

SOUTH SINAI FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 March 2017

Charity Registration Number 1128955

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South Sinai Foundation is a registered charity, whose date of registration was April 1st 2009

Trustees as at 31 March 2017

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OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

For the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively the local Bedouin communities in South Sinai and the surrounding area by:

1. Relief of Poverty
2. The advancement of education.
3. The promotion and protection of good health.
4. Supporting the Charitable work of the Community Foundation for South Sinai.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

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South Sinai Foundation: Report by the Board Chair 2016-17

November 6th 2016 marked the tenth birthday of the Community Foundation for South Sinai, or *mo'assessa-t-alahliya lijanoub sina*, our Sinai-based partner organization whose work we exist to support. Ten years' documented increase in Bedouin civic participation through voting and volunteering, women supported to obtain marital and legal rights, women's education supported as well as children's, men and women given confidence to find jobs and earn their livelihood, traditional pastoral practice supported, medical and welfare support provided, and numerous communities given access to water through improved wells and piping – to name just the most important, the achievements of the *mo'assessa* are worth celebrating. And our work was more necessary than ever in 2016-17, given the complete collapse of tourism coupled with extreme weather events such as unseasonal rains causing devastation to houses, gardens, paths and wells. But there was no party to mark the anniversary - as we have learned to do in recent years, we contented ourselves with keeping our heads down and praying nothing we might do would attract unwelcome attention.

I wrote last year of the challenges of working within a regime that obstructs civil society and looks with disfavour on foreign involvement of any kind. In 2016-17 we had to come to terms with attacks by state forces on innocent disabled people in our region, the blocking of desert wells, the ongoing 4x4 ban and continuing fallout from repressive counter-terrorism measures in the north. For the first time this has seen the arrival in our heartland, St Katherine, of *da'esh* operatives, and a fatal attack on a checkpoint just yards from the Monastery. Last year I noted that it was hard not to get the impression that the authorities would prefer us not to exist. This year that sense has deepened, and it feels as though we walk a tightrope between two hostile extremes. The constant tension takes its toll on our team in Sinai as well as ourselves, and makes it exceptionally hard to raise funds.

However, despite the worrying political situation, our work has again continued and grown, thanks to the dedication and expertise of our team on the ground: Mohammed Khedr our Manager; Halima Khedr, the first and only female law graduate in her tribe, who runs our Women's Outreach Service with her sister-in-law, qualified nurse Jemi'a Fatih. Faraj, our Bedouin honorary trustee and olive oil project co-ordinator, works with Mohammed to support the Haddana, our play and learning centre for deaf and hearing children (now used by 27 families). Mohammed co-ordinates the efforts of a team of almost forty volunteers across the region, working with local representatives to identify priorities in each community, and working tirelessly to identify sources of support for our work from local and Cairo donors. This of course is the essence of community philanthropy, and helps embed the *mo'assessa* as a truly local organization – with or without formal registration – of which local people have a sense of ownership, and to which they feel a strong loyalty. As a result, we have been able to accomplish much this year that would not have been possible with only the limited resources currently available to SSF. Mohammed's effectiveness in his field was further enhanced by a generous grant from the Global Fund for Community Foundations, which allowed him to accompany me to the Global Summit on Community Philanthropy in Johannesburg in December.

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Our principal resource in 2016-17, starting in July, was a grant from the Wellcome Trust to support ongoing research into congenital deafness in the Mzeina tribe. The project has been based in the Haddana in Wadi Marra, and disseminated through the Women's Outreach service. As a result the Haddana has been supported almost throughout the year, along with the rest of our core operation. We hope the results will justify further funding from the Wellcome Trust in future, despite the constraints that have hampered our efforts. We also benefitted from the devaluation in October of the Egyptian pound which meant our funds went further, despite rampant inflation increasing costs.

Attached to this report is a list of all our charitable expenditure in Sinai for 2016-17, including the costs of supporting our team and volunteers. We consider the professional development of young Bedu as role models for others, and enabling the participation of Bedu in civil society, to be major aspects of our direct charitable work. (As usual, UK admin costs were very low, representing just 3.2% of total expenditure, and were covered by Board donations.) We also made a small, interest-free business loan to a woman in Dahab; the first time we have supported someone in the community with the explicit condition of repayment over time. The loan has made a huge difference, since no commercial bank was prepared to lend on manageable terms to a Bedouin woman. Her business – supplying fish to restaurants serving the Nuweiba ferry trade – is now taking off (despite attempts to shut her down for competing with an Egyptian trader), and at the time of writing she has made several repayments. Her success has prevented the eviction of her whole family from their home for rent default following the death of their breadwinner. We intend to hold the repaid funds locally and use them for further loans in future.

Some of our grants and projects, like the one above, help individual families but may result, through job creation, in wider community benefit. In others, our help for an individual family leverages support from local donors, making smaller contributions collectively worth making. Thus two more families avoided eviction for rent arrears, one in el Tur due to the father's being paralyzed in an accident at work with no redress, the other a widow in Nuweiba whose fisherman son had been lost at sea. Meanwhile, our ongoing projects continue to help hundreds of people sustainably, and with very little financial input: the livestock bank, the women's chicken co-op, the olive oil project, the deaf-managed herd and the community olive press and drill all support family livelihoods by contributing practical resources or sparing expenditure.

Perhaps best of all is the Outreach Service's encouragement of young women to pursue their education and find jobs. In August 2016 the Government announced with two weeks' notice that no child would be allowed to go to school in September without a uniform – an impossible demand for desert children. We ensured boys and girls from 70 of the poorest affected families could start or continue their education. One of the year's proudest moments was to see a photograph of seven young Bedouin women graduating with degrees or diplomas in Suez, paid for by their mothers with the proceeds from start-up projects we had funded. We continue to provide advice, funding and support as well as safe space for girls who want to study.

As I write we are drawing towards the end of another year yet more challenging than the last. Yet - *al hamdulillah!* - we have continued to support the development of the disregarded people of South Sinai. God willing we shall continue to meet the challenges of fundraising and enable our brilliant team to keep up their great work in the coming year and well beyond. To all those who have helped us do that this year, our warmest and most grateful thanks.

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RESERVES

The Foundation aims to build up reserves to cover 3 months operating costs in the event of a drop in income. Any remaining reserves held are to cover unforeseen grantmaking costs. Reserves held as at March 31st 2017 were £3,992.

STATUS AND ADMINISTRATION

Governing document

South Sinai Foundation is a registered charity. The charity's governing document is the constitution which was approved on 28th February 2009. The charity's registered office is, St. Katherine's Cottage , Back Lane, Ingoldsby, Grantham

Induction and training of trustees

The Charity undertakes, when the need arises, a skills audit to determine the requirements of the trustee body. If a skill shortage is identified, approaches are made to specific people identified as having these skills

Risk management policy

The trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The charity has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity in the future, insofar as circumstances permit.

Independent Examiner

Mark Newey of Derby Community Accountancy Service and will be in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees



H. Gilbert, Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Sinai Foundation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date *24/1/2018*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31st 2017

2016			Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2017
Total			£	£	Total
£			£	£	£
10329	Opening Balances		4338	0	4338
	Receipts				
10732	Grants	note 1	9381	0	9381
12478	Donations and Fundraising		15992	0	15992
26	Sundry		142	0	142
3	Interest		1	0	1
23238			25516	0	25516
	Payments				
28036	Direct Charitable costs		24747	0	24747
1193	Costs of managing the Charity	note 2	1116	0	1116
29229			25863	0	25863
-5991	Surplus/(Deficit) for year		-346	0	-346
4338	Closing Balances		3992	0	3992

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT MARCH 31st 2017

2016		2017
£		£
4338	Balance at Bank	3992
	Less Creditors	
0	Grants received in advance	0
<u>4338</u>	Net Assets	<u>3992</u>

N. Dobby
Treasurer

24.01.2018
Date

Alan Bryant
Chair

24.01.18
Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

MARCH 31st 2017

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Note 1

Grants	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Wellcome Trust	9381	0	9381	0
Seeds for Justice	0	0	0	1359
University of Nottingham	0	0	0	460
Leverhulme Trust	0	0	0	7293
Lush Cosmetics	0	0	0	1620
	9381	0	9381	10732

Note 2

Costs of managing the Charity	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£
Bank charges	534	493
Management costs	262	450
Accountancy charges	320	250
	1116	1193