation for the charity's activities.

## 2. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of Greater Comilla Association, as outlined in our governing document, are to promote social inclusion and provide essential support to individuals facing social exclusion, particularly newly arrived migrants. Our activities are designed to:

- Offer support and guidance on housing, welfare benefits, education, and family matters.
- Facilitate engagement between beneficiaries and service providers to ensure more tailored and accessible services.
- Provide advocacy and information to empower individuals in navigating various societal challenges.

Although financial constraints have limited the extent of our service delivery, we have focused on networking, outreach, and building partnerships to support our mission in the future.

## 3. Achievements and Performance

Despite not yet securing a bank account, we have made significant progress in laying the foundation for the charity's future impact. Key achievements include:

- **Administrative and Legal Framework:** Completion of the necessary legal and governance requirements to ensure compliance with regulatory standards.
- **Community Engagement:** Active engagement with community members and stakeholders to better understand their needs and challenges.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Initiation of collaborations with local organisations, authorities, and service providers to explore potential support mechanisms once the charity is financially operational.
- **Awareness and Advocacy:** Raising awareness about the challenges faced by newly arrived migrants and socially excluded individuals through informal networks and advisory sessions.

While our ability to deliver direct services has been limited due to the lack of financial resources, we remain committed to achieving our mission as soon as we have the necessary infrastructure in place.

#### **4. Financial Review**

At present, Greater Comilla Association has no financial transactions to report. Due to delays in opening a bank account, we have not received any income, including grants or donations, nor have we incurred any expenditure.

We recognise the importance of establishing a financial management system and are actively working to resolve the banking issue. Once the bank account is opened, we will seek funding opportunities and implement financial policies to ensure proper governance and transparency.

#### **5. Governance and Structure**

Greater Comilla Association is governed by a board of trustees responsible for strategic oversight and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Our governance framework includes:

- Regular trustee meetings to oversee the charity's development and decision-making.
- Compliance with Charity Commission regulations to maintain our charitable status.
- Implementation of policies related to safeguarding, financial management, and operational efficiency once funding becomes available.

Despite financial constraints, the trustees and volunteers have worked diligently to establish a structured framework to support future operations.

#### **6. Plans for the Future**

Looking ahead, our key priorities include:


- **Opening a Bank Account:** Resolving the banking issue to enable financial transactions and fundraising efforts.
- **Fundraising and Grant Applications:** Seeking funding opportunities to support programme implementation and community initiatives.
- **Community Outreach and Service Delivery:** Expanding our engagement efforts and launching direct services once financial resources are secured.
- **Strengthening Partnerships:** Enhancing collaborations with stakeholders to ensure effective support for our beneficiaries.

We remain committed to fulfilling our mission and making a meaningful impact as soon as we overcome the current financial and administrative barriers.

#### **7. Acknowledgements**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our trustees, volunteers, community members, and supporters who have contributed their time and efforts despite financial constraints. Your dedication has been invaluable in laying the foundation for Greater Comilla Association's future success.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on Date**

Signed: 

**Dr Mohammad Ali**

Chairperson, Greater Comilla Association