

FRIENDS OF EL OBEID CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1213218

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2025-05-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO, TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, ARE:(1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS ATTENDING THE KINDERGARTEN AND GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL IN EL OBEID, SUDAN BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FUNDS TO SUPPORT SALARIES OF THE TEACHING AND ANCILLARY STAFF, NECESSARY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, UNIFORMS, BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.(2) THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ITEMS, GRANTS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED RESIDING IN THE VICINITY OF THE KINDERGARTEN AND GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL IN EL OBEID, SUDAN, DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING AND DEPRIVATIONS CAUSED BY WAR, CATASTROPHE AND NATURAL DISASTERS.

Activities: We send money raised from standing orders, donations and occasional fund raisers to the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd primary school in El Obeid, Sudan. The school leadership team uses our financial support to buy food, water, medicine and educational supplies. Staff and families are also supported financially, when necessary, to alleviate the deprivation caused by the ongoing civil war.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS
- Sudan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£18,047	£18,259	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Marion Evans	Chair	2025-05-09
Diane Welch		2025-05-09
Valerie Rayney		2025-05-09

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Accounts

Friends of El Obeid CIO

Report and Financial Statement From 9th May 2025 to 31st December 2025

A) Reference and Administrative Details

Official name: Friends of El Obeid CIO

Registered Charity Number: 1213218

Address: 83 Wakeley Hill, Wolverhampton, WV4 5RA.

Trustees:

Mrs M. Evans - Chair

Mrs V. Rayney - Treasurer

Mrs D. Welch - Secretary

B) Objectives and Activities

Purposes of the charity:

The objects of Friends of El Obeid CIO are

- (1) The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and illness among the children, their families and staff attending the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd Primary School in El Obeid, Sudan.
- (2) The advancement of the education of the children attending the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd Primary School in El Obeid, Sudan by providing finance to support salaries of the teaching and ancillary staff, by financing the provision of uniforms, books and other resources required by the students, and by funding the provision of necessary educational facilities.
- (3) The advancement of health by funding the provision of medicines and related resources for the benefit of those associated with the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd Primary School in El Obeid, Sudan.
- (4) The relief of those in need by the provision of funds to the leadership team at the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd Primary School in El Obeid, Sudan in order to alleviate the suffering and deprivations caused by war, catastrophe and natural disasters to those related to the school and its vicinity.

Main Activities

Managing the monthly standing orders.

Liaising with our contact in El Obeid to transfer money (received as monthly standing orders and occasional donations and fundraisers) via Western Union.

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and whom we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities are undertaken for the public benefit and focus on the following:

- (1) The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and illness among the children, their families and staff attending the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd Primary School in El Obeid, Sudan.
- (2) The advancement of the education of the children attending the Kindergarten and Good Shepherd Primary School in El Obeid, Sudan by providing finance to support salaries of the teaching and ancillary staff, by financing the provision of uniforms, books and other resources required by the students, and by funding the provision of necessary educational facilities.
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C) Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered as a charity on 9th May 2025. The organisation was established under a constitution which established the aims and objects of the CIO.

Appointment of Trustees

Individuals were appointed as charity trustees, with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Friends of El Obeid CIO.

Task Delegation

There are no day to day tasks.

D) Achievements and Performance

To understand the important work the charity is undertaking it helps to know a little of the situation in this region of Sudan.

Since April 2023 there has been a civil war in Sudan between the two factions of the country's military government, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary group, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

El Obeid, where the school community is situated, is the capital of the North Kordofan state and a vital hub for trading, commerce and transportation.

The Friends of El Obeid is a small church based charity and the sole benefactors of the school.

The impact of the war on the school community is massively negative in an already fragile economic situation, for example:

- Prices of everything have rocketed.
- Food and medical supplies are difficult to get through.
- School is closed when fighting is near.
- Disease is more prevalent.
- Displaced people have been sheltering in the school buildings, putting more strain on food, water and medical supplies.
- People live with the fear that if the SAF cannot protect them from the RSF there could be a repeat of the massacre in El Fasher.

The high and lowlights of the year 2025 are listed below:

January: A joyous celebration for 72 children graduating from the kindergarten to the primary school.

March: Roads blocked by the RSF are opened so that much needed food supplies can get through.

RSF fighters fleeing Khartoum are killing civilians near El Obeid.

The school is shut for a week.

May: RSF fighters are near and food is not getting through.

Yassir, a 14 year old student is shot in the forearm.

Sr Angelina cannot pay for his operation (including aftercare) and buy enough food to feed all the children. She is reassured that enough money will be sent to cover both.

July: 27 children are ill with cholera.

Money is sent to pay for the medicine they need.

September: RSF tried to enter El Obeid.

School was shut for 2 days.

October: Celebration for the feast of Daniel Comboni, the patron saint of Sudan.

To summarise, in the year ending 31st December 2025, we have sent a total of £15750.

The people who have benefitted from this money are the school community and the many displaced people seeking refuge and protection.

The money has been used to buy educational supplies, food, water and medicines eg for malaria and cholera.

We have raised the money through monthly standing orders, appeals when emergencies happen and plant sales. We were delighted to be given 25% of the proceeds of our church Christmas Fair.

E) Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Balance brought forward	£521.50
Total money in	£18,046.92
Total money out	£18,259.20
Balance carried forward	£309.22

Total money in is made up of:

Plant sales	£246.00
Donations	£14,253.92
Standing orders	£3,547.00

	£18,046.92

Trustees believe that we do not need reserves as we have regular monthly standing orders of approximately £500 and all the money that we receive is transferred as soon as possible due to the extreme situation in Sudan.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
From 9 May 2025 to 31 December 2025

INCOME from	Unrestricted	Note
	£	
Donations	17,800.92	1
Charitable activities: fundraising	246.00	2
	Total income	
	18046.92	
EXPENDITURE on		
Charitable activities		
Donations to Sudanese school	18,150.00	
Cost of funds transfer	109.20	3
	Total expenditure	
	18,259.20	
NET EXPENDITURE during the year	(212.28)	
Reconciliation of Funds:		
Add funds brought forward	521.50	
Funds carried forward	309.22	
	309.22	

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2025

ASSETS

Bank Account	309.22
Net Asset	309.22
	309.22

ACCUMULATED FUND

Fund brought forward (unrestricted)	521.50
Net expenditure during the year	(212.28)
Total charity funds carried forward	309.22
	309.22

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Summary of donations received

Bank standing orders	3,547.00
Other bank transfers	14,144.72
Donation for WU fees	109.20
Total	17,800.92

2 Summary of fund raising

Plant sales	246.00
Total	246.00

3 Cost of funds transfer

Donations to the school in Sudan are transmitted via a Western Union Office which charges £11.90 or £13.90 depending on the value of each transaction

7 x £13.90	97.30
1 x £11.90	11.90
Total	109.20