

ANNUAL REPORT

& FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 2017 - December 2017



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Remembering *the* Forgotten

CHAIRMAN & CEO MESSAGE

It is our pleasure to present Ethar Relief's Annual Report for the period April 2017 – December 2017. We are inspired by the dedication of staff, volunteers and supporters towards our cause, and have even greater hopes and aspirations for the future.

Dear supporters and well-wishers of Ethar Relief,

We write this message to you with contrasting feelings; pleasure and satisfaction at the progress of our ongoing humanitarian work, but also a great sense of determination and resolve in the face of escalating global challenges.

2017 was another year of steady growth for us at Ethar Relief. In the last nine months alone, we have seen a twenty-percent increase in charitable donations from the year previous. This growth is a reflection of our continued charitable work in refugee camps across the Horn of Africa and Yemen, and is truly a testament to the increasing and continued support and commitment of our donors and partners.

Strategically, we have concentrated our focus over the past year on education and training for refugees and internally displaced people. Ethar Relief is supporting over 15,000 students of all ages and backgrounds to facilitate their educational and skills progression in a variety of ways. This support ranges from provision of school meals, learning materials, and sponsorship of teacher salaries, all the way to establishing and running our own small to medium sized education and training infrastructure. In particular, Ethar Relief has extended its educational support to adults who missed

out on schooling but who could benefit themselves and their families by acquiring new and useful skills. Key beneficiaries of this approach are women, and Ethar is pleased to have made great progress on its Women Development Programme during this period of time. We all know and recognise that education is the key to progression in life and is the only factor that will realise the aspiration of refugees and internally displaced people to a safe, sustainable family and community life outside of the camps. Already, Ethar Relief has witnessed the transformation of lives through access to education and has made a commitment to this important pillar of our work for the future.

Alongside these initiatives, Ethar Relief continues its essential relief and aid work within refugee camps and the surrounding poverty-stricken areas. Our Food Programmes are a lifeline for those in need of emergency aid, particularly for the rapidly rising numbers of new arrivals into refugee camps. As conflicts in Eritrea and Djibouti continue unresolved, and the situation in Yemen escalates, we are finding that supplies of essential basic resources such as food and medical aid are stretched more than ever. Ethar Relief is committed to continuing its emergency humanitarian programmes, and in this report you will find updates on our ongoing projects including clean water and sanitation, healthcare, and other fundamental human needs which we are providing to the most critically disadvantaged people with your help and support.

As our organisation grows, so does the strength of our relationships with partners and supporters, whether they be individuals or organisations. Ethar Relief works in partnership with various organisations to benefit the wider community within the refugee

camps. In this regard, we recognise the crucial work of Charity Right and Ummah Welfare Trust in helping us to deliver aid in the most difficult conditions, and being the backbone of many projects and activities on the ground. Similarly, we appreciate the work of Idris Foundation and Pen & Paper in supporting our education drive and helping us to remove barriers to education under the toughest of circumstances.

Another important part of our growth has been the efforts of all the team to engage with and increase our donor and supporter base, to ensure that we can sustain our current projects and build upon them with new initiatives. This effort ties in with our consistent drive to increase awareness and highlight the issues of forgotten refugees in The Horn of Africa and Yemen. We are continuing to raise awareness among our network of supporters and also in the wider media, and we believe that this is a significant factor in bringing about lasting change in the circumstances of the desperately needy and forgotten people.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to every single individual who has helped us and supported us in our journey. This includes our tireless and dedicated team of staff and volunteers whose approach and attitude is beyond the call of duty and is an exemplary model for all of us involved with this cause. We would also like to appreciate every single penny donated by individuals; ordinary members of the public who put their hands in their pockets to support us, helping needy people who they have never met but need their urgent assistance. The generosity and spirit of our supporters in UK and around the world is a constant source of inspiration for us all.

Unfortunately, in these unstable times, everything we have witnessed so far on the global stage points to the continued escalation of conflicts and humanitarian

catastrophes in the region where we operate our projects. It indicates the strong need for people like ourselves to show care, compassion, and act decisively to assist fellow human beings in difficulty and danger. In this regard, as ever, we renew our intentions to serve humanity with sincerity, perseverance, and open hearts.

In light and peace,



Abdulkadir A. Naib
Chair of the Board



Sultan Omar
Executive Director

Please note that this Annual Report is compiled for the slightly curtailed period April 2017 to December 2017, after which the charity is migrating to a new organisational structure as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a new registration number. This is an administrative change and will have no effect on any of our ongoing or future projects or strategy.

INTRODUCTION

Ethar Relief exists to alleviate the suffering of the desperately poor and needy, especially refugees fleeing conflict and internally displaced people around the Horn of Africa. We are a well-established organisation in the field of humanitarian aid, particularly in the East African and Yemeni refugee crises. We recognise the extent, scope and logistical difficulties we face, and acknowledge the great challenges and work ahead of us. Our strategic approach to aid means that we aim to develop our responses to the needs of refugees beyond food, water and medical aid – providing education, skills training, orphan and family sponsorships, and women’s development opportunities. This is the only way to solve the long-term challenges faced by people fleeing war, famine, and natural disaster zones.

Our holistic approach to the many problems facing refugees still includes the provision of meals, sanitation, shelter, and medication - but also extends to other important aspects influencing their quality of life. Consequently, Ethar and its partners provide educational opportunities, schools and student support, a range of orphan and family support, and various social services to enhance the lives of refugees in a more comprehensive way. This year we have been establishing a ground-breaking scheme to encourage women to take control of their lives and contribute to their communities, through our Women Development Programme. This pilot programme, providing education, training and vocational experience in one package, has been a success in empowering women and increasing their opportunities at all levels. We can now scale-up this effort and extend it to other more participants and other locations in the forthcoming years.

Many of the refugee communities are in themselves well established, having been displaced for so many decades. In addition to aid, they need partnership and support from organisations such as Ethar in order to develop themselves and gain empowerment. This is now a key focus of our operations within refugee camps, particularly the long-established camps within East Sudan.

Delivering aid and development projects is not easy - our programmes are taking place in a climate of famine, drought, conflict, and social and political unrest. Despite this and against all odds, Ethar continues to deliver hope and positivity among the

world’s largest refugee populations in Sudan, Djibouti, and Yemen. We are indebted to countless supporters, partners and volunteers who share our aims and work tirelessly under immensely difficult conditions.

In such a climate, our increasing focus and priority is now on raising awareness. This is being done within the region through various media, but Ethar is now

extending this essential aspect to a wider audience, with the aim of gaining recognition and support for the refugee crises in Yemen and East Africa on the world stage. As the crisis spreads to more countries, we believe that awareness and collaboration is the only real solution to stopping the suffering.



REMEMBERING *the* FORGOTTEN



WE REMEMBER...

Ethar doesn't forget those who have been ignored by the world

For children in particular, dreams of a normal life end at the refugee camp. Here is why:

- Eritrean refugees survive on the absolute minimum living standard, with the majority receiving for only enough sustenance to cover 3 days in a week.
- In Yemen, with the war escalating, families are fleeing their homes and arriving in refugee camps in their thousands every month.
- In Djibouti, the situation of internal displacement is so bad that people dream of reaching the refugee camps alive.
- Thousands of families around the Horn of Africa are now entering their third generation of living exclusively in a refugee camp.
- Ethar is actively providing aid and much needed services in 14 refugee camps in East Sudan, 3 refugee camps in Yemen, more than 6 refugee camps in Ethiopia, and 2 camps in Djibouti, with the majority of these receiving little or no support or international aid.
- The UNHCR has significantly reduced its support to the vulnerable refugees in this region, and the subsequent aid vacuum leaves thousands on the brink of starvation, disease and death.
- As they grow up, thousands of desperate young people from these camps risk everything to try and migrate to Europe, Israel, or any other stable country. This leaves them open to extreme danger, trafficking and exploitation, with the majority suffering death, kidnap, torture, rape and slavery.

Ethar Relief constantly campaigns for the international community to take urgent action to save the lives and dignity of these forgotten people.

ABOUT US

Ethar Relief provides humanitarian relief to the forgotten Eritrean refugees in East Sudan and Yemen, as well as internally displaced people within Yemen and Djibouti, through projects supporting food provision, water & sanitation, shelter, healthcare, orphan sponsorship, and education & skills training.

Since our launch 11 years ago we have transformed lives and empowered communities in many refugee camps, giving hope to refugees who have continued to struggle for almost 50 years.



Objectives and activities

Objectives

Our primary focus is to provide a comprehensive package of humanitarian assistance to people in the Horn of Africa, specifically (but not exclusively) Eritrean refugees in Sudan and neighbouring

countries, and internally displaced people within Yemen and Djibouti. We also support refugees originating from the region who reside in the United Kingdom.

Our aims include:

- To alleviate the suffering of refugees by providing emergency aid such as food, clean water supply and medical provisions.
- To combat the long-term effects of poverty by setting up educational institutions and student sponsorship which develop academic, practical and psychological skills.
- To empower women, designing our programmes to ensure they have greater opportunities and choices through education and employment, enabling them to participate in the positive development of their communities.

Activities and Awareness

One of the greatest challenges, in addition to delivering aid, is raising awareness of the long-ignored crisis in the region. To this end, the Ethar management team and volunteers have conducted proactive media and public awareness campaigns through TV interviews, information drives, fundraising, and awareness programmes. These initiatives have proved supportive of our programmes in the field.

Programmes

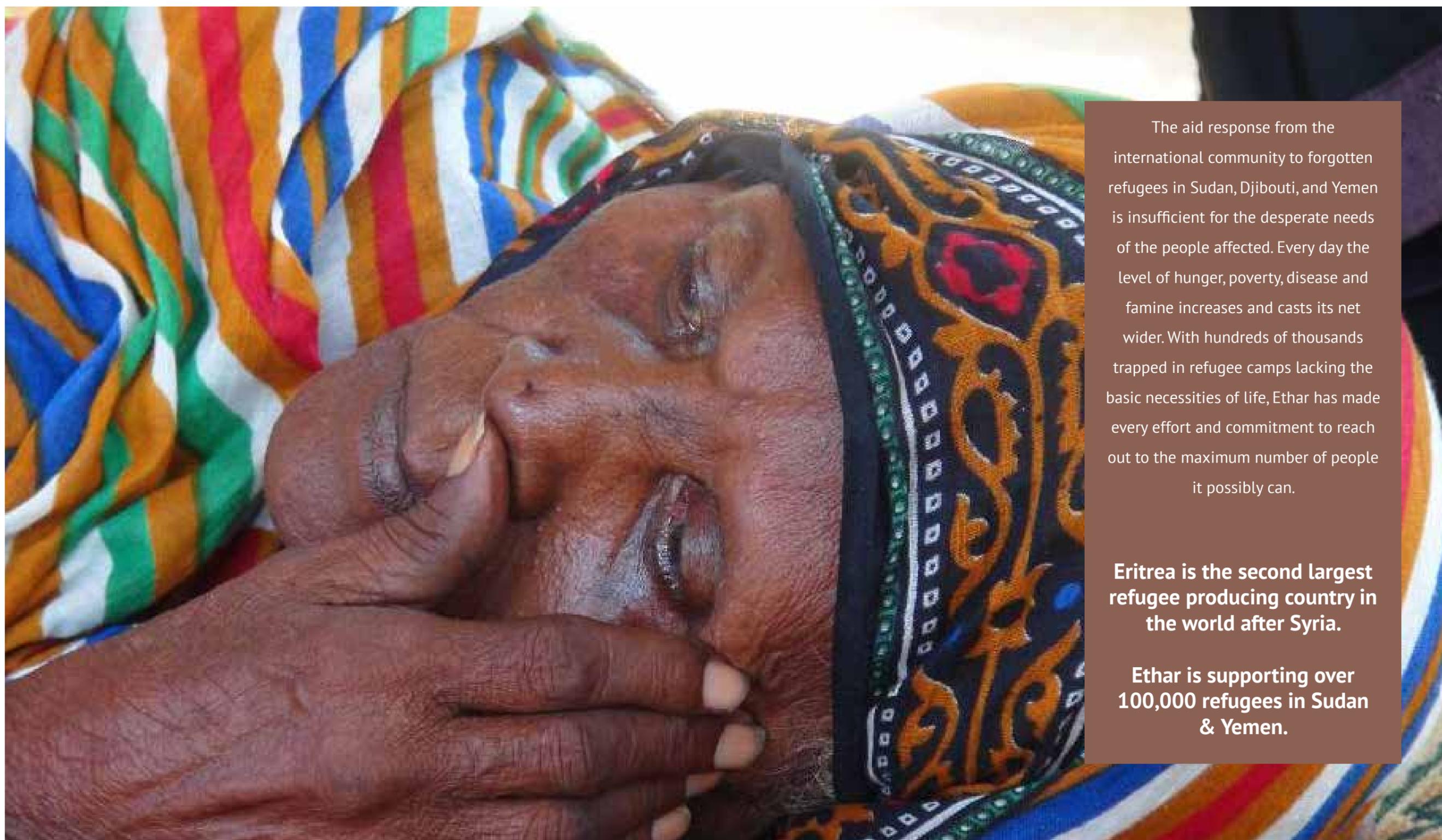
Ethar Relief has continued to implement humanitarian programmes and fund charitable

activities in conjunction with its partners in Sudan and Yemen. Highlights of these include:

- Piloting the Women Development Programme and piloting access to Mental Health Services within our healthcare clinics
- Distributing regular food to the needy with greater frequency during the month of Ramadan, and providing our largest scale Qurbani distribution to date
- Establishing educational programmes including 3 new schools and a nursery, and providing educational opportunities to countless other children through meals, sponsorship and materials
- Supporting displaced individuals and families in Yemen in the form of medical aid and food parcels
- Providing orphan sponsorship to over 650 children in Yemen and the Horn of Africa

Fundraising

In order to sustain ongoing projects and create new programmes in response to developing challenges, Ethar has several active concurrent strategies to raise funds. Over the course of this year, major fundraising campaigns were carried out, raising a considerable amount of income during the Ramadan and Qurbani period. The Executive Team continued to promote the cause of Eritrean refugees in Sudan on various TV programmes, and in other forums and networks globally.



The aid response from the international community to forgotten refugees in Sudan, Djibouti, and Yemen is insufficient for the desperate needs of the people affected. Every day the level of hunger, poverty, disease and famine increases and casts its net wider. With hundreds of thousands trapped in refugee camps lacking the basic necessities of life, Ethar has made every effort and commitment to reach out to the maximum number of people it possibly can.

Eritrea is the second largest refugee producing country in the world after Syria.

Ethar is supporting over 100,000 refugees in Sudan & Yemen.

OUR PROJECTS

Emergency Aid

Since Ethar Relief was established, we have been at the forefront of delivering urgent and essential relief where it is needed most on the ground. Our emergency response to the various humanitarian situations has been efficient and focused, with over half of our relief resources used to provide food aid to the most vulnerable and needy people in refugee camps in East Sudan, Djibouti and Yemen. As hundreds of thousands of people continue to suffer from lack of food, nutrition and basic supplies, Ethar is working with number of partners to ensure that children and vulnerable people in particular are given basic food supplies such as milk, bread, flour, cooking oil, lentils and rice.

Ethar has provided thousands of food packs in 25 refugee camps and former camps, 5 towns and a number of villages in East Sudan, Djibouti and Yemen.

Our family feeding program has been supporting over 520 families for the past 24 months, ensuring that the most vulnerable people continue to receive monthly food packs.

Overall, in total this year more than 150,000 refugees and needy people have benefited from our emergency food aid.



Ramadan

Ramadan is a special time for many refugee communities. It is always a significant turning point for Ethar, in which our team alongwith funders and supporters renew their efforts to collect and distribute much needed resources to support the needy. Over £650,000 of our funds were donated during the month of Ramadan and during our Ramadan season campaigns. These wonderful donations and grants helped us reach out to a wider and broader range of people in the refugee camps, and also extend our reach to rural areas.

For most refugees, the month of fasting is no different to any other month in terms of hunger. They do not have enough food in their stomachs regardless of the time of year. Ethar was able to provide hot meals (Iftar Sayem) and food packs in 25 refugee camps and former camps, and we distributed Zakat and Sadaqa (cash grants) to over 104,000 refugees, orphans and desperately needy people.



In total we raised over **£650,000** in Ramadan – a phenomenal effort



What you donated



£400,000
towards food packs



£100,000
specifically for Zakat



£80,000
in donations for general purposes



£25,000
in Eid Gifts



£9,000
for the Yemen emergency appeal



What we did



Distributed more than 12,000 food packs in Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia.



Directly fed 70,000 refugees with food packs.



Provided Iftar and hot meals daily to over 30,000 people across all the refugee camps.



Distributed over £50,000 of Zakat-Mal and Zakat-ul-Fitr to needy people across all locations.



Presented Eid gifts to over 2,000 orphans and needy children in Yemen and Sudan.

Who we reached

Your donations have made a huge difference to the lives of people in the following locations:



Sudan

Shagrab refugee camp
Um Gargour refugee camp
Kassala
South Toker
Port Sudan
Khartoum
Al Girba
Wad Sharife



Yemen

Al-Khokha refugee camp
Kharaz refugee camp
Hudaida
Sana'a
Aden



Djibouti

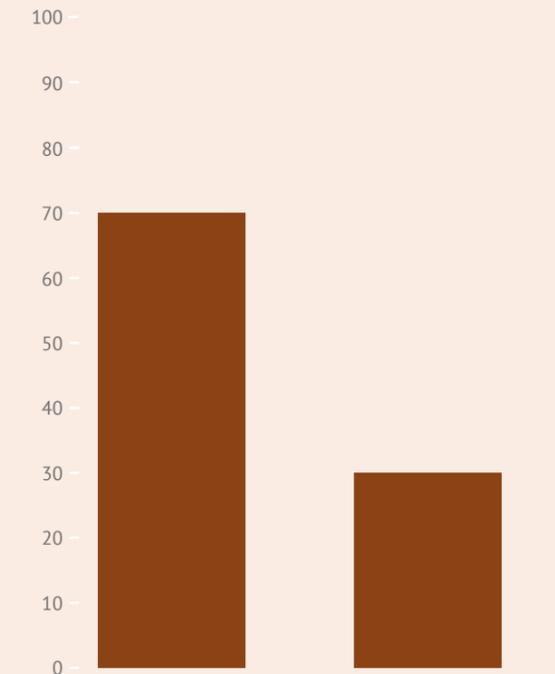
Djibouti town
Erta
Abakh



Somalia

Mogadishu

How much we spent



70%

of what you donated was spent in the month of Ramadan on Food Packs, Iftar and hot meals, Zakat-Mal, Fitrana and Eid gifts.

30%

of remaining funds will be deployed throughout the year on projects such as water, education and health. Please see our website for information on ongoing projects.



Qurbani

The Qurbani event is another significant date in the Ethar calendar. Once again, it is a significant time of the year for many refugees. Over 50,000 orphans, children and elderly people benefited from our Qurbani Projects this year. The consumption of meat is very rare in the refugee camps and for hundreds this is often the only opportunity to enjoy meat and its nutritional benefits. The safe distribution of meat is a logistical challenge which Ethar found important to meet.

The Ethar team was present during the distribution of meat and other provisions across the refugee camps, ensuring that donations were delivered in a timely manner and with maximum effect.

Family Feeding

With the help of our partner organisation Charity Right, Ethar has been delivering door-to-door food packs directly to over 520 particularly needy families, every month for the past 24 months. With your support, this project continues to grow year-on-year, and has ensured that many vulnerable families are guaranteed food on a daily basis throughout the year. Thanks to continuous funding from our partners and generous donors, this project has preserved the dignity of hundreds of particularly marginalised families.

"Because of your support and the generous care of Charity Right and Ethar, I am able to encourage my kids to focus on their education knowing that I have food on my table"

Beneficiary
Shagrab Refugee Camp



Food & Nutrition

Finding enough to eat is a huge burden upon the refugees day-to-day. Particularly for vulnerable groups, malnutrition and starvation are realities of life, and thousands of refugees contract diseases and become weak and vulnerable simply because of lack of food. Since establishment, Ethar Relief has always run a combination of regular and emergency food distribution campaigns to satisfy this most fundamental need. Together with COR (Commissioner of Refugees), we identify the areas and individuals at highest risk and make sure they get the food they need to survive.

The lack of food availability has many other disadvantages for refugees and desperately poor people. Thousands of children were deprived from attending school simply due lack of food and clean water, as neither schools nor parents were able to provide the necessary breakfast or lunch for children, and as a result the dropout rates from school were very high. Our School Meals project has made a huge impact by providing children at risk of dropping out with regular school meals, which resulted in positive outcomes of the attendance levels of students as well as their academic achievements showing significant improvement.

Funded by Charity Right & Ummah Welfare Trust, this project is ensuring that students regularly receive at least one daily meal in day-schools and 3 meals in boarding schools. Attendance in some schools has improved up to 98%, and schools witnessed returns of tens of students who left in the past due to lack of food and the opportunity costs of education.



Education & Skills

Lack of education and skills is a huge barrier to progression from refugee camps to building a normal life outside. Most refugees are ready, willing and determined to learn a skill in order to have the best chance of finding work and a safe escape from the horrors of camp life. Most families want their children to be able to read, write and progress their education so that they don't face spending their lives in the harsh camp environment.

Education is the best gift we can give to the children in the refugee camps; it is their way out of poverty and their hope of a better future for themselves and for their communities. At Ethar, we recognise that the long-term stability and development of the region as a whole will be achieved through the education of its inhabitants, and the widening of development opportunities on an individual and community scale. We have taken a lead in bringing long-term hope and benefits to marginalised children by supporting 34 schools through the provision of meals (12,000 students receive our school meals), teachers' salaries, books and building maintenance. The medium-term aim is to increase attendance to 99% through these measures.



This year, Ethar has built a special secondary boarding school for orphan girls in Kassala with full accommodation facilities and medical care, to try and redress the imbalance girls face when trying to access education. Furthermore, Ethar continues to support students in higher education and is committed to the ongoing sustainability of all educational projects.

Our pilot Women Development Programme is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at empowering women within their communities. It aims to equip women who missed out on schooling with employment skills, and also life skills to ensure their safety and the safety of their families.

The programme provides education, training, and work experience placements with approved businesses to provide opportunities to women of all ages and backgrounds.

Health & Mental Health

Poor health due to lack of good hygiene and access to medication remains one of the biggest challenges in the refugee camps, with many camps lacking basic health care, clinic, medical team and ambulance facilities. Ethar is committed to making a difference and ensuring that the international community is fulfilling its obligations towards humanity. We continue to provide essential health programmes and medical aid distributions in a number of locations across the refugee camps. This includes the Al-Rahma Health Clinic in Karakora which is now serving over 7,000 refugees and needy local people. In Yemen in 2017, a further 8 medical camps were added to the previous 5 set up in 2016, benefiting over 10,000 refugees and Yemeni internally displaced people.

Our teams on the ground encounter people with all kinds of physical illnesses and disabilities due to the effects of conflict and disease. We do all we can to provide medicine and hospital care for as many people as we can. However, the psychological effects of war, famine, expulsion and forced migration, physical abuse and sexual violence, are often unseen and undetected. The horrific experiences and daily trauma suffered can cause severe mental illness within vulnerable refugee communities. Ethar Relief is piloting a programme to introduce trained staff to clinics and medical centres who can provide access

to a range of services to help refugees overcome and manage their mental health difficulties. This is an investment in the psychological health of the individual themselves but also has a greatly positive impact on their wider family and community network. Ethar intends to scale-up this initiative to reach more people in future.



Water & Sanitation

Our Water project has continued to grow year after year; water quality is not only an important factor for drinking and to sustain life, it also has other crucial implications for health, sanitation and wellbeing in general. Therefore, providing clean and safe water along with improving hygiene remains a top priority for Ethar. We have invested in a campaign to raise awareness about the risks posed to thousands of children without clean water, and the dangers involved in children abandoning their education to hunt for water. Lack of water also has a limiting effect on the development of the refugee community as a whole. Ethar has built five mega-wells in four refugee camps, as well as smaller wells and water stations in many villages in East Sudan. We plan to extend the building of wells to more regions at a cost of £40k - £45k per well, with the capacity to benefit a further 60,000 refugees and needy people over the next 2 years in Sudan and Djibouti.

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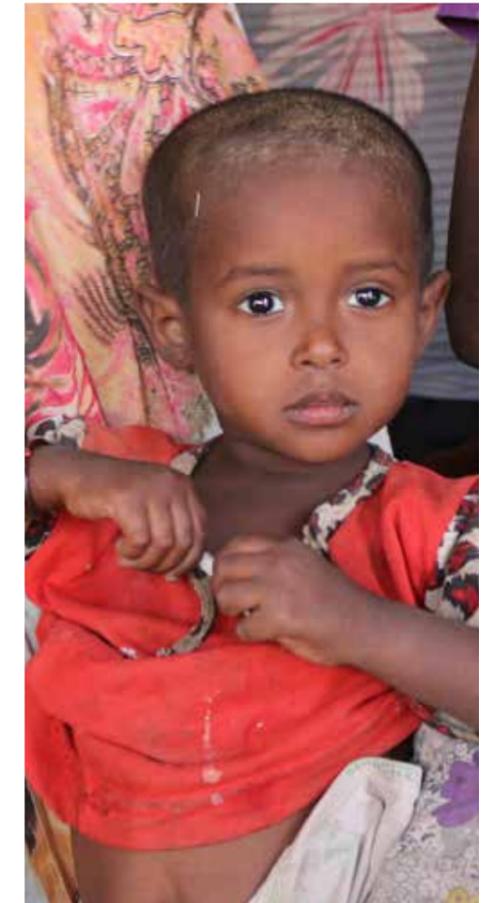


Orphans

Children are the most vulnerable group within refugee and poverty-stricken communities, and orphaned children live even more vulnerable and unsafe lives than their peers. The risk to orphans of malnutrition, exploitation, violence and abuse is unprecedented. There are currently over 5,000 orphans in urgent need of sponsorship in East Sudan, 2000 in Djibouti, and 3,000 in Yemen. Their childhood has been snatched away from them as they lost parents to war, death in prisons and periodic waves of disease which sweep through refugee camps taking hundreds of lives.

Most of these orphans experience an extremely difficult childhood, having made the dangerous journey to neighbouring countries and adapted to a new life in isolated camps lacking basic necessities such as water, food and security. Many others were born into the refugee camp environment and have never known anything apart from hardship and danger.

Ethar, with generous funding from hundreds of individuals and many organisations, is sponsoring over 650 orphans. These sponsorships enable the orphans to gain a good education, feel secure, have healthy nutrition, cover basic medical care and sustain their social activities. Our focus is to enrich the lives of these orphans and give them a route out of poverty, instilling hope and dignity back in their lives.



Other Projects

Ethar Relief has been able to deliver a wide range of tailored support to various groups of refugees, which are outside the usual categories. These are made possible through extra contributions from generous donors, adaptations in our project designs, and suggestions from supporters and well-wishers. These special projects include:

- Baby survival kit
- 'Gift of sight' (restoration and aftercare)
- Lemon tree plantation
- Mosquito net provision
- Winter blanket provision
- Eid gifts
- Zakat distribution
- Sadaqah distribution
- Aqiqah sponsorship
- Fidyah distribution
- Medical treatment
- Construction of shelters
- Repairing homes
- Building and maintaining mosques
- Installing drinking water fountains for schools
- Listening to the individual needs of hundreds of refugees and sourcing sponsorship to respond to them.

These gifts have not only made a huge difference to the quality of life for thousands of refugees, but have also boosted their morale and trust in the aid that Ethar provides. Taking an interest in the individual needs of our beneficiaries is an important step in upholding their humanity and dignity, and in keeping them central to our processes and focus.



PARTNERS



Our partnership with UWT is growing year on year, with both organisations focusing on delivering immediate relief to refugees in Yemen & East Sudan. UWT have provided us with funds to address emergency needs in Yemen, in addition to supporting our Education, Orphan Sponsorship and seasonal projects.



Charity Right are at the heart of providing food security for the poorest families, and also support school meals projects. Our strong partnership with Charity Right helped us provide daily meals for 6 Schools and monthly food parcels for 144 families. Looking forward, they aim to increase their support to 500 families and 10 schools in 2016 in partnership with Ethar.



Human Appeal International was one the first organisations to work with Ethar in Sudan, providing essential funding for our Orphan projects as well as our seasonal programmes.



Pen & Paper is a young and enthusiastic group based Sweden who have taken a great interest in Ethar Relief's educational programmes. They support us by providing school kits, books and other learning materials to over a thousand school children across the Horn of Africa.



Idris Foundation's partnership with Ethar is making positive impact on the education and health of thousands of children and desperate families. The Foundation has contributed to a number of successful projects including teacher training and school refurbishment.



UKIM is working with Ethar to benefit our refugees through a range of programmes, including the Hifz Project and seasonal programmes.



Wafa Relief continues to support our Orphans project year after year, giving many orphans hope and inspiration through a variety of programmes.



Global Ehsan from Singapore continues to support our seasonal orphan and educational projects in the refugee camps in Sudan.

COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Our small but dedicated team of amazing staff members is supported strongly by a willing army of enthusiastic and motivated volunteers. Our staff and volunteers take ownership of the cause of Ethar and have adopted its aims and vision into their lives, dedicating themselves to improve the situation of refugees and needy people. They remember the forgotten victims of conflict and disaster, carry out positive actions to help them, and remind others around them to do the same. Ethar Relief is proud of every single one of them.

Volunteers founded Ethar and have always been its backbone. Ethar continues to benefit from a vast and committed network of volunteers who support its activities, further its causes, raise funds and contribute to essential work. Most volunteers make a regular commitment ranging from a few hours to a full working week. They come from a diverse range of backgrounds (including some former refugees) and contribute a wide variety of experience and expertise - some with professional skills, and others through generally donating portions of time and effort. Ethar is dedicated to developing, supporting and motivating its volunteers, and the trustees are grateful for their ongoing tireless support.

The management has worked hard to improve communication between staff and volunteers at all levels in order to create a smooth and efficient operating environment. As the charity's programmes and commitments develop, a formal communications policy and channels is being established to ensure best practice. This will create greater stakeholder ownership and eliminate incidences of miscommunication or inconvenience to staff, volunteers, supporters and beneficiaries.

Risk	Management	Action
Poor results against agreed objectives	Regular reports by the Executive Director to the Trustees, Annual review prior to annual planning process	Executive Director & Trustees
Inadequate revenue funding in the short, medium and long term	Fundraising strategy is being planned	Trustees & Executive Director
Inadequate funds to meet the high demand for support and aid to target groups	Fundraising strategy will be developed to include widening sources of income	Executive Director
Shortage of Human Resources	Funding strategy to include funds for employing paid staff and volunteers	Executive Director



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and aims

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

Financial Review

Reserves policy

The Charity has a reserves policy of £15,000.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The Board of Trustees comprises 6 members, who appoint, appraise and dismiss an Executive Director, who runs the Charity on a daily basis.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are appointed as necessary by the existing trustees

Reference and administrative details

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1115371

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 October 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Abdulkader A. Naib - Chairman / Trustee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eritrea and the Horn of Africa Relief (the 'charity') for the period ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the

- financial statements is not appropriate; or the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Use of our report

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

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


Shareef & Co

Statutory Auditors

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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31 October 2018

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Period	Year Ended 31.3.17 Total funds £
					1.4.17 to 31.12.17 Total funds £	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	372,272	1,489,095	-	1,861,367	1,493,118
Investment income	3	6	-	-	6	-
Total		372,278	1,489,095	-	1,861,373	1,493,118
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	4	168,008	-	-	168,008	110,421
Charitable activities	5	-	1,863,740	-	1,863,740	1,396,323
Grants payable		-	1,863,740	-	1,863,740	1,396,323
Other		3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Total		171,008	1,863,740	-	2,034,748	1,509,744
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)						
		201,270	(374,645)	-	(173,375)	(16,626)
Transfers between funds	13	(374,564)	374,564	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(173,294)	(81)	-	(173,375)	(16,626)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		347,970	1,131	549	349,650	366,276
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		174,676	1,050	549	176,275	349,650

*The notes form part of these financial statements

ERITREA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA RELIEF

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total £	2017 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible assets	11	851	-	-	851		1,134
CURRENT ASSETS							
Cash at bank		180,675	1,050	549	182,274		373,603
CREDITORS							
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,850)	-	-	(6,850)		(25,087)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		173,825	1,050	549	175,424		348,516
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES							
		174,676	1,050	549	176,275		349,650
NET ASSETS		174,676	1,050	549	176,275		349,650
FUNDS							
Unrestricted funds	13				174,676		347,970
Restricted funds					1,050		1,131
Endowment funds					549		549
TOTAL FUNDS					176,275		349,650

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 October 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Abdulkader A. Naib - Chairman / Trustee

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(191,335)</u>	<u>4,108</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>(191,335)</u>	<u>4,108</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(191,329)</u>	<u>4,108</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>373,603</u>	<u>369,495</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>182,274</u>	<u>373,603</u>

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	<u>(173,375)</u>	<u>(16,626)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	283	378
Interest received	(6)	-
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(18,237)</u>	<u>20,356</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(191,335)</u>	<u>4,108</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

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

Allocation and apportionment of costs**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Donations	<u>1,861,367</u>	<u>1,493,118</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Interest receivable - trading	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS**Raising donations and legacies**

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Staff costs	59,912	52,612
Office and venue rents	15,440	5,147
Telephone	1,132	2,141
Marketing & PR	21,048	16,274
Bank and other fees	3,049	5,340
Fees for raising funds	34,498	14,941
Building maintenance	5,357	940
Professional fees	19,435	900
Accounts fees	3,000	2,618
Printing and stationery	2,040	7,110
Travel expenses	2,605	2,020
Insurance	209	-
Depreciation	<u>283</u>	<u>378</u>
	<u>168,008</u>	<u>110,421</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (See note 6) £	Totals £
Grants payable	<u>1,863,740</u>	<u>1,863,740</u>

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Grants payable	<u>1,863,740</u>	<u>1,396,323</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the period was as follows:

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Charitable grants	<u>1,863,740</u>	<u>1,396,323</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Other resources expended	<u>3,000</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2017.

9. STAFF COSTS

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
Wages and salaries	<u>59,912</u>	<u>52,612</u>

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

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17	Year Ended 31.3.17
Full time staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Part time staff	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

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

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	<u>274,333</u>	<u>1,218,785</u>	-	<u>1,493,118</u>
Total	274,333	1,218,785	-	1,493,118
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	<u>110,421</u>	-	-	<u>110,421</u>
Charitable activities				
Grants payable	-	<u>1,396,323</u>	-	<u>1,396,323</u>
Other	<u>3,000</u>	-	-	<u>3,000</u>
Total	113,421	1,396,323	-	1,509,744
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	160,912	(177,538)	-	(16,626)
Transfers between funds	(20,000)	20,000	-	-
Net movement in funds	140,912	(157,538)	-	(16,626)

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	207,058	158,669	549	366,276
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	347,970	1,131	549	349,650
11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
COST				
At 1 April 2017 and 31 December 2017				<u>2,831</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2017				1,697
Charge for year				<u>283</u>
At 31 December 2017				<u>1,980</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2017				<u>851</u>
At 31 March 2017				<u>1,134</u>
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
			2017	2017
			£	£
Taxation and social security			-	7,570
Other creditors			<u>6,850</u>	<u>17,517</u>
			<u>6,850</u>	<u>25,087</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1.4.17	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.17
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	347,970	201,270	(374,564)	174,676
Restricted funds				
Restricted	1,131	(374,645)	374,564	1,050
Endowment funds				
Endowment	549	-	-	549
TOTAL FUNDS	349,650	(173,375)	-	176,275
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:				
		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
		£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund		372,278	(171,008)	201,270
Restricted funds				
Restricted		1,489,095	(1,863,740)	(374,645)
TOTAL FUNDS		1,861,373	(2,034,748)	(173,375)
Comparatives for movement in funds				
	At 1.4.16	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.17
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	207,058	160,912	(20,000)	347,970
Restricted Funds				
Restricted	158,669	(177,538)	20,000	1,131
Endowment funds				
Endowment	549	-	-	549
TOTAL FUNDS	366,276	(16,626)	-	349,650

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	274,333	(113,421)	160,912
Restricted funds			
Restricted	1,218,785	(1,396,323)	(177,538)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,493,118</u>	<u>(1,509,744)</u>	<u>(16,626)</u>

Transfers between funds

The transfer of £374,564 in the year represents work carried out on specific projects in addition to that claimed from donor organisations and arises where additional needs are identified once a project has been commenced but additional donations are not available.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 December 2017.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Period 1.4.17 to 31.12.17 £	Year Ended 31.3.17 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,861,367	1,493,118
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	6	-
Total incoming resources	<u>1,861,373</u>	1,493,118
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	59,912	52,612
Office and venue rents	15,440	5,147
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Printing and stationery	2,040	7,110
Travel expenses	2,605	2,020
Insurance	209	-
Fixtures and fittings	283	378
	<u>168,008</u>	110,421
Charitable activities		
Charitable grants	1,863,740	1,396,323
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	3,000	3,000
Total resources expended	<u>2,034,748</u>	1,509,744
Net expenditure	<u>(173,375)</u>	<u>(16,626)</u>

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The achievements and successes listed in this report would not be possible without the support of individuals and organisations who champion our cause. We therefore extend our appreciation to our many donors whose generosity has enabled us to sustain and build upon our programmes, our dedicated volunteers who give their time and efforts despite their own commitments, and the organisations who have stood by us and continue to support our humanitarian work.

We especially thank the following organisations;



A special thanks to the Sudan Refugee Affairs Commissioner, all religious institutions and Community Centres which supported Ethar Relief.

Last but not least, we acknowledge and thanks our implementing partners in the field, without whom our work would not be possible. We thank the management, volunteers and trustees of Islamic Social and Welfare Organisation (ISWO) in Sudan and Ard Assidiq in Yemen for their cooperation in delivering the programmes on the ground in the most difficult conditions, and for their dedication to our shared mission and goals.





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