

ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION (UK)
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Annual Report
&
Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 2015**

Registered Company No: 2294497

Registered Charity No: 800543

Reporting Accountant: Fitsum F Michael BA FCCA MBA

Eritrean Relief Association (UK)
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Company Information:

Trustees/Directors Seble Ephrem, Chairman
Yohannes Fassil (Trustee)
Yergalem Tewelde
Habtom Tesfay (Treasurer)
Mebrak Ghebreweldi (Secretary)
Shanet Zeru
Tesfaldet W. Ghilazgi
Sarah Akberet Robson

Secretary Mebrak Ghebrewoldi

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ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION UK (ERA-UK)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the financial year ended 31st March 2015

The Board of Trustees present herewith their report and the externally examined financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2015.

OUR ORGANISATION

The Eritrean Relief Association in United Kingdom has been registered as a UK charity and constituted as a company, limited by guarantee since 1988. ERA-UK has been operating and providing services as an unincorporated association since 1982 when it was founded. It is governed by a Memorandum of Articles of Association and the Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and establishing policies. All Trustees are unpaid professionals with diverse managerial and volunteering experiences. The Trustees are appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the other Directors.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Towards the furtherance of our objectives this year, ERA-UK:

- Received £2,000 donation from Mesfiny's Love Foundation towards meeting the needs of children with Autism and Downs Syndrome in Eritrea.
- Organised 13 sponsored runners to take part in the British10K London Run in July 2014 raising £7,955 towards supporting children with Autism and ERA's education development project.
- Fundraising through charity collection boxes placed at groceries and newsagents, individual donations, standing orders.
- Gift Aid claim from HMRC £1395.00

HOW WERE THE FUNDS SPENT

As requested by our partners in Eritrea and in accordance to arrangements with the E-Reader Group in the US, ERA-UK was able to allocate, purchase and ship 147 e-readers at a cost of £12,000 (including shipping). These were delivered to partners in March 2015.

ERA-UK purchased and shipped outdoor fitness and gym equipment designed for use by children with special needs as selected by our partners, the National Autism & Downs' Syndrome Association in Eritrea. The equipment costing £9,700 (excl shipping) will be installed at a public site for sole use of the children from the various schools.

RESERVE POLICY

The Trustees have agreed to designate a total of £25,000 for specific projects and funding contingency for the financial year 2014/15.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity organisation may be exposed and have taken the necessary steps to mitigate such eventualities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges all financial donations, the tireless efforts of the sponsored runners, numerous businesses that raised funds by displaying ERA-UK collection boxes in their shops and general support shown by all who care for the welfare of Eritrea without whom we could not provide the services that we do.

Additionally, ERA-UK is grateful for the following benefits in kind and for the generous events in support of its works during this period.

- The Accounts Report was independently examined by Mr. Fitsum Michael, BA, FCCA, MBA, for which he has made no charge.
- Ms Tsige Ghebrekristos a Member of Accountant Technicians has kindly worked out the accounts for inspection by our external assessor/reporting accountant.
- Friends of ERA-UK Group in Lewes showed their ongoing support by sponsoring Mebrak as she ran the 10K this year.
- Gareth & Sarah Robson held a huge BBQ event at their home in addition to their taking part in their annual 10K run.

APPEAL:

ERA-UK has no paid workers for its day-to-day running operations and is therefore able to allocate 80% of all funds raised to go directly to target projects. The largest outgoing is office rent at £3,890.00

We appeal on your compassion to assist us by completing our Gift Aid form so that we may continue our work in Eritrea.

Please contact us at our address above or contact details below for any information you may require in relation to helping the needy in Eritrea.

E-mail: info@era-org.uk **Face book:** EritreanReliefAssociationuk **or at** www.era-uk.org,

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the profit and loss of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping appropriate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The Trustees are also responsible for safe-guarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

Mr. Fitsum F. Michael was appointed as the reporting accountant in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. Mr. Michael is fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and held senior offices at global accountancy practices and financial institutions. No fee was charged by Mr. Michael for conducting the independent examination and reporting on the accounts.

This report is approved on behalf of the Trustees on _____ in accordance to the Special Exemptions available to small companies conferred in Part II of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

Seble Ephrem
Chairman

ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION UK (ERA-UK)

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Accountants Report

For the financial year ended 31st March 2015

To The Members of Eritrean Relief Association (UK)

We report on the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 set out on pages 6-

Respective responsibilities of the directors and reporting accountant

As described on pages 1 to 5 the charitable company's directors and trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the charitable company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the charitable company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in my opinion

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - i. the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
 - ii. the charitable company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(5) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1)

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Date.....

Fitsum F Michael BA FCCA MBA

Eritrean Relief Association (U. K)
Balance Sheet
31st March 2015

	Notes	2014/15	2013/14
Current Asset			
Debtors and Prepayments		424	424
Bank accounts (current, saving,)		29,324.50	40,328.00
Petty Cash		1.5	8
		29,750.00	<u>40760</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals		(385)	(385)
Net current assets		29,750.00	<u>40,760.00</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		29,365.00	<u>40,375.00</u>
Funds			
Designated/Restricted funds	2	10,913	20,375
Unrestricted funds		18,452	20,000
		<u>29,365</u>	<u>40,375</u>

Eritrean Relief Association (U. K)

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2015

	2014/15	2013/14
	Total	Total
Incoming Resources		15,435.00
Income from sponsored run	7,955.08	
Income in kind		4000
Donations from individuals	1811	
Income from donations incl. Foundation (Mesfeney)		
Group activities and events (Lewes)	4,195.00	
Income from shops	273.57	
Gift Aid claim from HMRC	1,394.50	
Bank Interest	23.16	30.00
Total incoming resources	15,653.00	19,465.00
Resources expended		
Exercise equipment & supplies for Autism project	9,699.23	
E-reader project (purchase of 147 Lenovo Idea Tablets and supplies, bank charges, air freight)	12,030	12,030
Office rent, room hire, storage etc	3,890.54	4,000
Fundraising & Publicity incl. seminar in Asmara	79.95	286
Telephone + domain hosting and card reader	135.57	217
10K Exp (including T-Shirts and fees)	796.64	1080
Legal and Professional (Companies House)	13	
Mail redirection and misc. administrative expenses		223
Insurance - liability and office equipment		248
Bank charges (incl. PayPal Charge)	17.98	150
Total resources expended	26,663.00	18234
Net movement in resources	-11,010.00	1,231.19
Total funds brought forward	40,375.00	39,144
Total funds carried forward	29,365.00	40,375.19

Summary Income and Expenditure Account		
for the year ended 31 March 2015		
	2014/15	2013/14
Gross income of continuing activities	15,653.00	19,465.06
Total expenditure of continuing operations	-26,662.91	-18,233.87
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	-11,010.00	1,231.19

Eritrean Relief Association (U.K.)
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK Charities statement of recommended practice (SORP) "Charities SORP 2005"

b) Grants

Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis.

c) Donations, fundraising and gifts

Donations, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charitable company

d) Other income

Sundry income is recognised in the financial statements when it falls due.

e) Expenditure

Expenditure on Overseas projects is recognised at the time of payment. All other expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis

f) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charitable company is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Fixtures and fittings valued in excess of £100 is capitalized

g) Cash flow

The charitable company qualifies as a small company and therefore in accordance with FRS1, no cash flow statement is prepared.

2 Restricted & designated funds

The restricted fund of the charitable company has been derived from sponsorship runs and other specific fund raising events. The funds are being used to support various charitable programmes including health awareness, training and support for parents of children with learning difficulties including autism and down's syndrome and other education and development programmes.

The income fund of the charitable company includes the following that have been set aside by the Board of Trustees out of unrestricted and restricted funds:

	funds b/f on 01/04/2014	Incoming Resouces 2014/15	Expensed 2014/15	Re-designated	Transfer	Balance c/f on 31/03/15
Projects funds	20,375	12,955	-22,526	109		10,913
Funding Contingency	20,000	2,534	-4,082			18,452
Total	40,375	15,489	-26,608	109		29,365

The projects' fund is to support and fund health, education programmes in Eritrea including for training and supporting parents of children with learning difficulties, teaching materials for disabled children, development education and purchase of e-readers for students in colleges.

The funding contingency is to cover the ongoing expenses that are essential to the continued operation of the charity including fundraising activities and other capacity building programmes for volunteers and fundraisers.

3. Members of the Board of Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

None of the members of the Board of Trustees was remunerated directly or indirectly, some members of the Board of Trustees have claimed expenses.

4. Contingencies and Contractual commitments

In the opinion of the members of the Board of Trustees at 31.3.2015, there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual commitments (2014 nil)