



Annual Report & Financial Statements

January 2019 - December 2019

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Chairman & CEO Message

Ethar began in 2006, but in reality its seed was planted in our hearts even earlier than that. Since then, every day our lives are punctuated by inspiration, surprises and uplifting miracles. Every moment that passes fills us with astonishment and wonder at the amazing achievements that sincere, dedicated people can make when they work together for the sake of others. Those of us who follow a faith have seen it strengthen in conviction, and see a divine mercy in the year-on-year increase in generosity and goodwill shown by our supporters.

In 2019 Ethar continued to grow and sustain its successes. Thanks to huge improvements in our fundraising activities, tools, and systems, we once again exceeded our expectations and realised our principal objectives. For an organisation of our size to keep pushing forward consistently is testament to the incredible hard work of our staff and volunteers, and the tireless commitment of all our supporters.

Thanks to our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters, our spectrum of activities expanded, both geographically and qualitatively. Through these activities, we managed to engage new audiences and forge strong relationships with other humanitarian organisations, governmental and intergovernmental institutions. In the refugee camps, we fed more people, provided more medical care, and pulled more families from the depths of poverty. Strategically, we increased our proportion of development projects, especially in education and community empowerment.

None of this could have been achieved without teamwork and sincere partnerships. We are in awe of our beloved friends that are located across the world, who have responded to Ethar's message with all their heart. You have believed in the cause and raised the voice of the forgotten refugees in hearts, homes and communities across the globe. Through you, their issues are being noticed, and every year a few more people remember the forgotten.

This has only been possible due to the goodness of people's souls. As much as we see darkness in the world, we are warmed by the light of goodness which beams from those who want to make a difference, those who strive to help anyone in need. There are many of us in the Ethar Family, all from different backgrounds, faiths, and cultures. It doesn't matter where you are from or what you believe; if you have connected with the refugees and sympathised with their cause, then you are one of us. Our supporters are like a beautiful constellation, filling us with awe and hope. They glow with humanitarian

spirit, and their collective impact is to reduce suffering of the people and transfer love to them. Today, in the Horn of Africa and surrounding areas, people have been crushed by conflict, disaster and poverty. Our amazing donors have left a positive mark on thousands of these deserving people. You represent the future for generations of disadvantaged people, lighting a path away from their present condition. Your generosity changed their circumstances. From poverty to wealth; thousands of families now have regular food to eat. From hopelessness to opportunity; there is a generation of children who are in education because of you. In fact, we have started to see a generation of refugee children entering universities, graduating to a life of independence.

We trust that you will continue to support this humanitarian effort. Since those early days, our work has expanded beyond Sudan. Now, we are also changing lives in Yemen, Djibouti, Somalia and Ethiopia. The ambitions we had for Ethar are being realised by you. After God, we rely on you as the source of strength, support, and fulfilment.

As big as we can dream, we can achieve. As far as the destination seems, we can get there. We are very fortunate to have strong supporters like you who take us there, every time.

In light and peace,



Abdulkadir A. Naib
Chair of the Board



Sultan Omar
Executive Director

Inclusion for all in the Ethar Family

At Ethar Relief we cherish and strongly believe in maintaining our positive, inclusive atmosphere for all. We refer to ourselves as the Ethar Family, to include all of us together – staff, volunteers, partners, supporters, and the people we help every day. We look after each other with love and universal human values. We care about every Family member and work hard for the wellbeing of each one.

We are a non-governmental, non-political humanitarian aid organisation, dedicated to helping people in need regardless of their ethnic origin, political affiliation, gender or religious beliefs. Our current projects provide aid and sustainable resources to displaced, poverty-impacted refugees and disadvantaged communities in Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti, and Somalia, (countries within or near the area traditionally referred to as The Horn Of Africa). These countries and locations are diverse and unique in themselves, and are never treated as a homogenous group despite their proximity to each other. Likewise, the communities within each country share culture, customs, and origins, but also diverge greatly in many aspects. Ethar Relief celebrates both the similarities and differences, and extends its support and advocacy towards refugees from these communities within the UK.

Our projects are designed to:

- Alleviate the suffering of refugees by providing emergency aid such as food provisions, clean water access, and medical care.
- Combat the long-term effects of poverty by setting up educational institutions and sponsorships which develop academic, practical and social skills.

- Empower women and young people, designing our programmes to ensure they have greater opportunities and choices through education and employment, enabling them to participate and take a lead in the positive development of their communities.

Ethar Relief is officially registered in the United Kingdom with the UK Charity Commission. Over the years, we have established a strong recognised reputation globally for our presence, knowledge, and expertise in the region of East Africa and the southern Middle East. Therefore, in addition to our independent projects we also act as an adviser and delivery partner for other charitable and humanitarian organisations.

Ethar Relief prides itself on its openness, transparency, and inclusivity. We are not affiliated to any political, ethnic, or religious group. Our work is carried out in the areas of most need regardless of politics or demographics. Our staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries reflect the rich diversity of the regions in which we operate. We take great care to ensure the safeguarding and wellbeing of all stakeholders, both within our organisation and externally. Ethar Relief has a zero tolerance approach towards discrimination and abuse of any kind, and is dedicated to the healthy environment fostered within and by our organisation.



Team Highlights

Volunteers

In 2019, we were fortunate to have 196 volunteers engage with Ethar across several different projects. Volunteers supported a wide range of Ethar's activities such as street collections, fundraising dinners, and appeals on social media and television.

One of the biggest benefits of having such a large, engaged group of dedicated volunteers is their proactive promotion of campaigns and their work to raise awareness of refugee issues among the wider public. The work volunteers do to spread the word about the forgotten refugees is invaluable, and very much appreciated.

This year, we branched out and reached volunteers in new cities in the north of the UK. A new team leader for volunteers, Yusuf, has stepped up on a voluntary basis to lead volunteer fundraising activities in northern towns, and is coordinating various activities for Ethar in Manchester.

The dedication, selfless work and positive activity shown by our volunteers has been a huge boost to us all, especially for staff and partners delivering aid and services to the people we help. There is no aspect of our work which isn't touched and enhanced by our amazing team of volunteers.

Field Visits

In addition to the presence of our local in-country teams and the usual visits to the refugee camps conducted by the executive team, a delegation of Ethar staff members from the UK office took the opportunity to visit the camps in East Sudan. This is an important experience for members of the Ethar Family, to develop a deeper connection and understanding between the communities we serve and our activities in Head Office.



This particular deployment oversaw a significant aid delivery in the refugee camps, as well as monitored the progress of our current projects. The extra staff cohort for this deployment required additional logistical and risk assessments, and special planning needed to be put in place to ensure safety and security. Overall, this was a very positive experience for staff and beneficiaries, and footage from the deployment was used in our Ramadan 2019 campaign to increase understanding and awareness among a variety of audiences.

Marketing, advertising and awareness

Throughout the year, Ethar maintained a strong tour of campuses, places of worship and community centres, to raise awareness of refugee issues and give the opportunity for prominent guests and local personalities to help highlight challenges facing refugee communities.

Part of our continual growth and development in this sector included a venture into out-of-home advertising, in the form of a successful billboard campaign in Ramadan 2019 near to our Head Office location in Birmingham, UK.

Furthermore, this year saw an expansion into the digital marketing space, with Ethar Relief display ads and youtube trailers bringing our message to new audiences and maximising awareness on multiple platforms. This is the first time Ethar had ventured into the digital advertising space on such a scale, and represents a new strategy to move the organisation towards the right direction when it comes to online presence and marketing.

The approach generated very positive results for Ethar, increasing our donor base and driving traffic to our website for people to gain information and engage with us in a variety of supportive ways. It is a milestone for the fundraising and marketing teams, and part of the wider growth strategy for expanding audience and reach.

Who we reached

Throughout 2019, Ethar Relief reached more than 150,000 unique beneficiaries across its projects. This is a conservative estimate involving direct contact with people at the point of aid or service delivery - the real world effect of supporting people within refugee camps is often reflected in many wider positive outcomes for communities in general. Such a number is unquantifiable but is represented by the many positive stories and the great feedback our volunteers and staff receive on the ground.

In addition to supporting Eritrean refugees within Sudan and surrounding areas, Ethar has been expanding its support across the sea to the people of Yemen. It is a little-known fact that before the outbreak of war, Yemen was a safe destination for Eritrean refugees for many years. Our work within refugee camps in Yemen therefore started alongside these communities long before the war broke out in 2015. At the time, the camps catered for mainly Eritrean and Somali refugees fleeing conflict in the Horn of Africa. As the war within Yemen has progressed, these long-established refugee and poor migrant communities have now been joined by internally displaced Yemenis, fleeing their homes within their own country and seeking refuge in camps which were originally designed for the incoming refugee population. We commit to these people fleeing danger and hardship, just as we committed to the people present in the camps before them. In order to satisfy the unprecedented demand for aid in Yemen, we have increased our capabilities and projects in the area, and increased or reallocated expertise where required.

Ethar Relief supported a huge range of people in need, delivering aid and establishing development projects in the following locations in 2019:

Ethar Relief delivered aid and development projects in the following locations in 2019:



SUDAN

Shagarab refugee camp
Um Gargour refugee camp
Kassala
South Tokar
Port Sudan
Khartoum
Al Girba
Wad Sharife



YEMEN

Alkhokha refugee camp
Kharaz refugee camp
Hudaïda
Sanaa
Adan



DJIBOUTI

Djibouti town
Erta
Obock



SOMALIA

Mogadishu





Refugee camp fact sheet

Um Gargour East Sudan

Al Quadarif Province in East Sudan is home to Um Gargour, a refugee camp housing approximately 19,000 residents. The camp is considered to be quite 'settled' in the sense that it has existed in its current location since 1967, and is less likely to be the first camp to take in new refugees fleeing conflict from surrounding countries. Occasionally, new residents are resettled here from camps such as Shagarab, the much larger camp further East nearer the border with Eritrea.

Ethar Relief has been active in Um Gargour since 2006, as it is one of the main camps in the area. Over the past 3 years, we have stepped up our capabilities to support residents of the camp, and during 2019 we managed to reach every household within the camp in some positive way, whether to address urgent or long-term needs. This was a unique achievement and required huge support from the entire Ethar Family of staff, volunteers, partners and donors.

Due to our long-term, settled presence in Um Gargour, we have been able to identify what is needed, and where it can make the most difference. Ethar Relief has been providing family

food packs, permanent and temporary shelters, and long-term educational projects tailored to the needs of the population.

Um Gargour is also home to some of Ethar Relief's largest and most ambitious projects, such as the construction of the camp's main community space and place of worship, construction of 2 large water stations capable of supplying the entire camp population with clean water, and the establishment of the first ever secondary school to be built in a refugee camp in East Sudan. Additionally, Ethar Relief is supporting a children's Kindergarten in Um Gargour, and has also built the nearby Al Rahma Medical Centre in Karkora, 10 minutes away from the camp.

These projects have revolutionised education and healthcare access for the residents, and are testament to what can be achieved when a long-term, lasting partnership based on trust and respect is created between a humanitarian organisation and a refugee community.

Projects

Emergency Aid

The 2019 floods in the Kassala region of East Sudan caused immense devastation to refugee and local communities alike. It is important to note that in many cases, there is significant overlap between the needs of multi-generation refugees and poor citizens living in the same area and sharing similar resources. The floods this year directly affected thousands of people who were already under the severe poverty threshold, and indirectly affected tens of thousands more. Ethar Relief provided food aid, medical care (including shelters and mosquito nets), and large-scale disinfectant spraying of the local environment to prevent onward spread of water-borne diseases.

Ethar Relief also responded to the intensified crisis in Yemen, entering its fourth year. We provided food packs and mobile water distribution to internally displaced Yemeni communities, as well as existing refugees within Yemen.



Food

Food packs and family feeding are one of the fundamental interventions to preserve life. Communities within the refugee camps across the Horn of Africa struggle to feed themselves and their families, with children, elderly and other vulnerable groups at greatest risk of malnutrition and starvation. This year, our food programme focused on the most vulnerable families and individuals.

In Sudan, food parcel distributions focused particular efforts on elderly refugees and families with children who have special needs.

In Yemen, we worked most closely with families who had children, and elderly victims of war.

The Ethar Relief Food Programme continues to provide food aid to the most needy families across the Horn of Africa, on a regular monthly basis throughout the year. In particular, our Zakat distribution has served to provide thousands of families with urgent food supplies.



What's in a food pack?



- 25kg Flour
- 10kg Sugar
- 6kg Lentils
- 5kg Soup
- 2kg Dates
- 800g Concentrated Fruit Powder
- 2 Ltr Cooking Oil

The food pack feeds a family of between 5 and 7 people for a month. The food pack ingredients are chosen for their regional availability in bulk, and are designed to cover essential basics for survival and nutrition by providing a balance of protein, carbohydrates, fibre, and glucose.

Medical Care

In addition to our emergency medical responses and deployments, Ethar Relief also completed important infrastructure projects such as the building of an urgently needed medical centre in the largest refugee camp in East Sudan, Shagarab, thanks to the passion and commitment of our donors and supporters. This was a huge logistical infrastructure project, which was brought to fruition and completion on time and within budget. The medical centre has 8 unique units, serving over 40,000 refugees and providing those who need it with access to free healthcare.

This year we also continued our programme of providing an eye care and cataract removal campaign across the Shagarab and Tokar areas. This campaign is designed to provide a mobile service which moves from community to community, alleviating preventable blindness and other sight issues. In 2019, the programme successfully restored the sight of over 400 people, and also provided treatment for over 3000 other eye-related issues, giving out eye drops, prescription glasses, and other medications as needed.

Our other seasonal initiatives provided wheelchairs, walking aids, and medical support to dozens of individuals with specific needs or disabilities.

Ethar continues to support individual refugees with complex or urgent healthcare needs by providing access and transport to medical facilities in main towns if needed. Refugees also have access to the healthcare services of Ethar’s Al Rahma Medical Centre in Karkora, which continues to provide essential daily care and also assists with emergency responses such as distribution of anti virals, mosquito nets, and routine operations.



Clean Water

The ongoing maintenance of existing water wells is an essential responsibility which Ethar takes very seriously. Maintenance was carried out across all our network of small, medium and mega-wells, to ensure their longevity and lasting correct operation.

The majority of new wells in 2019 were constructed in Djibouti, where we built 9 water wells through the painstaking method of hand digging because of the difficulty in getting machinery to such remote areas. Djibouti is characterised by very difficult terrain, and is one of the driest spots where refugees live.

Provision of these wells helps to sustain people from villages and rural areas and enables them to stay where they are living. It saves them from resorting to moving into towns where they are exposed to exploitation, and risk living undignified lives.



Education & Skills.

Ethar is currently supporting over 15,000 students through various programmes and initiatives.

One of the most important of these is the comprehensive school feeding programme; in Ethar's directly run schools, pupils are fed daily meals, but in other rural schools they are not. The lack of feeding in these schools becomes a barrier to attendance, where parents have to keep children back from school in order to try and find extra food to sustain them. Ethar therefore provides meals for a huge network of schools in refugee camps and other rural areas, to remove this opportunity cost to education.

Another major initiative is Ethar's student sponsorship scheme, which at the most basic level supports students with their fundamental educational needs, providing equipment such as books and stationery. However, another key element is the sponsorship of children with special educational needs and disabilities, who are traditionally overlooked in the refugee camp environment. The Irada Centre for children with special needs was established to bring dignity and equal opportunities for disabled children and those with specific learning requirements. Sponsorship covers their learning, equipment and health requirements in both the school and home setting.





Spotlight

How we made a difference

When the floods hit the Kassala region in 2019, the first concern was getting people to safety and shelter. However, within hours of securing as many people as we could, it was evident that the next challenge was arguably even bigger and more urgent.

The devastation of flooding is two-fold. There are the physical effects of water breaking through natural barriers into civilian areas, destroying rudimentary homes, obliterating crops, and carrying away people. However, once the initial onslaught has subsided, the build-up of stagnant water and, tragically, the number of submerged, unburied bodies quickly leads to a huge public health risk which engulfs entire regions. If left for a prolonged period, water-borne diseases such as cholera and chikungunya can spread and pose life-threatening dangers to the whole population.

In this context, Ethar Relief provided a comprehensive healthcare, environmental and medical response to the Kassala flood crisis. As disease began to spread due to water contamination, there was a lack of clean water for drinking, washing and cleaning. Within a few weeks, diseases such as cholera and chikungunya emerged

which started spreading rapidly across the local community in Kassala and then to the refugee camps. Hospitals were being evacuated to make room for the rise in cases, and the area's services became overwhelmed.

After a careful assessment of the situation, Ethar joined forces with the Ministry of Health, local health authorities, and multiple field partners to create and coordinate a holistic response package. With generous funds from our amazing donors, Ethar provided essential support including food packs for families with sick children, shelter for homeless and vulnerable people, medicine packs, and other recommended evidence-based initiatives such as chemical spraying of affected areas.

The response from our donors and supporters was so great that we were even able to support local hospitals by providing them with materials and household items which were then distributed to vulnerable and sick people. It is commonly known that people will drink from one mug per family, and may only own a single plate, cooking pot or washing bucket between them. Therefore, Ethar embarked on a widespread awareness campaign, bringing to light the risks of sharing these items and providing additional items so people did not have to, for example, share utensils widely across households.

It is widely acknowledged that the coordinated response, with the support of the global Ethar Family, saved many lives and prevented many people from slipping into further poverty and danger.



Ramadan & Qurbani

In total, you helped us raise more than
£800,000 in 2019!

We cannot thank the Ethar Family enough for raising this amazing total. It's an outstanding effort from all involved, and enabled us to go even further than we expected when helping the forgotten refugees.

Our Ramadan activities were deployed across Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia.

Food pack distribution across all countries:



We provided
11,180 food packs
feeding **78,260** people

ftar meals daily across all countries:



We spent
£19,000 and fed
9,470 people everyday
of Ramadan

Zakat distribution across all countries:



We distributed
£46,000 helping
16,174 people

These are always appreciated and are often specially requested donations which our supporters like to fulfil.



Eid gifts across
Yemen and Sudan,
to **500 children**.



This year, **45%** of donations came from individuals and **55%** came from organisations and other funding sources. It is very heartwarming to see that such a large portion of our funds came from the individual generosity of our supporters at home.

2019 was also a fantastic year for Qurbani. The total raised over the Hajj period was **£130,000**, beating the previous year and setting a new record for support. Qurbani sacrifices were distributed on time to refugees in Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia.

With your donations, we fed **45,110** people across all countries. This amounted to **662 sheep**, and **204 cows**.

Communication and IT

Ethar Relief enjoys support, partnership, and connections with a huge range of stakeholders across the globe. As the organisation expands and we continue to enhance and maintain existing relationships, we are also constantly forging new ones to enrich our collective expertise and experience.

As a result of these recent developments, 2019 saw a radical overhaul of our IT and communication methods, bringing them up to date with best practice and enabling state of the art security and reliability. The Board of Trustees, in response to anticipated risks and security requirements, and in line with a review and streamlining of governance, recommended a holistic overhaul of Ethar’s IT infrastructure. This would represent an interconnected, integrated system which would cover all aspects of stakeholder touchpoints, from staff internal communications to the journey of a supporter on our website. Such a solution would also allow for efficient deployment within the field, optimising the value of every penny given and further increasing transparency from a governance perspective. An IT and Comms implementation strategy was drawn up and deployment began from the midpoint of 2019.

After a comprehensive trial period, a complete digital professional IT and communications system has been implemented across the organisation, enabling staff, volunteers, and partners to communicate and share information seamlessly and securely from anywhere in the world. It will also enhance the user journey and integrate with projects and financial software to completely optimise the processes of the organisation.

Such a solution is linked into our existing technological strategies, and further updates to this system, and on the related digital overhaul of the organisation, will be forthcoming in as we progress into 2020. It is anticipated that Ethar and its stakeholders will continue to benefit from the useful data points generated by this deployment, and also more effective communication between staff, volunteers, partners and supporters.

Risk Statement

Ethar Relief operates in some of the world’s most sensitive and volatile regions. The challenges faced on the ground are often exacerbated by uncertainty, conflict, hardship, poor infrastructure, natural disasters, and various additional problems faced by communities suffering from extreme poverty. Accordingly, the Board and Management of Ethar Relief are constantly reviewing existing measures and taking steps to ensure the safety and security of all staff, volunteers, partners and beneficiaries. They also seek to ensure that funds and aid are treated correctly and reach the areas of need without interference or impediment.

This is supported by separate risk assessments for all aspects of each individual project or activity, and risk matrices for various classes of activity. A fallback system is always in place, along with strict procedures on how any movements and deployments should be carried out by staff and partners in order to keep all stakeholders safe and uphold the highest standards of behaviour and operation.

Furthermore, in addition to our own staff and partners, the safety and dignity of all our beneficiaries and the wider Ethar Family is of paramount importance, and strict procedures are in place to reduce risk of discrimination, abuse, and neglect.

Ethar Relief operates a Zero Tolerance approach to any activities which exacerbate identified risks and which deviate from the processes and procedures agreed upon by the organisation and signed by all actors. Governance training and information is available to all staff, volunteers and partners, and made clear before all work is carried out.

As part of their annual risk review in 2019, the following additional areas of concern were identified by the Board for consideration and mitigation as the organisation prepared for 2020:

Risk	Mitigation / related activity
Growth of organisation, lack of sufficient IT infrastructure	Review and holistic implementation of technological solutions which are interoperable and integrated, covering all aspects from marketing and donations to deployment for beneficiaries, including subsequent review and feedback system.
Push on growth in sector; increase in fundraising	Develop stronger multi-channel strategies for both UK and international markets.
Processes and procedures in field, alignment of field offices with HQ	Review and create specific processes for needs on the ground, contextually appropriate. Provide training to all country staff and deployment partners. Provide resources from technological perspective to maintain quality of reporting and communication.
Regional geopolitical changes and factors	All elements of safeguarding to be upheld and maintained, especially security and safety of stakeholders. Reinforcing apolitical standpoint and solely humanitarian position. Reviewing all deployment practices, fundraising partnerships and relationships with other key stakeholders to ensure all processes are aligned with apolitical stance.

Financial Statements

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

The main objective of the Charity is to provide humanitarian assistance to people in the Horn of Africa.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

The Charity has a reserves policy of 6 months core costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed dated 6 February 2005.

The Board of Trustees comprises 5 members, who appoint, appraise and dismiss an Executive Director, who runs the Charity on a daily basis.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are appointed as necessary by the existing trustees.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

1115371

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Trustees

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Miss Hanan Basher	(resigned 27/1/2019)
Miss Ranya Kule	
Mrs Susan Yassin	Secretary
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 proper 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23/10/2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Abdulkader A. Naib - Chairman / Trustee



Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eritrea and the Horn of Africa Relief (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial

statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or

assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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23 October 2020

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	745,386	1,734,233	-	2,479,619	2,405,895
Investment income	3	77	-	-	77	23
Total		745,463	1,734,233	-	2,479,696	2,405,918
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	4	470,125	103,065	-	573,190	397,166
Charitable activities	5					
Grants payable		376,612	1,630,580	-	2,007,192	1,892,264
Other		3,300	-	-	3,300	3,300
Total		850,037	1,733,645	-	2,583,682	2,292,730
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(104,574)	588	-	(103,986)	113,188
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		257,394	31,520	549	289,463	176,275
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		152,820	32,108	549	185,477	289,463

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF
**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	13,519	16,938
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	12,569	6,000
Cash at bank		169,912	273,975
		182,481	279,975
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(10,523)	(7,450)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		171,958	272,525
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		185,477	289,463
NET ASSETS		185,477	289,463
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		152,820	257,394
Restricted funds		32,108	31,520
Endowment funds		549	549
TOTAL FUNDS		185,477	289,463

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23/10/2020..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Abdulkadir A Naib - Trustee

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(104,140)	112,052
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(104,140)	112,052
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(20,374)
Interest received		77	23
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		77	(20,351)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(104,063)	91,701
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		273,975	182,274
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		169,912	273,975

The notes form part of these financial statements

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1.	RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
		2019 £	2018 £	
	Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(103,986)	113,188	
	Adjustments for:			
	Depreciation charges	3,419	4,287	
	Interest received	(77)	(23)	
	Increase in debtors	(6,569)	(6,000)	
	Increase in creditors	3,073	600	
	Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(104,140)	112,052	
2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
		At 1.1.19 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.19 £
	Net cash			
	Cash at bank	273,975	(104,063)	169,912
		273,975	(104,063)	169,912
	Total	273,975	(104,063)	169,912

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are donations received for specific projects and donors specify that the donations can only be used for those projects.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Voluntary income	1,461,542	1,565,607
Grants	1,018,077	840,288
	<u>2,479,619</u>	<u>2,405,895</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2019	2018
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>77</u>	<u>23</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Staff costs	256,837	120,696
Office and venue rents	27,674	28,483
Telephone	7,314	5,029
Marketing & PR	109,326	93,575
Bank and other fees	5,706	7,627
Fund raising costs	38,727	65,000
Building maintenance	4,110	-
Professional fees	69,691	38,896
Subscriptions	1,559	-
Accounts fees	3,000	4,000
Printing and stationery	7,157	10,479
Travel expenses	10,351	11,364
Voluntary expenses	1,475	374
Sundry expenses	2,971	-
Insurance	229	229
Cleaning expenses	1,827	2,032
Heat and light	5,605	4,650
Training costs	2,165	445
Computer expenses	14,047	-
Depreciation	3,419	4,287
	<u>573,190</u>	<u>397,166</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

		Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £
Grants payable		<u>2,007,192</u>

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2019 £	2018 £
Grants payable	<u>2,007,192</u>	<u>1,892,264</u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		
	2019 £	2018 £
Charitable grants	<u>2,007,192</u>	<u>1,892,264</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

		Governance costs £
Other resources expended		<u>3,300</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	<u>256,837</u>	<u>120,696</u>
	<u>256,837</u>	<u>120,696</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2019	2018
Full time staff	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
Part time staff	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>

9. STAFF COSTS - continued

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	483,161	1,922,734	-	2,405,895
Investment income	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23</u>
Total	<u>483,184</u>	<u>1,922,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,405,918</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	79,433	317,733	-	397,166
Charitable activities				
Grants payable	-	1,892,264	-	1,892,264
Other	<u>3,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,300</u>
Total	<u>82,733</u>	<u>2,209,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,292,730</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>400,451</u>	<u>(287,263)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,188</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>(317,733)</u>	<u>317,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>82,718</u>	<u>30,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,188</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	<u>174,676</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>176,275</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>257,394</u>	<u>31,520</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>289,463</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	<u>23,205</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2019	6,267
Charge for year	<u>3,419</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>9,686</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2019	<u>13,519</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>16,938</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019 £	2018 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>12,569</u>	<u>6,000</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019 £	2018 £
Taxation and social security	4,486	2,996
Other creditors	<u>6,037</u>	<u>4,454</u>
	<u>10,523</u>	<u>7,450</u>

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Fixed assets	13,519	-	-	13,519	16,938
Current assets	149,824	32,108	549	182,481	279,975
Current liabilities	<u>(10,523)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,523)</u>	<u>(7,450)</u>
	<u>152,820</u>	<u>32,108</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>185,477</u>	<u>289,463</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	257,394	(104,574)	152,820
Restricted funds			
Restricted	31,520	588	32,108
Endowment funds			
Endowment	549	-	549
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>289,463</u>	<u>(103,986)</u>	<u>185,477</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	745,463	(850,037)	(104,574)
Restricted funds			
Restricted	1,734,233	(1,733,645)	588
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,479,696</u>	<u>(2,583,682)</u>	<u>(103,986)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.18 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	174,676	400,451	(317,733)	257,394
Restricted funds				
Restricted	1,050	(287,263)	317,733	31,520
Endowment funds				
Endowment	549	-	-	549
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>176,275</u>	<u>113,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,463</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	483,184	(82,733)	400,451
Restricted funds			
Restricted	1,922,734	(2,209,997)	(287,263)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,405,918</u>	<u>(2,292,730)</u>	<u>113,188</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	174,676	295,877	(317,733)	152,820
Restricted funds				
Restricted	1,050	(286,675)	317,733	32,108
Endowment funds				
Endowment	549	-	-	549
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>176,275</u>	<u>9,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,477</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,228,647	(932,770)	295,877
Restricted funds			
Restricted	3,656,967	(3,943,642)	(286,675)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,885,614</u>	<u>(4,876,412)</u>	<u>9,202</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

ETHAR RELIEF

	2019 £	2018 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Voluntary income	1,461,542	1,565,607
Grants	1,018,077	840,288
	2,479,619	2,405,895
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	77	23
Total incoming resources	2,479,696	2,405,918
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	256,837	120,696
Office and venue rents	27,674	28,483
Telephone	7,314	5,029
Marketing & PR	109,326	93,575
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Insurance	229	229
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Heat and light	5,605	4,650
Training costs	2,165	445
Computer expenses	14,047	-
Fixtures and fittings	3,419	4,287
	573,190	397,166
Charitable activities		
Charitable grants	2,007,192	1,892,264
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	3,300	3,300

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Acknowledgments

2019 was a year of unprecedented support and partnership across all our activities and projects. We wish to thank the following organisations for their ever-consistent support, partnership and positive encouragement, which remains sincere and unwavering in the face of all challenges.



In addition to these huge pillars of solidarity and support, we have received overwhelming help, kindness and goodwill from countless individuals, community organisations, local centres, places of worship, and small charitable enterprises. Volunteers and small groups of people have been working tirelessly throughout 2019 to make many of our events and localised projects a reality. These individuals and groups are the backbone of Ethar, and we are grateful for their selfless support and backing.



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