

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

**Annual Report
&
Accounts for the
Year ended 5th April 2023**

Registered Company No: 2294497

Registered Charity No: 800543

Reporting Accountant: Tekle Tesfaye BA MAAT

Eritrean Relief Association (UK)
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Company Information:

Trustees/Directors Seble Ephrem, Chairman
Habtom Tesfay (Treasurer)
Mebrak Ghebreweldi (Secretary)
Tesfaldet W. Ghilazgi

Yohannes Fassil (Trustee)

Secretary Mebrak Ghebrewoldi

Reg. Charity Number 800543

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ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION UK (ERA-UK)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the financial year ended 5th April 2023

The Board of Trustees present herewith their report and the externally examined financial statement for the year ended 5th April 2023.

OUR ORGANISATION

The Eritrean Relief Association in United Kingdom (ERA UK) 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 1976 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

ERA UK's total income this year was £2,147 mainly from individual donations of members/supporters and bank interest.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS SPENT

In this reporting period ERA UK has continued to support the pilot project to develop the Students Education and Innovation Digital Centre based in Asmara, Eritrea. The support is in the form of purchasing STEM Innovation & Tinkering Lab and hardware equipments, which will run a series of curriculum for students (aged 7-16) as a part of the year long programme. Total cost of the project was £9,953.

RESERVE POLICY

For the financial year 2022/23 ERA UK has allocated a total budget of £25,000 earmarked for projects; £4,174 is for IT, broadband, telephone, postage and other administrative/misc. expenses; the remaining balance of £17,274 is a reserve fund for emergencies, relief and back up (see table in page 6 for the breakdown).

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. ERA UK now works from home of the Trustee and Director and closed its office in London.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of Directors and Trustees gratefully acknowledges all financial donations, and general support shown by volunteers and 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. Tekle Tesfaye MAAT for which he has made no charge.
- Dr Abraham Araya, Yoseph Andemichael and Dr Tekeste Ghebray who have worked tirelessly to develop and implement the pilot project ERA UK has been supporting the Education and Development Centre in Eritrea and the Digital Eritrea Training of young Eritreans in UK. Yoseph in particular has been training the young Eritreans for over 2 years. He is also scheduled to travel to Eritrea to train and install STEM courses and lab equipment purchased from Stempedia.

APPEAL

ERA-UK has no paid workers for its day-to-day running operations and is therefore able to allocate 90% of all funds raised to go directly to target projects and other charitable activities.

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 and vulnerable people 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. Tekle Tesfaye was appointed as the reporting accountant in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. Mr. Tesfaye is fellow member of the Association of Accounting Technicians AAT and experienced auditor and accountant who has worked with NGOs in UK and Africa. No fee was charged by Mr. Tesfaye for conducting the independent examination and reporting on the accounts.

This account was approved by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees at their meeting on **20.09.2023** in accordance to the Special Exemptions available to small companies conferred in Part II of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

Seble Ephrem
Chairperson

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Accountants Report

For the financial year ended 5th April 2023

To The Members of Eritrean Relief Association (UK)

We report on the unaudited accounts including statement of financial activities, balance sheet for the year ended 5th April 2023 & designated funding 2023/24 set out on pages 5-6.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and reporting accountant

As described on pages 1-4 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.....

Tekle Tesfaye (MAAT)

Eritrean Relief Association (U. K)
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
Incoming Resources		
Income from regular individual donations paid monthly and one off	1,650	1,895
HMRC Gift Aid Claim 2020-22	0	2,407.71
Other donations via corporate donation and Paypal	291	50
Bank Interest	206	8.01
Total annual income	2,147	4,360.72
Balance B/Fwd	54,593	61,887
Total incoming resources including brought fwd	56,740	<u>66247.72</u>
Resources expended		
Office rent	0	580
Project expenditure - Digital Innovation Centre (Stempedia)	9,953	10771
IT equipment, international tel calls, domain etc	258	159.46
Misc expenses companies house, refreshments meetings	21	123.97
Bank Charges International Transfer fees (£5/month)	60	20
Total resources expended	10,292	<u>11654.43</u>
Balance of income over expenditure	46,448	<u>54593</u>
cash in bank current account	147	291
cash in bank saving account	46,301	54302
Total cash in bank on 5th April	46,448	<u>54593</u>

Eritrean Relief Association UK
Balance Sheet
5 April 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
Assets:		
Bank Account (current & saving)	46,448	54,593
Total Assets	<u>46,448</u>	<u>54,593</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Current liabilities failing due within one year		
Net current assets	46,448	54,593
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>46,448</u>	<u>54,593</u>
Current liabilities failing due within one year		
Funds:		
Revaluation reserve:- designated/restricted funds	25,000	30,000
Other reserves:- contingency funds & Admin/Fundraising funds	21,448	24,593
Total Funds	<u>46,448</u>	<u>54,593</u>

Designation of Funds for 2023/24

Description of funds	Funds b fwd on 05/04/2022	Incoming resource2 022/23	Expended resources 2022/23	Funds cfw for on 05/04/23	Re-desgin-ated	Designated funds for 2023/24
Designated fund for projects	30,000		-9,953	20,047	20,000	40,047
Fundraising, IT and telephone administration	8,319	1,147	-339	9,127	-8,000	1,127
Other reserve funds for emergency relief/contingency	16,274	1,000		17,274	-12,000	5,274
Total	54,593	2,147	-10,292	46,448	0	46,448