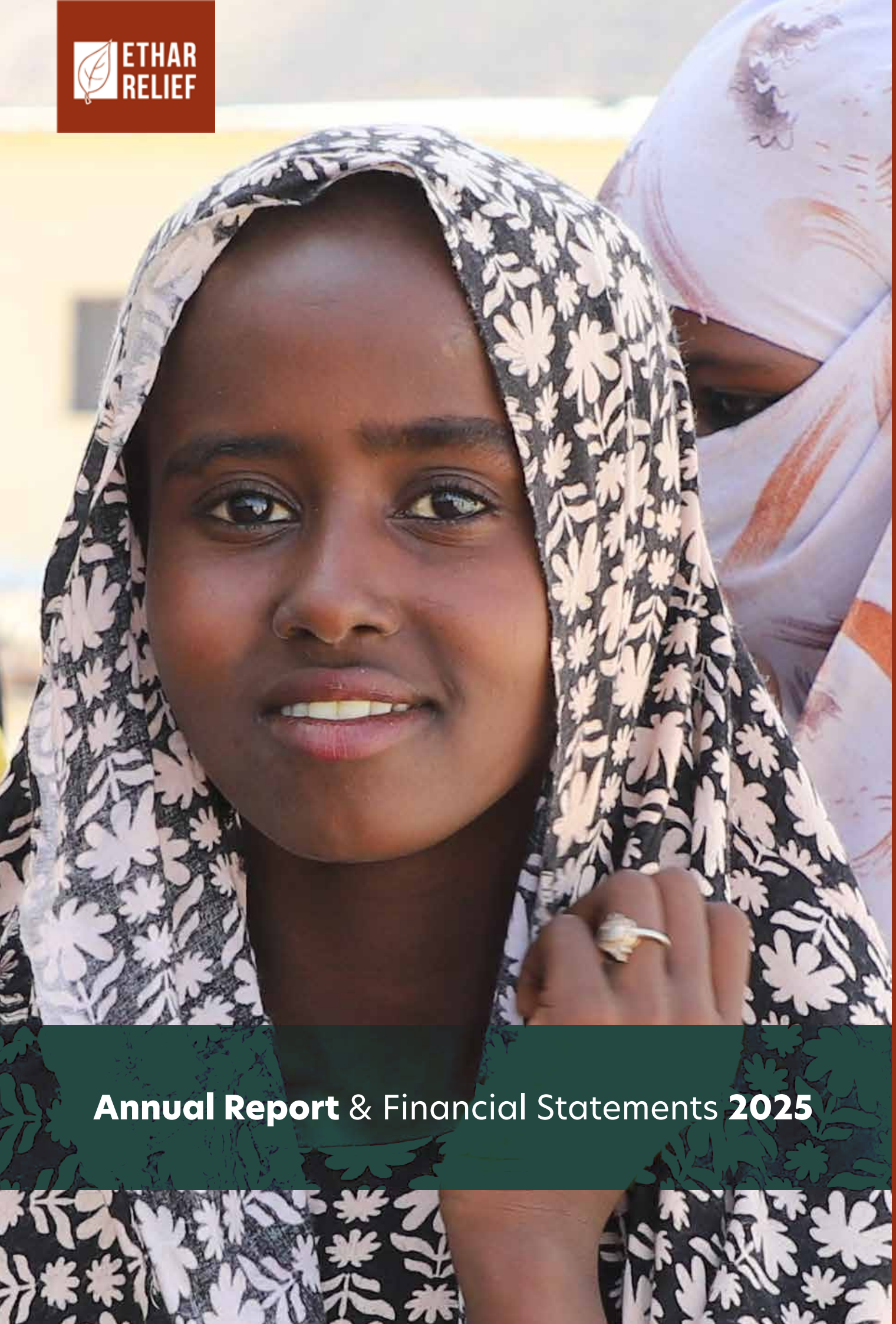
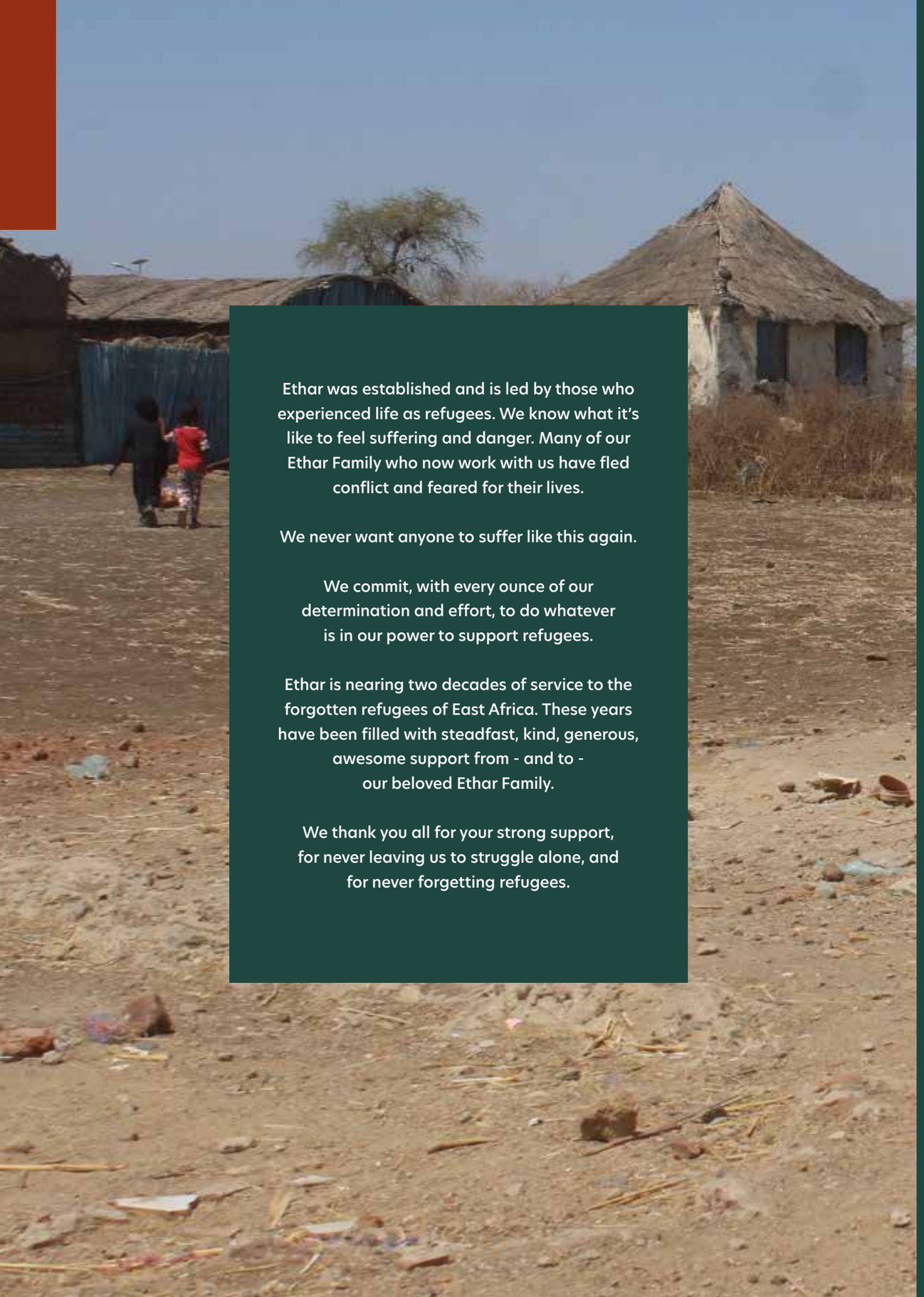
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Ethar was established and is led by those who experienced life as refugees. We know what it's like to feel suffering and danger. Many of our Ethar Family who now work with us have fled conflict and feared for their lives.

We never want anyone to suffer like this again.

We commit, with every ounce of our determination and effort, to do whatever is in our power to support refugees.

Ethar is nearing two decades of service to the forgotten refugees of East Africa. These years have been filled with steadfast, kind, generous, awesome support from - and to - our beloved Ethar Family.

We thank you all for your strong support, for never leaving us to struggle alone, and for never forgetting refugees.

Acknowledgements

Heartfelt thanks and commitment to our partners and supporters in 2025

Ethar's lifeline is the collective goodwill of the Ethar Family, a beautiful and supportive group of donors, volunteers, community groups and delivery partners who choose to stand with their fellow Family members: displaced communities in East Africa and Yemen. Their solidarity underpins everything we do.

Over the course of 2025 we once again benefited from generous, practical and moral support across every programme area: emergency relief, education, health, livelihoods and long-term development. We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to every organisation and individual whose cooperation, advice and encouragement never faltered, despite another demanding year on the global humanitarian stage.

Conflict and insecurity continued to intensify across several of the locations where we work, bringing fresh waves of instability and displacement. In response, we often turned to our supporters for extra help, and they answered unfailingly. From local associations and places of worship to schools, small charities and concerned citizens, the outpouring of kindness during critical moments was truly humbling and very uplifting.

Our volunteer network, alongside many informal community groups, showed characteristic ingenuity and stamina: devising new fundraising ideas, breathing life into campaigns and ensuring our message reached wider audiences. Their selfless energy remains a cornerstone of Ethar's strength.

Above all, we honour the refugees of East Africa and Yemen themselves. Their resilience, courage and dignity give meaning to our mission and continually inspire us to reach higher. They are the beating heart of Ethar Relief and the reason for everything we do.

Together we look to the year ahead with renewed resolve, confident that the unity of the Ethar Family will keep transforming compassion into tangible change.

Thanks and appreciation for our delivery partners

Special thanks must be extended to the following partner organisations who supported the practical implementation of our programmes in 2025.

WeDCO
Country: Sudan
Programme sectors: Food Aid; Education; Sponsorship; Cash Assistance; WASH; Livelihoods and Income Generation; Protection, Non-Food Items and Early Recovery; Construction and Infrastructure.

Association Sanabil Al-Khayr
Countries: Djibouti
Programme sectors in Djibouti: Food Aid; Sponsorship; Cash Assistance; Health; Livelihoods and Income Generation; Protection and Non-Food Items; Construction and Infrastructure.

Programme sector in Ethiopia and Yemen: Food Aid.

Chairman Message

Dear friends and supporters of Ethar,

Writing to you again as Chair, I reflect on 2025 with gratitude for what we have achieved and a clear recognition of the responsibility that comes with Ethar's continued growth.

The humanitarian environment remained exceptionally challenging. Conflict and displacement continued to affect communities across the regions we serve, while economic pressures placed increasing demands on charities, donors and humanitarian organisations. Despite these challenges, Ethar continued to respond, delivering 82 projects and interventions across nine sectors and reaching more than 227,000 people directly and indirectly.

As our work grows, so too must the organization behind it. Throughout 2025, we prioritised strengthening governance, accountability, and the systems that underpin our work. We continued to improve programme oversight, financial controls, safeguarding, monitoring and evaluation, donor compliance, and reporting quality across Ethar and our delivery partners.

Good governance is not simply about meeting regulatory requirements. It is about protecting the people we serve, safeguarding the resources entrusted to us and ensuring that decisions are made responsibly, transparently and in the best interests of the charity. As Ethar develops, these principles must remain at the heart of how we operate.

We have also continued to strengthen relationships with our partners, supporters and communities. The breadth of Ethar Family remains one of our greatest strengths, but growth also brings a responsibility to ensure our structures, policies and controls develop alongside our ambitions.

Looking ahead, our priorities are clear: stronger governance and oversight, greater accountability, continued investment in safeguarding and compliance, and closer coordination across the organisation. These foundations will enable Ethar to grow responsibly while remaining faithful to the purpose for which it was established.

Thank you to our trustees, staff, volunteers, partners, donors and supporters for the trust you continue to place in Ethar. Together, we will ensure that compassion is matched by responsibility and that Ethar remains an organisation worthy of that trust.

With gratitude and resolve



Abdulkadir Naib
Chairman of the Board



CEO Message

Dear respected reader,

As I look back on 2025, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and renewed determination. This has been a year of meaningful progress for Ethar Relief. Building on the foundations strengthened in previous years, we have continued to grow our programmes, strengthen our organisation and expand our ability to respond to the needs of refugees, displaced families and vulnerable communities across East Africa and Yemen.

At the heart of our work remains a simple commitment: to stand alongside people whose lives have been disrupted by conflict, displacement, poverty and crisis. Throughout 2025, we have continued to witness the remarkable resilience of the communities we serve. Their courage remains our greatest motivation and reinforces our responsibility to ensure Ethar remains a trusted, effective and compassionate organisation.

This year has been particularly notable for the breadth of our programme delivery. We provided food assistance, water and sanitation support, assistance for orphans and vulnerable families, education and community development initiatives. Our teams and partners continued to work tirelessly on the ground, often in difficult and changing circumstances, to ensure support reached those who needed it most.

Ethar also experienced significant growth in income during 2025, reflecting the continued trust of our donors, partners and supporters. With this growth comes an even greater responsibility to manage every contribution carefully and transparently. We remained committed to strengthening our financial discipline and reducing unnecessary administrative expenditure, allowing more resources to be directed towards programmes and frontline impact.

Our people remain central to our progress. During 2025, we continued to invest in our staff, strengthen leadership and foster a culture of learning, accountability and professional development. We expanded responsibilities, strengthened collaboration between departments and invested in training, recognising that a strong organisation is built by strong people.

Our visibility and engagement also grew throughout the year. Through campaigns, events, digital platforms and humanitarian tours, we reached new audiences and provided supporters with a closer understanding of the realities facing the communities we serve. At the same time, our partnerships with local organisations, community leaders, donors and institutions continued to grow, strengthening our ability to deliver programmes rooted in local needs and priorities.

As we look towards the year ahead, the progress made in 2025 gives us a strong foundation from which to build. We want to reach more people, respond more effectively to emergencies, strengthen our long-term programmes and develop partnerships that create lasting change. We will continue investing in our people, systems and programme quality while strengthening our ability to measure and communicate our impact.
The challenges facing refugees, displaced families and vulnerable communities remain immense. Yet so too is the opportunity to turn compassion into meaningful action.

At Ethar, we believe humanitarian work is not only about responding to crisis, but about restoring dignity, creating opportunity and supporting communities towards a more secure future.

I would like to sincerely thank our donors, partners, trustees, staff, volunteers and supporters. Your trust, generosity and commitment have made the progress of 2025 possible. Most importantly, I thank the communities we serve for allowing us to walk alongside them during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

I invite you to explore this annual report and discover the stories and achievements that your support has made possible. Together, we have made meaningful progress in 2025, and together, we can continue transforming compassion into action.

In light and peace,



Saeed Abdelrahman
Chief Executive Officer



Founder's Message

Peace and blessings be upon you, my dear Ethar family.

As I reflect upon another year in Ethar's journey, my heart is filled with gratitude to the Almighty and to every person who continues to stand beside the refugees, displaced families and vulnerable communities we serve.

This past year has once again reminded us that hardship and hope often travel hand in hand. The continuing conflict in Sudan and displacement across the regions in which we work have left families facing unimaginable circumstances. In times of crisis, our first responsibility must always be to respond. Food, clean water, shelter, healthcare and other essential humanitarian assistance can mean the difference between despair and hope, and sometimes between life and death.

Throughout 2025, despite many challenges, we continued to see the results of our collective efforts and partnerships reaching people directly. From our bakery now serving refugees and internally displaced families affected by war, to new water wells providing communities with clean water, these achievements remind us what perseverance and partnership can accomplish.

Yet during my recent visit to Sudan, I was reminded that our responsibility must also extend beyond meeting the immediate needs of today.

I met young people whom Ethar had supported many years ago as students. Today, by the grace of Allah, among them are doctors, engineers, pharmacists, journalists, accountants and other professionals. Some are now working within Ethar itself, serving the very communities from which they came.

Over the years, we have continued to invest in the education of young people, supporting students pursuing their studies in Türkiye, Malaysia, Khartoum and Egypt. For some, that journey began in circumstances where even the most basic necessities could not be taken for granted. To see what they have achieved reminds me why education has always been so important to our work.

For me, there can be few greater examples of lasting humanitarian impact.

Emergency aid allows a family to survive today. But education, livelihoods and opportunity can change the direction of a life for generations. If we are serious about creating lasting change, we must do both.

This is the future I continue to hope for Ethar: an organisation that is there when crisis strikes, but which also walks beside communities on the much longer journey from displacement and dependence towards opportunity, self-reliance and dignity.

We must continue investing in education, academic opportunities, livelihoods and sustainable projects that enable people to fulfil their potential and eventually become those who serve and strengthen their own communities.

To every donor, volunteer, partner and member of staff who has walked beside Ethar throughout this journey, thank you.

Your prayers, generosity, partnerships and service make this work possible.

May the Most Merciful reward you for every act of kindness, guide our work with sincerity and wisdom, and allow Ethar to continue transforming compassion into meaningful and lasting change.

My hope remains that those we help today may, one day, become the people who help others tomorrow.

Together, let us continue to ensure that no refugee ever feels forgotten.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Sultan Omar
Founder, Ethar Relief



Inclusion and Safety for All in the Ethar

"True kindness and respect in all its forms - to all people we encounter, and to ourselves"

At Ethar Relief, we believe that compassion begins with how we treat one another. The Ethar Family brings together our staff, volunteers, partners, supporters and the people and communities we serve. Across every part of our work, we seek to create an environment founded upon kindness, dignity, respect and universal human values.

We are a non-governmental and non-political humanitarian organisation. Our assistance is provided according to need, regardless of ethnic origin, political affiliation, gender or religious belief. This principle is fundamental to who we are and how we work.

Throughout our history, we have worked alongside refugees, internally displaced people and marginalised communities across Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Ethiopia. We recognise that every country, community and individual has their own identity, culture, experiences and challenges. Our approach therefore begins with listening to communities, understanding their circumstances and respecting both the similarities and differences that exist between them.

Our work also extends to supporting and advocating for refugee communities from these regions within the United Kingdom.

Our projects seek to:

1. **Respond to urgent humanitarian need**
2. by providing essential assistance including food, clean water, healthcare and other forms of emergency support.
3. **Address the long-term consequences of poverty and displacement** by investing in education, sponsorship and opportunities that develop academic, practical and social skills.
4. **Create pathways towards greater independence** by supporting vulnerable and marginalised people to access education, livelihoods and employment, enabling them to make their own choices and contribute to the future of their communities.
5. **Protect the safety, dignity and wellbeing of people** throughout our work, whether they are receiving assistance, volunteering, working for Ethar or delivering programmes on our behalf.

Our long-standing presence and deep local knowledge of the regions in which we operate allow us to combine humanitarian delivery with strong local understanding. This helps us ensure that safeguarding, inclusion and wellbeing remain integral to the way our programmes are designed and delivered.

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Over the years, this experience has also enabled Ethar Relief to support other humanitarian and charitable organisations as an adviser and delivery partner, helping to extend the reach and impact of humanitarian assistance through effective partnerships.

Openness, transparency and inclusivity remain central to our organisation. Ethar Relief is not affiliated with any political, ethnic or religious group. We seek to reach people according to humanitarian need, and our staff, volunteers, partners and the communities we serve reflect the diversity of the places in which we work.

We maintain a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination, exploitation, harassment and abuse. Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone connected with our organisation, and the safety and wellbeing of the people we encounter must always come before the delivery of any individual project.

Our policies, practices and partnerships reflect these commitments. They apply to our staff, volunteers, partners and anyone acting on behalf of Ethar Relief.

For us, inclusion and safeguarding are not simply policies. They are part of the responsibility we carry towards every person who places their trust in Ethar Relief.

Programmes & Interventions

Programmes Overview

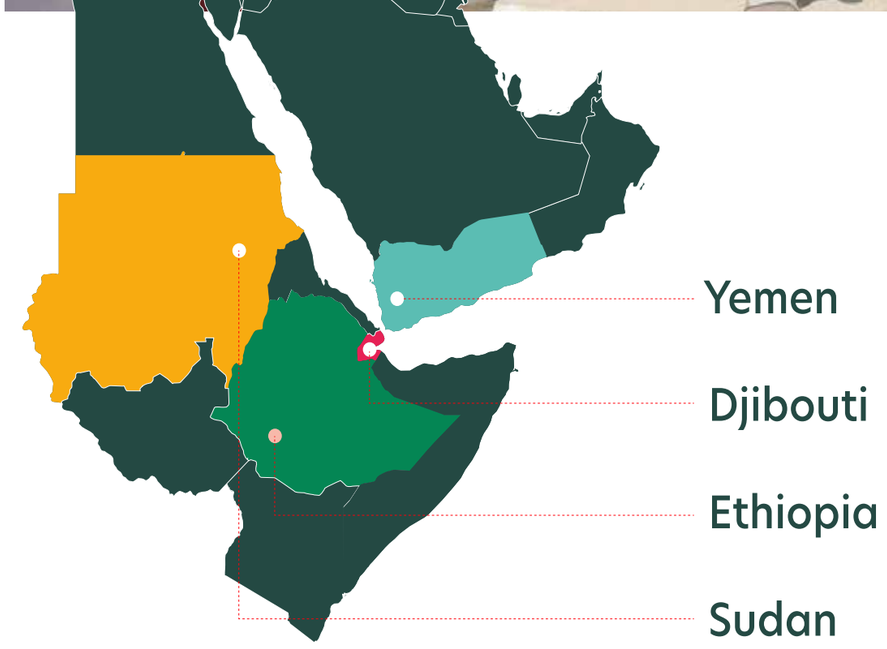
Delivering Integrated Support through Local Partnerships

In 2025, Ethar Relief worked through WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr to respond to conflict, displacement, poverty, food insecurity and limited access to essential services across Sudan, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Yemen.

Across nine sectors, Ethar Relief implemented 82 projects and interventions, recording **42,642 direct beneficiaries** and **184,631 indirect** beneficiaries a combined project-level reach of **227,273 people.**







Programme Reach by Country

Country	Direct reach (people)	Indirect reach (people)
Sudan	33,063	118,546
Djibouti	7,767	56,385
Ethiopia	600	3,640
Yemen	1,212	6,060

Sudan represented the largest programme portfolio, with assistance delivered across eight sectors. Djibouti programming covered seven sectors, while interventions in Ethiopia and Yemen focused on seasonal and emergency Food Aid.

Programme Reach by Sector

Sector	Projects	Direct	Indirect	Total reach
Food Aid	33	23,264	116,830	140,094
Education	17	4,479	1,300	5,779
Sponsorship	6	959	133	1,092
Cash Assistance	5	1,078	6,422	7,500
WASH	4	11,800	53,900	65,700
Health	1	100	500	600
Livelihoods and Income Generation	7	120	2,146	2,266
Protection, NFIs and Early Recovery	4	442	1,400	1,842
Construction and Infrastructure	5	400 verified	2,000 verified	2,400 verified
Total	**82**	**42,642**	**184,631**	**227,273**

The Construction and Infrastructure portfolio also identified **10,760 targeted beneficiaries** associated with unfinished facilities. They are excluded from the verified reach and will be counted only after the facilities become operational.



Our Programme Approach

Ethar Relief combined emergency assistance with longer-term investments in education, sponsorship, livelihoods and community infrastructure. Implementation prioritised community-based assessment trusted local partnerships, safeguarding, beneficiary verification, community feedback, accountability and respect for people's dignity and choices.

Training in Programme Cycle Management, MEAL, safeguarding, donor compliance, financial reporting and ethical communications also strengthened the capacity of Ethar Relief and partner staff to deliver accountable, evidence-based programmes.



Food Aid

Contributing to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Responding to Hunger with Dignity

Conflict, displacement, rising food prices and disrupted livelihoods intensified food insecurity across Sudan, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Yemen in 2025. Working through WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr, Ethar Relief implemented 33 Food Aid projects, providing food packs, Zakat al-Fitr, Iftar meals, Qurbani meat, fresh bread and nutritious meals for orphaned children and vulnerable students.

The sector recorded **23,264 direct beneficiaries** and **116,830 indirect beneficiaries**, representing a combined project-level reach of **140,094 people**.



Food Aid Reach in 2025

Country	Projects	Direct	Indirect	Total reach
Sudan	16	15,062	59,350	74,412
Djibouti	11	6,390	47,780	54,170
Ethiopia	3	600	3,640	4,240
Yemen	3	1,212	6,060	7,272
Total	**33**	**23,264**	**116,830**	**140,094**

Country Highlights

Sudan: Sixteen projects reached 74,412 people across Kassala, Gedaref, Khartoum and surrounding refugee and displacement-affected communities. Key achievements included Ramadan food packs for 3,000 families; end-of-Ramadan assistance for 100 displaced families; Zakat al-Fitr sorghum for 2,709 families; Iftar meals for 2,500 people; emergency food packs for 1,100 households; and Qurbani meat for 2,065 families.

Fresh-bread projects provided recurring assistance to refugee families, while four Aqeeqa, Sadaqah and Kaffara activities delivered cooked meals to vulnerable students at Quranic education centres. The bakery's 8 paid employees are reported under Livelihoods & Income Generation, while recipients of free bread are included under Food Aid.

The Sudan Crisis Appeal, initiated and completed in 2025 and reported in January 2026, reached 1,020 direct and 6,120 indirect beneficiaries in Khartoum and Kassala. Verified lists, identification checks, supervised distributions and organised queues supported safe and transparent delivery.

Djibouti: Eleven projects reached 54,170 people in Djibouti City, Balbala, Obock, Yoboki, Hol Hol and surrounding communities. Assistance included Ramadan and post-Ramadan food packs, flour, sugar and oil, Zakat al-Fitr, Qurbani meat and emergency assistance for refugee families.

A Ramadan Iftar project served 400 unique beneficiaries through approximately 4,000 meal instances. At Al-Khair Development Complex, 120 orphaned children received three nutritious meals daily, contributing to improved health, energy and participation.

Ethiopia: Three projects reached 4,240 people in the Afar Region. Ramadan food packs, Zakat al-Fitr and Qurbani meat supported refugee and vulnerable households in Dubti, surrounding rural areas and settlements hosting Eritrean refugees. Yemen: Three projects reached 7,272 people in Al Hudaydah Governorate. Ramadan food packs, Zakat al-Fitr and Qurbani meat reduced short-term hunger among displaced and refugee communities in Al-Khawkhah District and Al-Sabiya.

Voices from the Programme

Khalda: When Hunger Interrupts Education
Khalda, aged 16, lives with her family in Kilo 26 refugee camp. Poverty forced her to suspend her education and collect firewood so her mother could prepare food. A Ramadan food pack provided approximately 15 days of food for the six-member household. Her experience demonstrates how hunger contributes to school interruption and increases responsibilities for women and girls.





Zainab's Eid
Zainab Osman Ahmed, a 47-year-old single mother of four in Kassala, depends on occasional domestic work. Before receiving Qurbani meat, her family had not eaten meat for nearly a year.
"It was one of the happiest moments we've had in a long time. My children were so excited they danced around the fire while I cooked. It made us feel special and brought back a sense of celebration and dignity."

Ahmed's Family
Ahmed Adam Ali lives with his wife and six children in Al-Girba refugee camp. Limited income and inadequate nutrition affected the family's health and the children's school attendance. Qurbani assistance enabled them to celebrate Eid with dignity.
"It made Eid special again. The children were excited, and we felt part of the celebration. It reminded us that we are not forgotten."



Bread: A Lifeline for Areej's Family

Areej Mehratab, aged 35, lives with her husband and eight children in Um Gargour Refugee Camp. The family fled Khartoum in 2024. Her husband has kidney failure and cannot work, while Areej has asthma. Without stable income or regular assistance, the family struggles to afford food, medicine, clothing and education.
The free-bread project provided 20 pieces of bread daily, often the family's only reliable food.
"It means survival. We receive 20 pieces of fresh bread every day, and it's often the only food we have. Without it, I truly don't know how we would survive. It gives us strength and hope."
Her ten-member household is already included in the project figures and was not counted again.





Supporting an Orphaned Family in Djibouti

In City Nassib, an elderly grandmother caring for two orphaned grandchildren received a food pack that reduced her immediate anxiety about feeding the family.
"The food pack brought comfort and hope to our home. This support helped us during a very difficult time. I thank Allah first, and then Ethar Relief and its donors for remembering families like ours."
Her experience highlights the importance of connecting food assistance with sponsorship, disability-inclusive education, healthcare and livelihoods.

Results and Accountability

The programme improved short-term access to food, reduced hunger and supported better dietary diversity. It also strengthened children's nutrition, student morale, dignity during Ramadan and Eid, and solidarity among refugee, displaced and host communities.

Accountability measures included community-based vulnerability assessments, verified beneficiary lists, supervised distributions, procurement records, photographic documentation, beneficiary interviews, feedback meetings and safeguarding measures. Community leaders, refugee representatives and local authorities supported beneficiary selection and safe delivery.

Feedback was strongly positive, particularly regarding the timing, quality and cultural relevance of assistance. The most frequent request was for wider coverage and more regular support.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Demand consistently exceeded available resources. Other challenges included unpredictable funding, rising food and transport costs, poor road conditions, security restrictions, overcrowding, limited refrigeration and inconsistent beneficiary records.

Teams responded through vulnerability-based prioritisation, early procurement, community coordination, volunteer mobilisation, organised queues and early-morning meat distributions. The programme also demonstrated that hunger is closely connected to interrupted education, poor health, inadequate shelter and limited livelihood opportunities.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise wider coverage, stronger beneficiary deduplication, earlier procurement, improved food storage and safety, and more consistent post-distribution monitoring. The programme will also strengthen links between emergency food assistance and education, healthcare, shelter, sponsorship and livelihoods.

In 2025, Food Aid interventions helped **140,094 people** meet urgent nutritional needs and experience greater dignity, stability and solidarity amid continuing hardship.




Ramadan
2025
Al-SAYER FAMILY
Yahala
Yahala
سكر مرام
سكر ناعم
ابيض ونقي

Education

Contributing to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Sustaining Inclusive Education

Conflict, displacement and economic hardship continued to threaten children's education in Sudan during 2025. Refugee and low-income families struggled with education costs, while schools faced delayed funding, shortages of materials, inadequate facilities and difficulties retaining qualified staff.

Through WeDCO, Ethar Relief supported 17 schools and education centres in Kassala and Gedaref States. These institutions provided primary, secondary, early-childhood, Quranic and disability-inclusive education.

The programme recorded 4,479 direct beneficiaries and 1,300 indirect beneficiaries, representing a combined annual reach of 5,779 people.





Education Reach in 2025

Indicator	Achievement
Schools and education centres	17
Students supported	4,276
Teachers and other staff supported	203
Direct beneficiaries	4,479
Indirect beneficiaries	1,300
Total reach	**5,779**

Continued staff incentives and support for essential operating costs helped institutions retain educators, maintain attendance and remain open throughout the year. Monitoring included school visits, classroom observations, attendance records, staff-performance tracking and consultation with parents and Parent-Teacher Associations.

Schools and Learning Centres

Education in refugee and vulnerable communities: Abuzar Al-Qafari School in Kilo 26 Refugee Camp supported approximately 1,150 children. Its location within the camp reduced transportation, financial, safety and cultural barriers, particularly for girls.

Al-Mustaqbal Boys' and Girls' Schools in Kassala served 339 students 136 boys and 203 girls providing accessible education to refugee and host-community children.

Core schools: Five institutions served 1,036 students across primary and secondary education:





School	Students
Ethar Girls' Secondary School	145
Al-Rahma Boys' Secondary School	62
Al-Nahda Secondary School	190
Al-Aydoon School	250
Al-Nidal Primary School	389
Total	**1,036**

These schools provided vital education pathways in communities where alternatives were limited. Ethar Girls' Secondary School was particularly important in enabling refugee girls to continue beyond primary education.

Early-childhood education: Dar Al-Marefa Kindergarten in Um Gargour Refugee Camp provided structured early learning for 235 children (110 boys and 125 girls) supporting literacy, communication, social development and school readiness.

Community education centres: Seven centres served 1,431 learners in Kassala, Rural Kassala and Wad Sharifay Refugee Camp:

Centre	Learners
Omer Ibn Al-Khattab	136
Nafi	66
Shaheeda Jabeen	158
Abu Huraira	240
Khadija Bint Khuwaylid	240
Ibn Al-Jazari	240
Shalal	351
Total	**1,431**

The centres delivered Quranic education, Arabic literacy, memorisation, recitation, character development and foundational learning. Their community-based locations reduced transport barriers and connected students, educators, parents and local leaders.

Inclusive education: Irada Centre in Gedaref provided tailored education and care for 85 children with intellectual disabilities and additional learning needs. Activities supported communication, behaviour, practical skills and individual development while helping families participate in their children's learning.



Girls' Education and Inclusion
Poverty, distance, displacement, safety concerns and cultural restrictions increased the risk of girls leaving education. Supporting schools inside refugee camps and vulnerable neighbourhoods reduced these barriers and helped protect girls' enrolment and attendance.

The programme also promoted access for children with disabilities, refugee learners, children from low-income host communities and students at risk of dropping out.

Voices from the Programme

Zahour's Pathway to Higher Education
Zahour Yaseen Osman, aged 17, attends Ethar Girls' Secondary School in Al-Qirba Refugee Camp.

Before the school was established, distance and transport costs made secondary education inaccessible to many refugee girls.
"Previously, there were significant barriers to accessing education, mainly because of the long distances to schools and the financial costs."
Having a school within the camp enabled Zahour to continue learning and prepare for the Sudanese Certificate examinations. Former students progressing to university have strengthened her ambition to pursue higher education.
"This support created favourable conditions for success that were previously unavailable. It enabled us to continue our education and pursue higher-education opportunities."

Her story demonstrates how accessible secondary education can transform the aspirations of refugee girls. However, continued teacher support and facility maintenance remain essential.



Nusaiba's Contribution to Inclusive Education
Nusaiba Mohammed Mahmoud Ali works as a skills teacher at Irada Centre. She helps children with intellectual disabilities develop communication, practical abilities, confidence and greater independence.

Ethar Relief's support enabled the centre to maintain specialised education for 85 children. Sustained funding, adapted materials, assistive equipment, accessible facilities and staff development remain necessary to protect these opportunities.

Nouraldeen's Learning at Shalal Centre
Nouraldeen Bushara was among 351 learners at Shalal Educational Centre. During programme documentation, he demonstrated his progress by reciting the Qur'an.

Staff incentives helped teachers continue providing Quranic education, Arabic literacy and character-development activities despite difficult economic conditions. Nouraldeen's experience reflects the importance of community centres where formal alternatives are limited or unaffordable.



Safeguarding and Accountability

Safeguarding and accountability measures included attendance monitoring, classroom observations, staff-performance tracking, beneficiary records, parent and community feedback, gender-sensitive enrolment and regular school visits.

Community participation helped identify attendance barriers, encourage enrolment and build trust. Parents particularly valued nearby schools, which reduced transport costs and protection risks while providing children with stability during displacement.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

The principal challenge was delayed and unpredictable funding, which affected staff incentives, rent, operating costs and teacher retention. Other constraints included:

- Household poverty and education costs
- Shortages of textbooks, stationery and uniforms
- Inadequate classrooms and sanitation facilities
- Limited school-feeding support
- Overcrowding in refugee-camp schools
- Cultural barriers affecting girls
- Insufficient assistive devices and specialised materials
- Inconsistent demographic data

Experience confirmed that predictable funding and teacher incentives are essential for continuous learning. Accessible school locations improved attendance and girls' participation, while parent and community involvement strengthened monitoring.

Verification of Nafi Centre's records also demonstrated the importance of reconciling student, staff and demographic figures before final reporting.

Looking Ahead

Priorities include predictable support for teachers and operating costs; improved learning materials, classrooms, sanitation and school feeding; stronger secondary pathways for refugee girls; expanded early-childhood and disability-inclusive education; better safeguarding and psychosocial support; and more consistent beneficiary data.
In 2025, Ethar Relief's Education programme did more than keep institutions open. It preserved learning, routine, protection and hope for 4,276 students, while supporting 203 educators and staff to continue serving vulnerable communities.

Sponsorship

Contributing to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Providing Stability through Regular Support

Conflict, displacement, inflation and declining household incomes continued to affect vulnerable children and families in Sudan and Djibouti during 2025. Orphans, widows, children with disabilities and households experiencing extreme poverty struggled to afford food, healthcare, education, rent and other essentials.



Through WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr, Ethar Relief implemented six sponsorship projects and interventions. The programme recorded 959 direct beneficiaries and 133 indirect beneficiaries, representing a combined verified reach of 1,092 people.

Sponsorship Reach in 2025

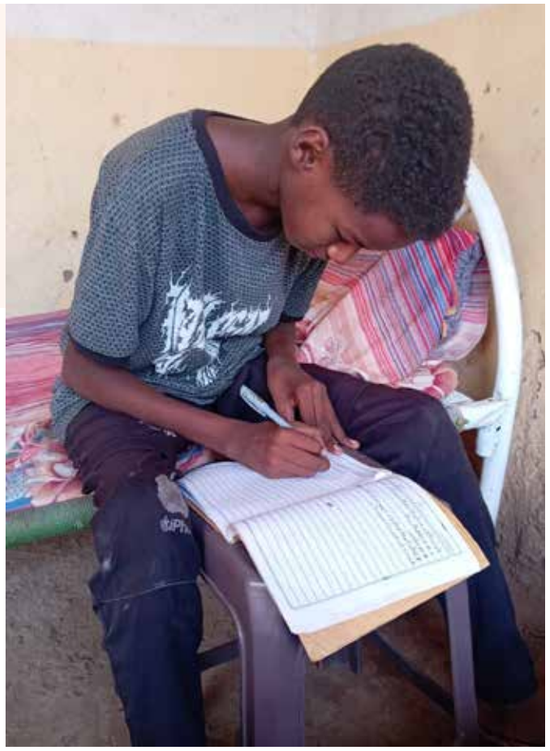
Area of support	Direct beneficiaries
Orphans	800
Children with disabilities and additional needs	20
Widows	9
Orphans' Fun Day — female guardians receiving assistance	130
Total direct beneficiaries	**959**
Indirect beneficiaries through Orphans' Fun Day	133
Combined reach	**1,092**

Orphan Sponsorship

In Sudan, **750 orphans (370 boys and 380 girls)** received regular financial assistance across Kassala, Gedaref and Red Sea States. In Djibouti, **50 orphans (25 boys and 25 girls)** received monthly sponsorship in City Nassib, Balbala.

Families used the assistance for food, clothing, healthcare, school fees, learning materials, transportation and other essential needs. Regular support reduced pressure on guardians and helped children remain connected to education and healthcare.

The Djibouti project reported an **85% school-attendance rate** and improvements in children's nutrition, health and emotional well-being. Eighty per cent of participating children and guardians expressed satisfaction with the assistance.





Orphans' Fun Day

Ethar Relief and WeDCO organised an Orphans' Fun Day in Kassala as part of the International Children's Day initiative. The activity combined financial assistance, psychosocial support, recreation and child protection.

It reached **130 female guardians** directly and 133 orphaned children indirectly 54 boys and 79 girls for a combined reach of **263 people**.

Beneficiary verification, controlled entry, guardian accompaniment, attendance records, signed distribution forms and on-site supervision supported safe and transparent implementation. Guardians primarily used the assistance for food, clothing and education expenses, while children benefited from recreation, recognition and community inclusion. Participants requested that the activity be continued annually.



Support for Children with Disabilities, Widows and Families

In Kassala, 20 children with disabilities and additional needs 14 boys and six girls received assistance for food, healthcare, rehabilitation, education and disability-related expenses.

Nine widows heading vulnerable households also received financial support for food, rent, healthcare and their children's education. In addition, six highly vulnerable families received flexible household assistance to meet urgent needs.

The programme recognised that each household had different priorities. Allowing families to allocate support according to their circumstances helped protect beneficiary choice and dignity.

Voices from the Programme

Ikram: A Lifeline for a Fatherless Family
Ikram, aged 13, lives in Um Gargour Camp with her mother and siblings. After the family lost its main breadwinner, regular sponsorship helped them afford food, clothing and education.

"Without the sponsorship, our situation would have been very difficult. Now my mother can buy us food, clothes and other things we need. I can go to school with a clear mind."

Her experience demonstrates that supporting one orphan can strengthen the stability and protection of an entire household.





Mosab: From Hardship to Hope
Mosab, aged 15, lives in Aroma, Kassala State. Following his father's death, his family struggled to provide food, clothing and school materials, placing him at risk of leaving education.

Regular assistance helped Mosab remain in school and focus on his studies. His progress illustrates how predictable sponsorship can protect education and replace uncertainty with stability and ambition.



Results and Accountability

Sponsorship contributed to:

- Improved access to food, healthcare and education
- Greater household stability
- Reduced risk of school dropout
- Improved emotional well-being and inclusion
- Support for rehabilitation and disability-related needs
- Greater dignity and flexibility for caregivers

Accountability measures included beneficiary registration, database reviews, monitoring visits, telephone follow-ups, community verification and feedback from children, guardians, teachers and community representatives.

Child safeguarding focused on preventing abuse, exploitation, neglect and discrimination while protecting children's dignity, confidentiality and personal information.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Limited and unpredictable funding remained the principal challenge. Payment delays, inflation and rising costs reduced the value and timeliness of support. Demand also exceeded available sponsorship places, while children with disabilities faced additional healthcare, rehabilitation and transportation costs.

The programme confirmed that sponsorship is most effective when payments are regular, predictable and linked to monitoring. Engagement with families, schools and community representatives provided a fuller understanding of children's welfare.

The Orphans' Fun Day also demonstrated the value of combining financial assistance with psychosocial support, recreation and community recognition.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise expanding sponsorship coverage, reviewing assistance values in response to inflation, strengthening reserve funding, and improving education, health, nutrition and attendance monitoring. The programme will also strengthen safeguarding and confidential feedback mechanisms and expand psychosocial and recreational activities.

In 2025, sponsorship provided continuity to children and families living with uncertainty. It helped protect education, healthcare, nutrition and dignity while giving caregivers greater capacity to meet essential needs.

Cash Assistance

Contributing to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Choice, Flexibility and Dignity

Rising prices, displacement and declining incomes left vulnerable families in Sudan and Djibouti struggling to afford food, healthcare, shelter, clothing, transportation and education during 2025.

Through WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr, Ethar Relief implemented five cash-assistance projects during Ramadan, Eid and other periods of acute hardship. The sector recorded ***1,078 direct beneficiaries*** and **6,422 indirect beneficiaries**, representing a combined project-level reach of **7,500 people**.



Cash Assistance Reach in 2025

Country	Projects	Direct	Indirect	Total reach
Sudan	2	268	1,172	1,440
Djibouti	3	810	5,250	6,060
Total	**5**	**1,078**	**6,422**	**7,500**

Cash allowed families to decide how best to meet their needs, preserving dignity while improving access to essential goods and services.

Cash Assistance in Sudan

Two Zakat cash projects reached **268 direct and 1,172 indirect beneficiaries.**

The first supported **205 direct beneficiaries (82 men and 123 women)** and **820 indirect beneficiaries (328 boys and 492 girls)**. Its combined reach was **1,025 people.**

The second supported **63 women directly** and 352 people indirectly **(201 boys and 151 girls)**. Its combined reach was **415 people**.

Families used the assistance for food, medicine, clothing, education and other essential expenses before and during Ramadan. Supporting women as registered household representatives helped direct resources towards children's and household needs.

Case Study: Protecting Somia's Health and Education

Somia, a six-year-old Eritrean refugee in Kassala, requires continuing medical treatment and adequate nutrition. Her father is a religious teacher without a regular salary, while her mother attends literacy classes at an Ethar Relief-supported education centre. The family has no stable income and lives in rented accommodation.

All five children are connected to the education centre, but illness, hunger and poverty threatened Somia's health and education. The family used its Zakat cash grant to purchase food, water and medicine.

"The support helped them secure their daily meals for a full week, which had an immediate and positive effect on Somia's recovery and the family's well-being."
— Project case-study finding

The assistance improved Somia's immediate health, supported her ability to attend school and reduced pressure on her parents. The seven household members benefiting from the grant are already included in the reported figures.

Her experience demonstrates how cash assistance can address urgent needs while reducing health- and poverty-related barriers to education. It also highlights the need for sustained cash, nutrition, medical and education support for refugee families without reliable income.



Cash Assistance in Djibouti

Three Zakat interventions reached **810 direct and 5,250** indirect beneficiaries, for a combined reach of **6,060 people**.

Intervention	Direct	Indirect	Total
Ramadan Zakat Fitr	150	1,890	2,040
Post-Ramadan Zakat Fitr	330	1,050	1,380
Emergency Zakat	330	2,310	2,640
Total	**810**	**5,250**	**6,060**

The Ramadan project supported 150 families in Nassib neighbourhood. Cash helped recipients meet essential needs and observe Eid with dignity.

Post-Ramadan assistance supported 330 families in City Nassib, helping them manage continuing food and household expenses after Ramadan.

A July emergency distribution reached another 330 families. Monitoring found that **90% received their funds on time**, while **80% reported improved income stability and ability to meet essential needs.**

Beneficiaries praised the fairness and transparency of implementation but requested wider coverage and larger transfer values.



Results and Accountability

Cash assistance helped families pay for:

- Food, water and household necessities
- Medicine and healthcare
- Rent and shelter
- Clothing and transportation
- School fees and learning materials

Targeting prioritised female-headed households, refugees, displaced families, households caring for orphans or people with disabilities, and families without regular income or facing urgent health needs.

Accountability measures included household assessments, verified registration lists, payment records, signed receipts, field supervision, community meetings, telephone surveys and complaints mechanisms. Safeguarding and anti-exploitation measures promoted fair and dignified treatment.

Beneficiary Profile

Category	Beneficiaries
Direct men	502
Direct women	576
Indirect men	750
Indirect women	750
Indirect boys	2,029
Indirect girls	2,893
Total direct	**1,078**
Total indirect	**6,422**
Combined reach	**7,500**

The programme contributed to improved food access, reduced financial pressure, greater household choice and better access to healthcare, shelter and education.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

The main challenge was the gap between available funding and the number of families requiring assistance. Other constraints included inflation, declining purchasing power, short verification periods, transfer delays, logistical difficulties and limited monitoring of longer-term outcomes.

The programme confirmed the importance of early assessment, clear selection criteria, reliable payment systems and transfer values that reflect changing market prices. Stronger beneficiary databases and deduplication are also needed to reduce repeat counting across seasonal projects.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise wider coverage, earlier verification, improved beneficiary databases, inflation-adjusted transfer values and stronger payment, complaints and monitoring systems. Greater links with nutrition, healthcare, education and livelihoods will help families progress from emergency relief towards longer-term resilience.

In 2025, Cash Assistance offered **7,500 people** more than temporary relief. It provided vulnerable families with choice, flexibility and the dignity to respond to their own priorities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Contributing to SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, and SDG 13: Climate Action

Safe Water, Hygiene and Public Health

Conflict, displacement, damaged infrastructure, disease outbreaks and unreliable energy supplies restricted access to safe water and hygiene in Sudan during 2025. Refugees, internally displaced people and vulnerable host communities faced long collection journeys, unreliable water stations and increased exposure to cholera and other waterborne diseases.

Through WeDCO, Ethar Relief implemented four WASH projects combining water-point rehabilitation, solar energy, emergency water distribution, hygiene kits and disease-prevention education.

The sector recorded **11,800 direct beneficiaries** and **53,900 indirect beneficiaries**, representing a combined project-level reach of **65,700 people.**

WASH Reach in 2025

Intervention	Direct	Indirect	Total reach
Rehabilitation of ten hand pumps	8,750	43,750	52,500
Emergency drinking-water distribution	1,400	7,000	8,400
Solar-powered water station	1,350	1,650	3,000
Hygiene kits and cholera prevention	300	1,500	1,800
Total	**11,800**	**53,900**	**65,700**

Women represented more than 60% of direct beneficiaries, reflecting their substantial responsibility for household water collection and the targeted hygiene assistance delivered during the cholera response.

Restoring Rural Water Points

Ten hand pumps were rehabilitated across refugee-hosting areas in Rural Kassala, including Hamadab, Sabeel Qarib, Shayab, Sabdarat, Allafa, Wad Sharifay and surrounding communities. The project reached **8,750 people** directly **3,500 men and 5,250 women and 43,750 indirectly (17,500 boys and 26,250 girls).**

Technical assessments, spare-parts procurement and repairs restored all ten pumps to daily operation. This reduced walking distances and collection times, limited reliance on unsafe sources and strengthened water access for refugee and host communities.

Communities requested additional water points. Delays in obtaining spare parts and limited local maintenance capacity highlighted the need for trained water committees, preventive maintenance and locally available replacement parts.

Emergency Water for Displaced Families

Emergency water trucking in Shalal, Kassala, reached **1,400 direct beneficiaries 560 men** and **840 women and 7,000 indirect beneficiaries 2,800 boys and 4,200 girls.**

The intervention improved drinking-water availability and reduced collection time. Gender-sensitive collection arrangements helped limit crowding and protection risks for women and children.

Field monitoring indicated improved hygiene practices and fewer reported cases of diarrhoeal illness near the intervention. However, limited household storage capacity remained a concern. Future emergency distributions should include storage tanks and links to sustainable water systems.



Solar-Powered Water Supply in Khartoum

A solar-power system was installed at **Al-Salama Water Station**, reaching **1,350 people directly 600 men and 750 women and 1,650 indirectly 825 boys and 825 girls.**

The system improved the reliability of water pumping, reduced dependence on diesel and grid electricity, lowered operating costs and strengthened climate resilience.

Incorrect specifications in the initial technical assessment delayed procurement and required reassessment. The system was subsequently installed, inspected and made operational. The experience reinforced the importance of qualified technical expertise and independent verification before procurement.

Hygiene Kits and Cholera Prevention

In Gulsa Village, Kassala, **300 vulnerable women** received hygiene kits and practical education on cholera prevention, personal and household hygiene, and safe water use and storage.

The intervention indirectly benefited **1,500 children 600 boys and 900 girls** for a combined reach of **1,800 people**.

Female staff led the distribution and awareness session, strengthening cultural acceptance and participation. Community verification, attendance records and field supervision supported accountability.

Demand exceeded the number of available kits. Future activities should expand coverage and include men and young people so that responsibility for disease prevention is shared across households.



Results and Accountability

Together, the four projects:

- Restored access to safe water
- Reduced walking and collection times
- Improved water-pumping reliability
- Reduced reliance on fuel and grid electricity
- Strengthened household hygiene and cholera awareness
- Reduced protection risks at collection points
- Improved resilience to displacement and infrastructure disruption

Water committees, local leaders, station operators, displaced households, refugee representatives and health authorities contributed to needs assessment, verification, supervision and feedback.

Monitoring included technical inspections, functionality checks, site visits, beneficiary records, community discussions and photographic documentation. Communities expressed strong satisfaction while requesting more water points, storage capacity, hygiene kits and continued disease-prevention activities.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Principal challenges included spare-parts delays, limited maintenance capacity, remote access, incorrect engineering specifications, insufficient water storage and demand exceeding available hygiene supplies.

The programme demonstrated that repairing existing infrastructure can restore services quickly and cost-effectively. Long-term functionality depends on preventive maintenance, trained community committees and spare-parts availability.

Solar energy can improve reliability and reduce operating costs, while emergency water trucking remains necessary during acute shortages. Hygiene supplies are most effective when combined with practical education and coordination with health authorities.

Beneficiary Profile

Category	Beneficiaries
Direct men	4,660
Direct women	7,140
Indirect boys	21,725
Indirect girls	32,175
Total direct	**11,800**
Total indirect	**53,900**
Combined reach	**65,700**

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise additional water-point rehabilitation, solar-powered systems, water storage, community maintenance training and local spare-parts reserves. Future programming will also strengthen water-quality testing, hygiene-kit coverage, cholera prevention, inclusive water-point design and coordination with health authorities.

In 2025, Ethar Relief restored essential water infrastructure, introduced sustainable energy and strengthened disease prevention for **65,700 people** across Sudan.



Construction/ Infrastructure

Contributing to SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Building Sustainable Community Facilities

In 2025, Ethar Relief, through partners implemented five construction and infrastructure projects in Sudan and Djibouti, covering community facilities, school infrastructure and a solar-powered artesian well.

The portfolio reported **6,720 direct** and **6,440 indirect beneficiaries**, totalling **13,160 people**. However, only 2,400 beneficiaries were verified as reached through a completed and operational facility. The remaining **10,760 people** are targets for four ongoing projects and will be counted as reached only after completion and verified use.

Portfolio Status

Project	Country	Status	Beneficiary classification
Shamal Halanga Mosque	Sudan	Completed and operational	2,400 verified
Obock Mosque Complex	Djibouti	Ongoing	2,560 targeted
Tadjourah Mosque Complex	Djibouti	Ongoing	2,250 targeted
Yobeke Village School	Djibouti	Ongoing	1,200 targeted
Maqala Artesian Well	Djibouti	Ongoing	4,750 targeted
Total portfolio	**Two countries**	**Five projects**	**13,160**

Completed Facility in Sudan

Ethar Relief and WeDCO completed a mosque in Shamal Halanga, Kassala. Construction included the main structure, roofing, flooring, finishing, carpets, ablution facilities, toilets and a sound system.

The mosque now provides a safe space for prayers, religious education and community gatherings. It reached **400 direct and 2,000 indirect beneficiaries**, totalling **2,400 verified people**. Approximately **350 worshippers** use it regularly, with attendance increasing during Friday prayers and community activities.

Community participation in cleanliness and maintenance arrangements strengthened local ownership and sustainability.







Ongoing Infrastructure in Djibouti

Obock Mosque and Community Complex: Construction progressed on a multi-purpose facility comprising a prayer hall, ablution and sanitation facilities, an imam's residence, commercial shops and spaces for learning and community activities. Uneven ground caused delays, while internal works and utilities continued beyond 2025. The completed facility is expected to benefit **2,560 people**. Commercial units are intended to support future maintenance costs.

Tadjourah Mosque and Community Complex: Following community consultation, the project was relocated because the original site was unsuitable. Structural work progressed at the new location but paused pending confirmation of the remaining budget. The facility is expected to benefit **2,250 people after completion.**

Yobeke Village School: Six classrooms were advanced in the remote community of Ethar Village. Foundations and structural work were completed, with walls reaching lintel level and approximately half of the documented scope delivered. The completed school is expected to benefit **200 children directly 100 boys and 100 girls and 1,000 community members indirectly.**

Maqala Artesian Well: Drilling reached 60 metres despite hard-rock conditions, and 25 solar panels were procured. The well remained non-operational pending installation of the solar pumping system, construction of a storage tank, connection, water-quality testing and formal handover. It is expected to benefit **3,000 people directly and 1,750 indirectly.**

As the well is also a WASH intervention, its beneficiaries must be counted only once in consolidated organisational results.



Progress and Accountability

During 2025, the programme:

- Completed and opened one permanent community facility
- Advanced two multi-purpose mosque complexes
- Progressed six school classrooms
- Drilled a 60-metre artesian well
- Procured 25 solar panels
- Integrated income-generating units into mosque designs
- Strengthened community participation and ownership

Monitoring included engineering inspections, field visits, construction checklists, contractor meetings, material reviews, community consultations and photographic records.

Controlled work areas, technical supervision and protective equipment supported construction safety. No child labour was used in the completed Sudan project, and gender-sensitive prayer arrangements were incorporated.



Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges included unsuitable sites, incomplete ground assessments, difficult access, material delays, funding gaps, adverse weather, labour shortages and hard-rock drilling conditions.

The programme reaffirmed that site assessments, designs, permits, budgets, technical specifications and procurement plans should be confirmed before construction begins. Multi-year projects must also distinguish clearly between construction progress, physical completion, handover and operational use.

Projected beneficiaries should be reported as reached only when a facility is operational and actual use has been verified.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise completing and equipping the Obock, Tadjourah and Yobeke facilities and commissioning the Maqala well. Future work will strengthen engineering oversight, quality assurance, community feedback, maintenance planning and post-handover verification.

In 2025, the programme completed one operational facility reaching **2,400 verified beneficiaries** and advanced four projects targeting another **10,760 people.**

Health

Contributing to SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Accessible Healthcare for Vulnerable Children

Preventable diseases, malnutrition, poverty and limited access to healthcare continued to affect children in underserved communities in Djibouti during 2025.

Through Association Sanabil Al-Khayr, Ethar Relief implemented one medical-treatment campaign in City Nassib, Balbala. The project reached **100 children directly** and **500 people indirectly**, representing a combined reach of **600 people**.

Children's Medical Treatment Campaign

The campaign provided medical examinations, medicines and nutritional supplements to children affected by measles, whooping cough, malaria, chronic conditions and malnutrition.

Direct beneficiaries comprised **75 boys and 25 girls**. Indirect beneficiaries included **100 men, 100 women, 100 boys and 200 girls**.

Medical assessments found that **95% of treated children demonstrated measurable health improvement**, exceeding the project target of 90%.

Indicator	Achievement
Projects completed	1
Direct beneficiaries	100
Indirect beneficiaries	500
Total reach	600
Children showing measurable improvement	95%

Children showing measurable improvement 95%

- The campaign provided:
- Comprehensive medical examinations
- Essential medicines and nutritional supplements
- Screening for infectious and nutrition-related conditions
- Disease-prevention information
- Referral and follow-up support where required

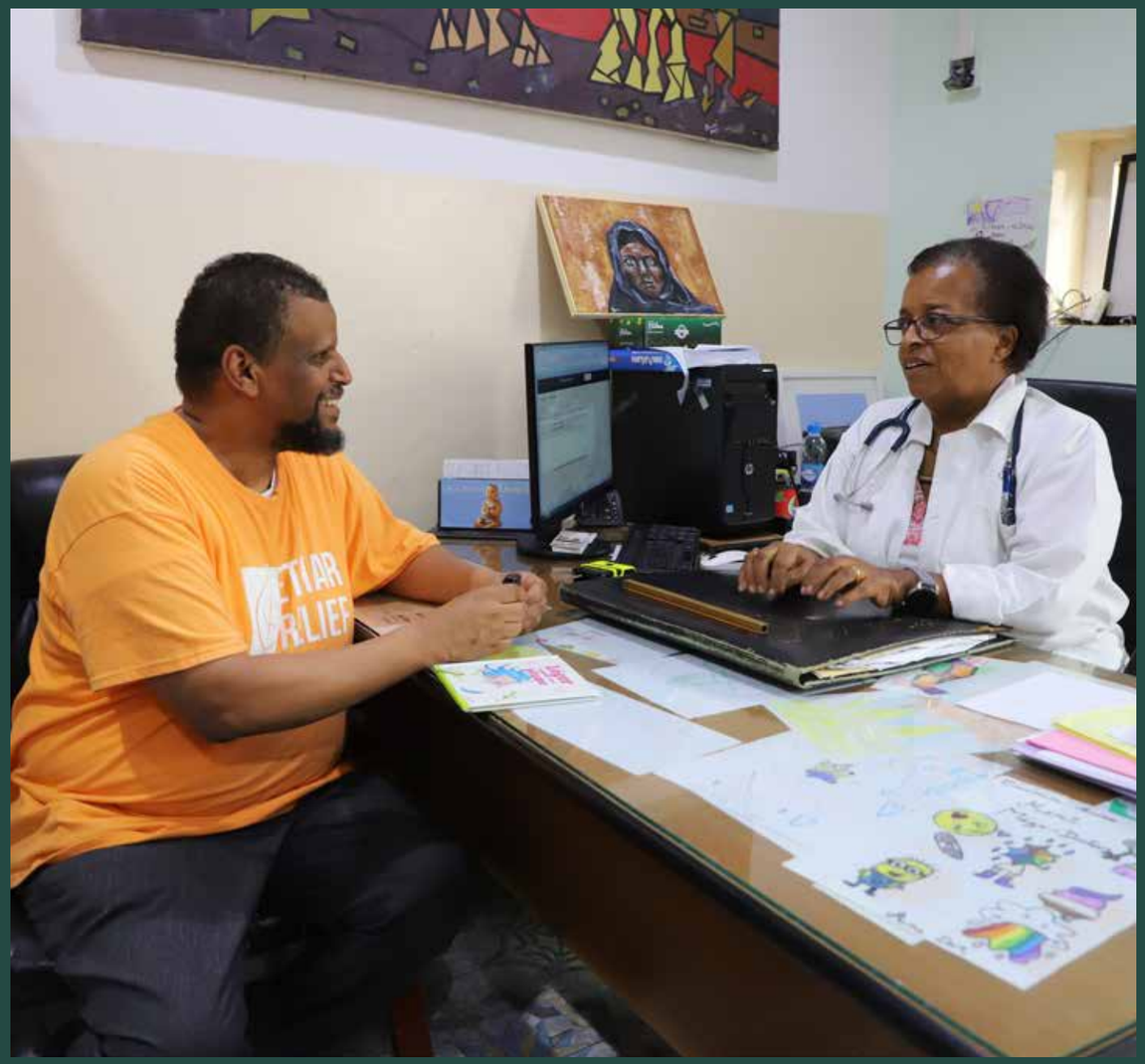
Mobile medical teams and transportation assistance helped overcome geographical and financial barriers. Families expressed strong satisfaction with the quality of care and requested expansion into rural and hard-to-reach communities.

Accountability and Safeguarding

Medical forms, health records, medication logs, field reports and family feedback were used to monitor treatment and outcomes. Qualified medical personnel followed health, safety and child-protection procedures, including during transportation.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Difficult terrain and logistical barriers limited access to remote communities, while funding constraints restricted psychosocial support and wider outreach.



The campaign demonstrated that effective child healthcare should combine medical treatment with nutrition, prevention awareness, psychosocial care and reliable follow-up.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise expanding mobile health services, increasing access to medicines and nutrition support, strengthening referral systems, integrating psychosocial care and improving coordination with local health authorities.
In 2025, Ethar Relief provided essential healthcare to vulnerable children and reduced inequalities in access to treatment, with **95% showing measurable health improvement.**







Livelihoods and Income Generation

Contributing to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, and SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

Building Skills, Income and Self-Reliance

Poverty, displacement, rising costs and limited employment continued to weaken household resilience in Sudan and Djibouti

during 2025. Women, girls, refugees and low-income households faced particular barriers to vocational training, productive assets, finance and markets.

Through WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr, Ethar Relief implemented seven livelihood interventions, including sewing and embroidery training, productive-asset distribution, a donkey-cart enterprise and the Um Gargour Bakery.

The sector recorded **120 direct beneficiaries** and **2,146 indirect beneficiaries,** representing a combined project-level reach of **2,266 people**.

Livelihoods Reach in 2025

Country	Interventions	Direct	Indirect	Total reach
Djibouti	3	95	2,055	2,150
Sudan	4	25	91	116
Total	**7**	**120**	**2,146**	**2,266**

Women and girls represented **111 of the 120 direct beneficiaries**. The nine directly supported men comprised one donkey-cart beneficiary and eight paid bakery employees.

Women's Economic Empowerment in Djibouti

Three sewing and embroidery projects directly supported **95 women** and girls and indirectly reached **2,055 household members.**

In Obock, 15 trained participants received sewing machines, enabling them to move from vocational training into tailoring and potential home-based enterprise.







In Hodan 2, 50 women and girls completed practical training, received certificates and were equipped with sewing machines. All demonstrated the ability to operate the equipment independently.

A third project trained 30 women and girls in Balbala, Hodan 2 and PK12. Participants developed sewing and embroidery skills that could be used in household enterprises and local tailoring services.

Across the Djibouti projects:

- Approximately 30% of participants began income-generating activities.
- Commercially active participants reported income increases of 20–30%.
- Ninety per cent reported high satisfaction and greater confidence.

Difficult access to remote areas increased transportation costs, while some participants lacked money for raw materials or business expansion. Follow-up support included technical guidance and discussions regarding microgrants, revolving funds and business-development services.

Media Sewing Machine Support in Balbla and PK12:

Case Study: Fatuma's Path to Independence
After completing sewing training, Fatuma Idris Hussein received a machine that enabled her to undertake sewing work and generate income for her family.

"With this sewing machine, I have solved many of the problems I faced before. Now, I want to help other women in the same way, so they can gain skills and become independent."

Fatuma's experience demonstrates that vocational training creates greater impact when participants also receive the equipment required to transform skills into income. Her ambition to support other women illustrates the wider community potential of women's economic empowerment.











Productive Livelihoods in Sudan

Four interventions in Sudan recorded **25 direct and 91 indirect beneficiaries**, reaching **116 people**.

At Nahda Women Centre in Al-Girba, 15 sewing machines supported vulnerable and widowed women. Practical instruction strengthened tailoring skills, and some participants began small-scale production and clothing sales. The centre supported participant selection, equipment management and maintenance arrangements.









In Murabaat, one vulnerable woman received a sewing machine and training, creating an immediate opportunity for household income.

In Al-Murabaat, a vulnerable man received a donkey, cart and water barrel. The asset enabled him to establish a small enterprise selling water and providing transport services. Monitoring indicated increased income and improved household stability. Animal care, veterinary costs and access to clean water remain important sustainability considerations.









Um Gargour Bakery
Ethar Relief established the Um Gargour Bakery in Gedaref, supported its transition into operation and developed it as both a commercial enterprise and a humanitarian food-security asset.

The bakery employed **eight men in paid positions**, including management, dough mixing, baking, supervision, cash handling, generator operation and bakery-table work. It created **three permanent and five temporary jobs**.

Because these employment opportunities resulted from the enterprise established by Ethar Relief, all eight workers are counted as direct livelihood beneficiaries. Their salaries are generated through the bakery's commercial operations and were reported as sufficient to cover basic daily household needs.

With additional Ethar Relief support, the bakery also conducted two free-bread distributions, recording **1,030 family-assistance instances—700 in one distribution and 330 in another**. These distributions are reported under Food Aid and are not added to the Livelihoods beneficiary totals. Available records do not confirm whether any families participated twice.









Results and Accountability

The sector contributed to:

- Vocational skills and productive assets for women and girls
- New tailoring and home-based enterprise opportunities
- Early income growth and increased confidence
- Self-employment through water selling and transportation
- Eight paid bakery jobs
- Commercial income supporting bakery operations and salaries
- Stronger household resilience and self-reliance

Beneficiary selection prioritised vulnerable women, widows, trained graduates and households with limited income opportunities. Monitoring included attendance records, practical assessments, equipment-distribution records, interviews, surveys, field visits and community feedback.

Safe equipment use, maintenance support and animal-care guidance were incorporated where relevant. No major complaints were reported, although participants requested more equipment, raw materials, mentorship and affordable finance.



Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges included limited productive assets, difficult access, high transport costs, insufficient start-up capital, weak market access, equipment maintenance, veterinary risks and high bakery operating costs.

The programme confirmed that training and equipment alone do not guarantee sustainable income. Participants also require raw materials, finance, maintenance, mentorship, business skills, market connections and structured follow-up.

The bakery demonstrated how a commercial social enterprise can create employment and support humanitarian assistance. However, external funding remains necessary for larger free-bread distributions.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will prioritise expanded vocational training, productive assets, starter materials, business and financial-literacy support, market connections and equipment maintenance. Future programming will also strengthen the bakery's commercial sustainability and improve monitoring of income, employment and business survival.

In 2025, the Livelihoods and Income Generation programme helped 2,266 people turn skills, productive assets and enterprise opportunities into greater income, confidence and resilience.

Beneficiary Profile

Category	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Direct	9	60	0	51	120
Indirect	265	265	566	1,050	2,146
Total reach	**274**	**325**	**566**	**1,101**	**2,266**

Protection, Non-Food Items and Early Recovery

Contributing to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Protecting Dignity and Supporting Recovery

Poverty, displacement and seasonal weather exposed vulnerable children and families in Sudan and Djibouti to protection risks during 2025. Children lacking suitable clothing faced cold, illness and social exclusion, while displaced families wishing to return home encountered transportation and protection barriers.

Through WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr, Ethar Relief implemented four projects across two subsectors:

- Non-Food Items and Child Protection
- Voluntary Return and Early Recovery

The sector recorded **442 direct beneficiaries and 1,400 indirect beneficiaries**, representing a combined project-level reach of **1,842 people**.



Sector Reach in 2025

Intervention	Direct	Indirect	Total reach
Winter clothing — Djibouti	200	800	1,000
Eid clothing — Djibouti	122	0	122
Eid gifts — Sudan	60	300	360
Voluntary return — Sudan	60	300	360
Total	**442**	**1,400**	**1,842**

Children represented **382 of the 442 direct beneficiaries**, reflecting the programme's emphasis on child protection and dignity.

Non-Food Items and Child Protection

Three clothing projects reached **382 children directly and 1,100 people indirectly**, for a combined reach of **1,482 people**.

In Momanatt, Lake Assal and Tadjourah, **200 vulnerable children 100 boys and 100 girls** received age-appropriate winter clothing. The assistance protected children from cold weather and seasonal illness while reducing pressure on poor and refugee households.

In City Nassib, Djibouti, **122 orphaned boys received new Eid clothing**, strengthening their dignity, morale and inclusion in religious celebrations.

In Al-Girba, Sudan, 60 orphaned children 25 boys and 35 girls received culturally appropriate Eid clothing. The project also indirectly benefited **300 children 120 boys and 180 girls**.

Verified lists, size-based sorting, supervised distribution points and photographic records supported accountability. Families appreciated the quality and cultural suitability of the clothing.









Voluntary Return and Early Recovery

Ethar Relief and WeDCO supported displaced families returning from Kassala to Khartoum. The intervention recorded **60 direct beneficiaries 24 men and 36 women and 300 indirect beneficiaries 120 boys and 180 girls**.

Transportation assistance reduced travel costs and supported safe, dignified movement, family reunification and early reintegration. Beneficiary lists, movement logs and feedback forms documented implementation.

Coordination with the Humanitarian Aid Commission, local authorities, the Ministry of Youth and Culture and the Sudanese Red Crescent supported protection during travel.

Return assistance must remain voluntary and based on informed decisions. Families require accurate information about conditions in their areas of origin, protection-risk assessments and freedom from pressure to return.

Transportation is only the first stage of recovery. Returning households may also require shelter, food, healthcare, education, documentation and livelihood assistance.







Results and Accountability

The programme contributed to:

- Protection from cold weather and seasonal illness
- Suitable clothing for vulnerable and orphaned children
- Greater dignity and participation during Eid
- Reduced pressure on vulnerable households
- Safe transportation for displaced families
- Support for reunification and reintegration
- Stronger coordination with communities and authorities

Accountability measures included beneficiary verification, registration and movement records, distribution lists, invoices, receipts, field supervision, beneficiary interviews and community consultation.

Child-friendly distribution arrangements reduced overcrowding and helped ensure appropriate sizing. Return movements were supervised and coordinated with relevant authorities. Beneficiaries reported high satisfaction, and no formal complaints were recorded.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

NFI challenges included delayed funding, supplier and transport constraints, limited clothing sizes, short implementation periods and demand exceeding available resources.

The return intervention experienced logistical delays and lower participation than originally planned because families differed in their willingness and readiness to return.

The projects demonstrated the importance of early procurement, appropriate sizing, preregistration, verified beneficiary lists and sufficient preparation time. Future return projects should strengthen informed consent, risk assessments, complaints mechanisms and post-return monitoring.

Looking Ahead

Ethar Relief will expand seasonal clothing support, strengthen child-friendly distributions and improve procurement, sizing and beneficiary verification. For voluntary return, priorities include assessing conditions in areas of origin, confirming informed decisions, strengthening safe transportation and linking returnees with shelter, food, healthcare, education and livelihood services.

In 2025, the sector supported **1,842 people**, protecting vulnerable children's dignity and helping displaced families move towards safer and more stable lives.

Programme Quality, Partnerships and Capacity Strengthening

Contributing to SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthening People, Partnerships and Systems

From **7–13 December 2025**, Ethar Relief delivered its first comprehensive Programme Capacity Building Training for staff and representatives of WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr.

Led by Ethar Relief's Programme Director, the seven-day initiative combined technical training, practical exercises, field observation, partner exchange and institutional review. It strengthened the competencies and systems required for consistent, accountable and community-centred programme delivery.



Technical Training

Classroom sessions held in Djibouti from 7–10 December covered the complete programme cycle, including:

- Needs assessment, project design and logical frameworks
- Programme Cycle Management and MEAL
- Baselines, targets and indicator development
- Accountability to affected communities
- Donor compliance and financial procedures
- Narrative and financial reporting
- Documentation and filing
- Safeguarding and PSEA
- Ethical case studies, photography and communications

Exercises based on Ethar Relief projects helped participants apply technical standards to practical implementation challenges.

A central focus was improving data quality. Participants examined how to distinguish outputs from outcomes, separate direct and indirect beneficiaries, prevent double counting, maintain disaggregated records and support reported results with evidence.

Safeguarding sessions reinforced confidentiality, informed consent, safe beneficiary selection, complaints mechanisms, ethical communications and zero tolerance for abuse, exploitation, harassment and fraud.

Field and Partner Learning

On 11 December, participants visited Al-Khair Development Complex and the Women's Training Centre and its shop. Engagement with beneficiaries, staff and centre authorities connected classroom learning with programme implementation, monitoring and beneficiary experience.

On 12 December, WeDCO and Association Sanabil Al-Khayr exchanged operational experience, compared procedures and identified opportunities for stronger coordination. The visit strengthened professional relationships, mutual understanding and consistency across Ethar Relief's field programmes.

Institutional Review

On 13 December, the Programme Director reviewed Association Sanabil Al-Khayr's documentation, implementation records, reporting compliance, financial procedures and expenditure tracking. Meetings with senior management identified effective practices, gaps and practical improvements. Leadership participation helped ensure that recommended actions received institutional support.

Key Outcomes

The initiative resulted in:

- Stronger programme-cycle and MEAL competencies
- Improved project design and indicator development
- Better financial documentation and expenditure tracking
- Greater understanding of donor compliance
- Stronger narrative reporting and case-study preparation
- Reinforced safeguarding and PSEA awareness
- Improved filing and evidence management
- Greater coordination between implementing partners
- Tailored technical guidance for staf and leadership

Participants particularly valued the combination of technical instruction, practical exercises, field observation and peer learning.

Lessons and Priorities

The initiative demonstrated that capacity strengthening is most effective when practical training is reinforced through coaching, standardised tools, management ownership and periodic review.

Future priorities include refresher training, standard programme and MEAL tools, stronger beneficiary-data verification and deduplication, regular compliance reviews, improved complaints systems and continued partner-learning sessions. Ethar Relief will also monitor how staff development improves programme quality over time.

The December initiative strengthened the people, partnerships and systems supporting Ethar Relief's humanitarian work and established a stronger foundation for accountable, evidence-based and high-quality programming.

Programme Conclusion

The stories and results presented throughout this report demonstrate the resilience of communities facing displacement, poverty, illness and uncertainty. They also show that effective assistance must respond to interconnected needs while respecting people's dignity, choices and aspirations.

to communities, working through trusted local partners and learning continuously from implementation. Ethar Relief will build on these lessons by strengthening programme quality, safeguarding, accountability, beneficiary feedback and long-term outcome monitoring.

We sincerely thank our donors, partners, staff, volunteers, local authorities and community representatives for making this work possible. Most importantly, we thank the people and families who shared their experiences, participated in programme development and entrusted us with their stories.

Ethar Relief remains committed to delivering compassionate, accountable and sustainable assistance while helping vulnerable communities move towards greater safety, dignity, independence and hope.





Fundraising and Engagement in 2025

Growth, Partnerships and Sustainable Impact

Building on the strategic evolution of the previous year, Ethar Relief's fundraising and engagement efforts in 2025 marked a significant period of growth, expansion and renewed ambition. Important fundraising milestones were achieved, new communities were reached and new partnerships were established. Central to this progress was our continued commitment to developing sustainable fundraising models, strengthening the Ethar Relief brand and building meaningful relationships capable of supporting our humanitarian mission over the long term.

Following the closer integration of fundraising and marketing in 2024, the organisation entered 2025 with a more cohesive approach to fundraising, communications and supporter engagement. This enabled campaigns, community outreach and digital content to work more effectively together. Greater emphasis was placed not only on generating immediate income but also on developing lasting relationships with supporters and organisations, creating stronger foundations for sustainable future growth.

Expanding Our Community Reach

A particularly significant development during 2025 was our expansion into new communities. Ethar Relief increased its engagement with mosques, Islamic centres and community organisations across the UK, introducing our work to new audiences while strengthening relationships within existing networks. These engagements provided valuable opportunities for fundraising, awareness and advocacy. Importantly, our approach focused increasingly on transforming individual engagements into sustainable relationships rather than viewing them simply as one-off fundraising opportunities.

Our engagement with university Islamic societies (ISOCs) also became an increasingly important element of our fundraising strategy. New relationships with students and university communities created opportunities for fundraising campaigns, events, volunteering and advocacy. Engaging younger supporters enabled Ethar Relief to broaden its supporter base while cultivating a new generation of individuals who could become long-term supporters and ambassadors for our humanitarian mission.

Strategic Partnerships and Income Growth

Partnership development formed another major pillar of our progress during the year. New relationships were forged with mosques, community organisations and charitable institutions, while existing partnerships were strengthened. Ethar Relief also expanded its role in delivering humanitarian projects on behalf of other charity partners. Drawing upon our established networks, regional experience and operational capabilities, these collaborations enabled us to extend our collective impact while strengthening Ethar Relief's position as a trusted humanitarian partner.

A particularly significant contributor to fundraising income growth during 2025 was the establishment of a new relationship with Al-Sayer. This partnership played a substantial role in the increase in fundraising income achieved during the year and demonstrated the value of developing strategic relationships alongside our established community and individual giving activities.

While this growth represents an important achievement, we recognise the importance of ensuring that our future income is derived from a diverse and resilient range of sources. We will therefore continue to develop a broader portfolio of sustainable partnerships while strengthening individual giving, community fundraising and other income streams to support the organisation's long-term financial resilience.

Strengthening the Ethar Relief Brand

Considerable emphasis was also placed upon building the Ethar Relief brand. Approaching two decades of humanitarian service, we recognised the importance of communicating more clearly who we are, what distinguishes our work and the values upon which the organisation was founded.

Greater attention was therefore given to storytelling, campaign presentation, supporter communications and our visibility across physical and digital platforms. Our unique heritage as an organisation founded by former refugees remained central to this identity and to our connection with the communities we serve.

Digital fundraising continued to play an integral role throughout 2025. Building upon the foundations established during the previous year, social media, digital content, online campaigns and fundraising platforms enabled Ethar Relief to reach wider audiences. At the same time, a renewed emphasis on face-to-face fundraising through events, mosque engagement and community outreach complemented our digital presence. This blended approach enabled us to build stronger relationships while extending the reach and impact of individual campaigns.

Our Volunteers

Our dedicated volunteers remained fundamental to this progress. As Ethar Relief entered new communities and expanded its activities, volunteers provided invaluable support through fundraising, events, collections, advocacy and community outreach. Their commitment enabled the organisation to extend its reach considerably and ensured that our grassroots identity remained at the heart of our fundraising efforts.

Ethar Relief does not engage external professional fundraisers. Fundraising activities are managed in-house by the Ethar Relief team, with additional support provided by our dedicated volunteers where required. This approach enables us to maintain direct oversight of fundraising activity, ensure consistency in our communications and strengthen relationships with our supporters and communities.

All Ethar Relief volunteers are registered with the charity and receive training throughout their time with the organisation. This ongoing training supports their understanding of the charity's expectations, responsibilities and standards of conduct and helps ensure that fundraising activities and engagement with donors and the wider community are undertaken appropriately and in keeping with Ethar Relief's values.

Responsible Fundraising, Regulation and Supporter Protection

Alongside fundraising growth, Ethar Relief remains committed to maintaining high standards of responsible and ethical fundraising practice. We recognise that the trust of our donors, supporters and communities is fundamental to our work and that all fundraising activity must be conducted responsibly, transparently and with appropriate accountability.

Ethar Relief is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is committed to meeting the standards set out in the Code of Fundraising Practice. The Code provides the framework through which we seek to ensure that our fundraising is legal, open, honest and respectful. We also have regard to relevant Charity Commission guidance and our wider responsibilities as a registered charity.

Our commitment to the Code is reflected in the way fundraising activities are planned, managed and delivered, including our approach to supporter communications, volunteer fundraising, complaints, safeguarding and engagement with people who may be in vulnerable circumstances. As Ethar Relief does not use external professional fundraising agencies, its fundraising activities are primarily delivered and overseen by the

internal team, supported by registered volunteers where required. This enables the organisation to maintain direct oversight of fundraising activities and supporter engagement.

Volunteers assisting with collections, events, community engagement and other fundraising initiatives are coordinated by the Ethar Relief team to ensure that activities remain aligned with the organisation's objectives, standards and expectations.

Our staff and registered volunteers are expected to uphold these principles in all supporter interactions, respecting individual circumstances and a person's decision to give, decline or end an interaction. Through appropriate guidance, training and oversight, we aim to ensure that our fundraising reflects Ethar Relief's values and maintains the trust and confidence of the communities we serve.

We also recognise the importance of listening to feedback and responding appropriately when concerns are raised. Fundraising complaints provide an important opportunity to address concerns, review our practices and improve the supporter experience. Complaints relating to fundraising are handled through the organisation's established processes and are considered as part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards of fundraising practice.

Protection of Vulnerable People

Ethar Relief is committed to ensuring that everyone who engages with our fundraising is treated with dignity, respect and care.
We recognise that some individuals may be experiencing circumstances that make them more vulnerable, and we take particular care to ensure that our fundraising is appropriate, sensitive and never places anyone under undue pressure.

Performance, Challenges and Future Sustainability

During 2025, Ethar Relief continued to strengthen its fundraising programme while responding to an increasingly challenging external environment. Economic pressures, donor fatigue, competing humanitarian priorities and growing demands across the charitable sector required the organisation to remain adaptable, innovative and focused on long-term resilience.

Our approach to fundraising performance extends beyond income generation. We also consider the strength and quality of supporter relationships, our ability to reach new communities, the development of effective partnerships and the creation of opportunities capable of providing sustainable support for our work.

The experience of 2025 reinforced the importance of maintaining a diverse and resilient fundraising model. Individual giving, community fundraising, digital engagement, institutional relationships and strategic collaborations each have an important role in reducing reliance on any single source of income.

Looking ahead, our priorities will be to build on the progress achieved during the year by strengthening supporter retention, developing existing and new partnerships, diversifying income streams and continuing to invest in the systems, people and capabilities required to support responsible and sustainable fundraising growth.

Performance Against Objectives

Ethar Relief made strong progress against its fundraising and engagement objectives during 2025. Our priorities were to broaden our reach, deepen engagement with supporters and communities, develop strategic relationships and create stronger foundations for future growth.

Progress was driven by the continued generosity of our donors and the commitment of our volunteers and supporters, alongside growing relationships with mosques, community centres, university societies, community organisations and strategic partners. Collectively, these relationships enabled us to reach new audiences, create additional fundraising opportunities and strengthen Ethar Relief's presence within the communities we serve and engage.

Throughout this growth, we remained committed to responsible fundraising, appropriate oversight and maintaining the confidence and trust of those who support our work.

Through collaboration, relationship-led fundraising and continued investment in our organisational and brand development, Ethar Relief achieved its key fundraising and engagement objectives for 2025 and enters the next period with stronger foundations for continued, sustainable growth.



Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Trustees

Mr Abdulkadir Naib	Chair of the Board
Mr Osman Yusuf	
Ms Susan Yassin	Secretary
Ms Ranya Kule	Treasurer

New Appointments

Hawa Mohamed Ali	Appointed August 2026
Tewfik Abdulkadir Mohamedzein	Appointed August 2026
Dr Khalid Bushra Beshir	Appointed August 2026

Key management

Saeed Abdelrahman	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Owais Ahmed	Director of Finance & Corporate Services

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Auditor

Sayer Vincent LLP Statutory Auditor
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Financial Review

We set out Ethar's financial performance in 2025 and review our position at the end of the year. The economic environment in the UK continued to be impacted by the cost-of-living crisis. The situation around the rest of the world remained fragile and unstable. Despite this difficult backdrop Ethar Relief's financial performance improved markedly compared to the previous year.

Financial performance

Income

Total income more than doubled in 2025 to £3m from 2024's figure of £1.21m. Ethar Relief receives income primarily from two sources: Donations from our generous donors and Grants from other organisations. Income from the former increased by 75% to £1.9m from the previous year's figure of £1.1m; whilst income from Grants increased seven-fold to £1.1m from £0.14m received in 2024. A list of grants received is detailed in Note 3 of the Financial Statements, where it can be seen that the number of organisations making grants to the Charity increased from only 3 in 2024 to 6 in 2025.

The proportion of unrestricted donations compared to restricted donations declined to 29% from the figure of 35% in 2024 though the actual amount more than doubled to £0.89m. Our advocacy efforts in bringing the grave situation in our areas of operation to the attention of the general public seem to have driven the generosity of the public and organisations alike.

Expenditure

Ethar's expenditure falls into three main categories, namely:

1. Costs of implementing programmes on the ground across the Horn of Africa
2. Fundraising costs
3. Support costs (these comprise our office and governance costs).

Total expenditure in 2025 increased significantly to £2.5m (2024: £1.5m) but this is in line with our growth in income over the same period. The costs of implementing programmes increased by £1.2m from £0.94m in 2024 to £2.2m in 2025. This increase in programme expenditure reflects the demand for our programmes due to the deteriorating humanitarian situation in our areas of operation.
Our fundraising expenditure in 2025 increased to £0.98m, compared to £0.59m in 2024, the increase being similar, in percentage terms, to the increase in income.

In the Statement of Financial Activities, support costs are allocated to spend on charitable activities (programmes) and fundraising, in order to represent the true cost of programmes and fundraising activities. The increase in support costs, from £0.14m in 2024 to £0.32m is less in percentage terms than the increase in total expenditure.

Financial Results and Closing Reserves

Ethar generated a deficit of £0.32m for 2024 (2023: surplus of £0.13m). The level of restricted surplus or deficit fluctuates from year to year due to the timing differences between the receipt of grant income and the corresponding project expenditure.

Reserves Policy

Ethar's Unrestricted Reserves at 31st December 2025 were £0.11m (2024: £0.18m) including Free Reserves of £0.10m (2024: £0.18m) and its Restricted Reserves as at 31st December 2025 were £0.36m (2024: £0.43m). The Unrestricted Reserves of £0.11m represents just above 3 months of operational budget; whilst our policy target is to hold 3 months' worth. The Trustees consider that the Charity holds sufficient reserves to weather any unforseen challenges that may arise.

Ethar has determined it needs unrestricted reserves for the following purposes:

- To provide working capital and manage seasonality of income, for the effective running of the charity.
- To protect against unrestricted income fluctuations that may arise in uncertain economic times.
- To protect against unforeseen project expenditure due to the inherently risky economic situation in the Horn of Africa, including inflation and foreign currency volatility.
- To enable Ethar to invest in future growth opportunities that would benefit the people we seek to help.

Ethar's unrestricted reserves target is set according to a methodology of considering liquidity risk (short term timing differences between income and expenditure), security (assessment in the level of risk in funding sources) and investment opportunity.

Ethar continues to develop and revise its reserves, budget calculations and consider financial impacts. In 2025 we reviewed the unrestricted methodology and are continually monitoring all our financial policies.

Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed Ethar's ability to continue as a going concern. In this assessment they have considered the risks that are known at the date of this report, including the current economic climate.

The key risks of the financial model can be summarised as a risk of a decline in income, dependency on fundraising and a fall in programme expenditure leading to reduced ability to cover core costs.

The Trustees believe that Ethar's years of experience in the Horn of Africa give it the ability to harness its strengths and build financial resilience that will present opportunities for growth against a background of modestly improving economic climate. Ethar has had positive discussions with its core funders and partners and has also bolstered the fundraising department.

After considering these factors, the Trustees have concluded that the Charity has a reasonable expectation that there are adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have continued to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Risks / uncertainties	Current and planned mitigation activities
Sudan Conflict The ongoing conflict and political uncertainty within Sudan itself presents a significant operational risk to our humanitarian efforts in the region. This complex and fluid conflict has disrupted our projects, endangers the safety of our staff and the communities we serve, and continues to create uncertainty in the operating environment, impacting our work.	• Strengthen partnerships with local organisations and INGOs who have a deep understanding of the local context. • Continuously monitor the security situation through regular risk assessments to inform decision-making and project planning. • Establish clear communication channels to promptly relay information and updates to stakeholders and staff both in the UK and in the field. Maintain regular contact with field teams to ensure their safety and well-being, as well as get updates on the communities we serve. • Develop and regularly update contingency plans to address a range of potential scenarios, including security incidents and project disruptions. • Develop exit strategies that outline how to phase out operations if security deteriorates beyond acceptable levels. • Collaborate with other humanitarian organisations and the UN to share security information and coordinate efforts to ensure a unified response to the crisis. • Explore and ensure the availability of secure, compliant and reliable fund transfer channels that are less susceptible to interruptions due to conflict-related challenges
Operational & Reputational Risks Inherent risks are associated with operating in some of the most volatile regions of the world. These challenges encompass a spectrum of concerns including political instability, sanctions, banking challenges, war and conflict among other complex circumstances. These factors exert significant pressures on our field offices responsible for delivering our humanitarian and developmental work and as a result they pose a risk to the meeting of project deadlines and lead to the potential for project delays. Loss of donor confidence, loss of donor support, negative impact on our relationships and reputation.	• Continue to develop a legacy projects strategy and allocate resources strategically to ensure that legacy projects progress smoothly. • Develop a targeted communication strategy to donors to keep them informed and remain transparent. • Promote donor awareness and education: engage donors in understanding the challenges and risks associated with operating in volatile regions. Regularly update donors on the status of projects, including any delays or disruptions, and provide them with realistic expectations. • Embed leadership transitions and team development in both the UK and field offices to bring about positive transformation, strengthening and revitalising our programmes function and ensuring a smooth closure of legacy projects. • Develop and implement a complaints process and procedure.

Risks / uncertainties	Current and planned mitigation activities
Financial Risks Throughout 2025 the economic environment both in the UK and internationally remained challenging. Factors such as a cost-of-living crisis, inflation and the impact of conflicts on income have posed significant challenges to Ethar. The specific issue of inflation in Sudan has intensified this pressure and heightened the need for our assistance.	• Ethar, as part of its financial resilience approach, maintains and works closely with key financial services partners and implementing partners to mitigate the complexities of the economic environment, the impact of conflict and the challenges in the banking sector regarding the transfer of funds. • Robust systems and processes are maintained with regular reporting to maintain oversight of the financial health and the agility to respond to a highly complex and changing external environment.
Cybersecurity Risks	• Ethar maintains its security provisions with specialist service providers to consistently review and strengthen our defences. • Staff are kept up-to-date on security protocols and data handling / sharing procedures. • Compartmentalising information and its access to include only specific authorised owners.
Governance • As a growing NGO, Ethar recognises the practical challenge of developing and maintaining a fully engaged Board with the appropriate breadth of skills, experience and capacity. During the year, the Charity continued to strengthen Board engagement and identify opportunities to recruit trustees with relevant expertise, while supporting existing trustees to provide effective oversight as the organisation develops.	• Ethar is committed to good governance since this is a central tenet of the Charity's ability to fulfil its mission, and is fundamental to all activities and processes undertaken at the organisation. • Our Board ensures oversight, accountability and capability of Ethar and its activities, ensuring best practice as per UK Charity Commission guidance. • As a growing NGO, Ethar recognises the challenge of maintaining a fully engaged Board with the right skills and capacity. During the year, we continued to strengthen Board engagement and recruit trustees with relevant expertise. • All new undertakings are conducted with the consultation of the dedicated internal GRC section (Governance, Risk and Compliance). The GRC also regularly reviews existed policies and measures.

Charity's Purpose & Charitable Objects

Activities

Ethar's official charitable activities as registered with the UK Charity Commission include:

1. Providing emergency relief and development programmes to Eritrean refugees in particular, and to other marginalised communities across the Horn of Africa and Yemen.
2. Providing services and financial support to victims of natural and other kinds of humanitarian disaster.
3. Focusing our projects on:
   a. Humanitarian emergency relief
   b. Water, sanitation and hygiene
   c. Food & nutrition security
   d. Healthcare & wellbeing
   e. Education & Training
   f. Child welfare (including care for orphans)
   g. Prevention or relief of poverty
4. Grants to individuals and organisations to achieve these objectives.

Statement of public benefit

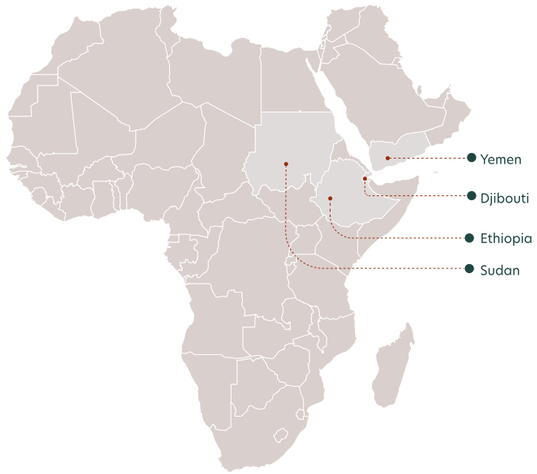
The objects of the charity are for the public benefit in support of people primarily in and from the Horn of Africa, particularly (though not exclusively) for Eritrean refugees in East Sudan for the following purposes:-

1. The prevention or relief of poverty by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty;
2. To promote and advance the education (including social and physical training) of people in such ways as the charity's trustees think fit;
3. The relief of financial need and suffering among victims of natural or other kinds of disaster in the form of money (or other means deemed suitable) for persons, bodies, organisations and/or countries affected;
4. The relief of sickness and the preservation of health among people;
5. The relief of unemployment for the benefit of the public in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment, empowering and enabling individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
6. The advancement of such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in England and Wales as the trustees shall determine in their sole discretion.

Furthermore, any charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of the Horn of Africa, in particular (but not exclusively) Eritrean refugees, as well as those refugees originating from the region who are resident in the United Kingdom and particularly for the following purposes:

1. To relieve poverty by providing funding overseas for appropriate projects and providing refugees in the UK with advice, counselling, representation, and other relevant services.
2. To advance education and training, including research for the public benefit into developing countries and to publish the results; and
3. To relieve sickness and preserve and protect good health.

Where we operated in 2025



Structure, Governance & Management

Organisational structure

Ethar Relief is governed by the articles of association as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and the Board of Directors act as Trustees who maintain oversight of the organisation and ensure that it is meeting its charitable remit and objectives. The trustees are based in the UK and have delegated the day-to-day management of the organisation to the CEO and Executive Team, who regularly report back to the Board.

The CEO is supported by the Executive Team and Director of Finance and Corporate services.

Trustee recruitment

Trustee recruitment is undertaken through a range of routes dependent on the identified needs. When a new addition to the Board is identified, this is followed by an interview process with a panel of existing trustees and approval by the Board. The trustees are then formally elected by the members at the next Board Meeting.
New trustees receive a personalised induction, including briefings from the Chair, CEO and other Executive team members. They are encouraged to visit our projects in the field when the opportunity arises. Trustees also receive ongoing training, either one-to-one or through briefings at board meetings, and as and when specific training needs are identified.

Governance

Throughout 2025, the Board of Trustees continued to evolve and looked to recruit trustee roles which could introduce specific expertise from a variety of relevant sectors, in order to continue operating effective sub-committees with specific expertise and oversight on the relevant parts of the organisation. Responsibilities are allocated to key people to focus on areas of importance and improvement.

Sub-committees helped the Board and the organisation as a whole to take responsibility to ensure that systems were in place to monitor programme quality and strategic fit, and to provide management with advice and a sounding-board on all aspects of the organisation's work.

Internal Controls

The Board has continued improving, strengthening and ratifying internal controls to enable and reinforce efficiency and effectiveness across finance, programmes, fundraising and other processes. Through constantly reviewing, amending and adding to our processes, procedures and policies, the Board aims to increase the overall effectiveness of Ethar as an organisation and deliver the highest possible standards in feedback, transparency, accountability and value for money to donors and all other stakeholders.

Legal structure

Ethar is established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with the charity registration number 1169308.

Tax status

Ethar Relief has charitable status and is exempt from corporation tax as all of its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes; no trading or business activities are undertaken.

Auditor appointment

The Board has re-engaged Sayer Vincent as auditor, with respect to their expertise and specialism providing auditing services to over 400 charities and social purpose organisations. Sayer Vincent were established in the 1980s by accountants committed to social justice. Their stated objective is to play a positive role in developing and maintaining a strong and resilient charity and social purpose sector. Ethar Relief welcomes their expertise as auditors of these financial statements.

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 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a 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 charity's constitution and governance documentation. 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 28th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Abdulkadir Naib
Chairman of the Board



Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Ethar Relief

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ethar Relief (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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 2025 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
- 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 Auditor's 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on Ethar Relief's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the trustees' annual report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements;
- 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 set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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 an auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:

- Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;

- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity from our professional and sector experience.

- We communicated applicable laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We reviewed any reports made to regulators.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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 auditor's 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.

Sayer Vincent LLP, Statutory Auditor9
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Sayer Vincent LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Financial Statements

ETHAR RELIEF

Statement of Financial Activities for The Year Ended December 31 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 2025
(incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	2025 Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2	502,761	1,388,091	1,890,852	1,072,115
Grants	3	382,914	757,056	1,139,970	140,998
Total Income		**885,675**	**2,145,147**	**3,030,822**	**1,213,113**
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	5	657,992	318,173	976,165	592,716
Charitable activities	6	38,395	2,145,617	2,184,012	944,847
Total resources expended		**696,387**	**2,463,790**	**3,160,177**	**1,537,563**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		**189,288**	**(318,643)**	**(129,355)**	**(324,450)**
Other recognised gains and losses		(16,272)	3,866	(12,406)	(20,955)
Transfers between funds		(247,556)	247,556	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(74,540)**	**(67,221)**	**(141,761)**	**(345,405)**
Total funds brought forward		182,954	430,275	**613,229**	958,635
Total funds carried forward	15	**108,414**	**363,054**	**471,468**	**613,229**

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There are no recognised gains and losses other than stated above. The notes on the pages below form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Charity Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	3,777	4,417
Total fixed assets		**3,777**	**4,417**
Current assets:			
Debtors	12	75,615	150,889
Cash at bank and in hand		919,263	938,924
Total current assets		**994,878**	**1,089,813**
Creditors and accruals:			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	322,301	171,130
Total current liabilities		**322,301**	**171,130**
Net current assets		**672,577**	**918,683**
Creditors:			
Amount falling due after more than one year		**204,886**	**309,871**
Total long term liability		**204,886**	**309,871**
Net assets		**471,468**	**613,229**
The funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	15	67,611	112,604
Designated funds - Zakat funds		40,803	70,351
		108,414	**182,955**
Restricted funds	15	363,054	429,725
Endowment funds	15	-	549
Total funds		**471,468**	**613,229**

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on xx and signed on their behalf by:

Chair

Date 28th October 2026

Registered Charity No: 1169308

The notes on the below pages form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash used in operations	(17,067)	(178,189)
Net cash used in operating activities	**(17,067)**	**(178,189)**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,594)	(1,963)
Net cash used in investing activities	**(2,594)**	**(1,963)**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(19,661)	(180,152)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	938,924	1,119,076
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	**919,264**	**938,924**

RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATION ACTIVITIES:

A. Reconcilitation of cash flows from operating activities

Net Expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(141,761)**	**(345,405)**
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	3,234	6,626
Decrease in debtors	75,274	157,385
Increase in creditors	46,187	3,205
	(17,067)	**(178,189)**

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1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Section IA of FRS102 and Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The charity meets the definition of a public entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

There were no key judgements made by the trustees which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next accounting period.

Income

Income is recognised where the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third part, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Expenditure on charitable activities, includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated costs.

Raising funds, where the charity incurs costs of fundraising costs.

Support costs of activities for charitable purposes comprising any costs including salary costs of any staff that are involved with supporting the charitable activities.

Governance costs shall include all expenditure directly incurred in the management of the charity's assets and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

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Cost Allocation

The methods and principles for the allocation and apportionment of all costs between the different activity categories of resources set out above are:

There are a number of costs, where it is impracticable to allocate these costs precisely between administration and charitable expenditure and the trustees have allocated such costs on the basis of the income generated and the reasonable amount of time spent on each project.

The cost allocation methodology applied reflects the operational working of the Charity; making adjusted allocations in both Restricted and Unrestricted Funds.

The methodology reflects allocation of costs to give a realistic representation of direct and indirect support costs, within all departments to include programmes and delivery of projects within the field.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. Ethar Relief's core purpose is 'supporting the Eritrean refugees'. Our unrestricted funds allow us to respond to the needs of the Eritrean refugees and facilitate humanitarian interventions where specific funding may not be raised, across the area of Africa where Eritrean refugees are dispersed and our duty remains to serve the voiceless.

Tangible fixed assets

Individuals fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful economic life on a straight-line basis. The charity has acquired assets over the capitalisation cost of £500 in the current year.

Computer and Software	25%
Furniture and office equipment	10%
Buildings	5%
Leasehold improvements over the life of the lease	

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments in short term deposit accounts.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Restricted funds - these are funds which are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. The Charity's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

Grants Payable

Grants payable are made to third parties in furtherance of the charity's objects. Grants are recognized in the financial statements when either:

The recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant, and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or
The recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant, and any condition attached to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

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2 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
General				
Appeals and Donations	502,761	1,388,091	1,890,852	1,072,115
Total Donations and Legacies	**502,761**	**1,388,091**	**1,890,852**	**1,072,115**
3 Income from Grants				
Al - Sayer family	352,158	710,479	1,062,637	
Ummah Welfare Trust	-	52,146	52,146	-
Green Lane Mosque	-	10,000	10,000	-
Ethar Sweden	-	-	-	119,372
WISE Welfare Organization	-	9,000	9,000	-
Mercy Mission UK	30,756	5,466	36,222	13,698
RefuCare	-	4,965	4,965	7,928
We Help Foundation	-	(35,000)	(35,000)	-
Total Income from Charitable Activities	**382,914**	**757,056**	**1,139,970**	**140,998**
Total Income from Donations and Legacies	**885,675**	**2,145,147**	**3,030,822**	**1,213,113**

5 Expenditure on Raising Funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising and marketing costs	762,071	504,993
Support costs allocated	214,094	87,723
Total	**976,165**	**592,716**

6 Charitable Activities

	Grants Payable 2025 £	Programmes Direct Cost 2025 £	Support Costs Allocated 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Education and Skill Training	700,630	70,806	38,519	809,955	81,502
Food Security	683,360	67,987	37,570	788,917	477,277
Health Care and Wellbeing	14,687	1,484	807	16,979	43,883
Sustainable Environment and Livelihood	59,308	5,949	3,261	68,517	8,416
Water and Sanitation	118,810	12,007	6,532	137,350	38,136
Welfare and Sponsorship	280,137	28,360	15,401	323,899	277,486
General Funds (Non Zakat)	-	-	-	-	13,261
General Funds (Zakat)	38,395	-	-	38,395	4,885
	1,895,328	**186,593**	**102,091**	**2,184,012**	**944,846**

7 Grants to Partner Organisations

	2025 £	2024 £
Djibouti Projects		
Sanabil Al-Khayr Association	733,750	306,139
Sudan Projects		
Welfare and Development Charity Organization (WeDCO)	1,143,949	345,810
UK Projects		
London School of Economics	(2,432)	-
One Nation	20,061	-
United States of America		
Araha	-	2,000
Total Grants	**1,895,328**	**653,949**

Grants are payable to partners for restricted projects. At the year end there were (2025: there were 2 payments totalling £393851 outstanding to WeDCO (£376305) and to Sanabil Khair (£17546) which are included in the creditors balance at year end).

8 Analysis of support costs

	Support cost 2025 £	Support cost 2024 £
Charitable Activities		
Education and Skill Training	38,519	3,682
Food security	37,570	20,796
Health care and wellbeing	807	271
Sustainable environment and livelihood	3,261	282
Water and sanitation	6,532	2,529
Welfare and sponsorship	15,402	12,774
General Funds (Non Zakat)	-	13,261
General Fund (Zakat)	-	-
	102,091	**53,595**
Raising funds	214,094	87,723
Total	**316,185**	**141,318**

Support costs are apportioned proportionally to activity. Any overseas office costs have been directly attributed to the costs of delivering charitable activities in the country.

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9 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration during the current or preceding year.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustee expenses paid in the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the period ended 31 December 2025.

10 EMPLOYEES

Staff Costs		2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and Salaries			
UK Contracted Staff	Programmes	95,121	76,613
	Fundraising/Marketing	164,498	139,282
	Administrative Support	109,105	72,194
		368,724	**288,089**
Social Security Costs	Programmes	8,809.99	6,081.34
	Fundraising/Marketing	14,302.99	11,499.10
	Administrative Support	9,694.63	5,178.37
		32,807.61	**22,759**
Pension Costs	Programmes	2,356.03	1,818.83
	Fundraising/Marketing	3,822.40	3,383.86
	Administrative Support	1,794.42	898.58
		7,972.85	**6,101**

The key management of the CIO comprise of the Chief Executive, COO, Director of Finance, Head of Finance, Head of Programmes, Head of Marketing.
Total employee benefits, including employer pension and National Insurance, were £187,943 (2024: £182,404), excluding the Finance Director, and Head of Fundraising, who are contractors.

There were no employees with salaries higher than £60,000 in the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the period ended 31 December 2025.

The average number of employees during the year analysed by function were:

	2025	2024
	No:	No:
Overseas Contracted staff		
UK Staff		
Programmes Support	3	3
Fundraising and Marketing	6	4
Management and Administration of the Charity	4	3
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows	**13**	**10**
Full Time staff		
Programmes Support	2	2
Fundraising and Marketing	3	3
Management and Administration of the charity	-	-
Total Full Time Staff	**5**	**5**
Part Time Staff		
Programmes Support	1	1
Fundraising and Marketing	3	1
Management and Administration of the Charity	4	3
Total Part Time Staff	**8**	5
Total	**13**	**10**

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11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost	4,952	31,672	17,392	54,015.50
Additions	-	1,890	704	2,593.94
Disposals	-	(9,433)	(970)	(10,402.63)
At 31 December 2025	**4,952**	**24,129**	**17,126**	**46,206.81**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	4,924	29,275	15,398	49,597.77
Charge for year	27	2,200	1,008	3,234.41
Disposals	-	(9,433)	(970)	(10,402.63)
At 31 December 2025	**4,952**	**22,042**	**15,436**	**42,429.55**
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2025	-	**2,087**	**1,690**	**3,777.00**
At 31 December 2024	**27**	**2,397**	**1,993**	**4,417.00**

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	45,024	111,599
Other debtors	28,291	6,286
Prepayments	2,300	33,004
	75,615	**150,889**

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income	62,150	1,250
Other creditors and accruals	71,186	11,469
Grant obligations	188,965	158,411
	322,301	**171,130**

Creditors: Amount falling due after more than one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors: Amount falling due after more than one year	204,886	309,871
	204,886	**309,871**

As at 1 January	158,411	464,524
New grant obligations	1,895,328	653,949
Grants paid to partners in settlement and obligations year end	(1,659,887)	(960,062)
As at 31 December	**393,852**	**158,411**

14 Movement in Funds

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Other recognised gains and losses	Transfer between funds	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£		£	£
Education and skill training	-	673,340	(873,371)	3,268	196,762	-
Food security	-	899,988	(933,465)	(413)	33,889	-
Health care and wellbeing	37,905	(5,806)	(19,310)	457	-	13,246
Sustainable environment and livelihood	1,335	62,860	(81,100)	-	16,905	-
Water and sanitation	310,323	150,728	(160,049)	85	-	301,087
Welfare and sponsorship	80,712	364,037	(396,495)	468	-	48,721
Total Movement in Funds	**430,275**	**2,145,147**	**(2,463,790)**	**3,865**	**247,556**	**363,054**
General funds	112,603	629,272	(657,992)	(16,272)	-	67,611
Designated funds - zakat funds	70,351	256,403	(38,395)	-	(247,556)	40,803
Movement in unrestricted funds	**182,954**	**885,675**	**(696,387)**	**(16,272)**	**(247,556)**	**108,414**
Total movement on reserves	**613,229**	**3,030,822**	**(3,160,177)**	**(12,407)**	-	**471,468**

Comparatives for movement in funds

Movement in funds	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between funds	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Education and skill training	-	72,271	(99,366)	27,095	-
Food security	69,671	418,570	(601,208)	112,967	-
Health care and wellbeing	78,483	5,222	(45,800)	-	37,905
Sustainable environment and livelihood	6,028	5,727	(10,420)	-	1,335
Water and sanitation	314,545	50,536	(54,758)	-	310,323
Welfare and sponsorship	190,498	254,925	(365,260)	-	80,163
Total Movement in Funds	**659,225**	**807,251**	**(1,176,812)**	**140,062**	**429,726**
General funds	190,413	262,569	(340,378)	-	112,604
Designated funds - zakat funds	108,446	122,339	(20,372)	(140,062)	70,350
Movement in unrestricted funds	**298,859**	**384,908**	**(360,750)**	**(140,062)**	**182,954**
Endowment funds	549	-	-	-	**549**
Total movement on reserves	**958,633**	**1,192,159**	**(1,537,562)**	**-**	**613,229**

15 Net assets analysis

			2025
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Total Funds
Funds balances as at 31 December 2025	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	3,777	-	**3,777**
Current assets	163,241	831,638	**994,879**
Current liabilities	(58,604)	(468,584)	**(527,188)**
	108,414	**363,054**	**471,468**

				2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Funds
Funds balances as at 31 December 2024	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	4,417	-	-	**4,417**
Current assets	190,006	899,258	549	**1,089,813**
Current liabilities	(11,469)	(159,661)	-	**(171,129)**
	182,954	**739,597**	**549**	**923,101**

16 Constitution

The charity transitioned from a Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in October 2021 (CIO Charity number: 1169308). All assets and liabilities have been transferred to the the CIO.

17 Commitments: Operating leases

As at 31 December 2025 the charity has the following commitments under non-cancellable operating leases

	Equipment	Property	Total	Total
			2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
In less than one year	-	27,600	27,600	27,600
Between one and five years	-	82,800	82,800	82,100
Later than five years	-	-	-	-
	-	**110,400**	**110,400**	**109,700**

18 Related Party transactions

Ethar Relief did not pay consultancy/management services to companies/persons connected to the trustees / senior management team in 2025 (2024: £Nil).

19 Pension Costs

As at 31 December 2025 the charity operated one defined contribution scheme, provided by The National Employment Saving Trust (NEST). The charity paid contributions at a rate of 8% of employee salaries during the period.

The pension cost included in the Statement of Financial Activities was £18,526 (2024: £11,142).

20 Legacies

There were no legacies during the period 2025 (2024: £Nil).

21 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments outstanding as at 31 December 2025 (2024: £Nil).



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