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# GREEN KORDOFAN



## ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020



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## Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 March 2020

To follow is the annual report and financial statements presented by the Trustees of Green Kordofan. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act, Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and with the financial reporting standards applicable in the U.K. and Ireland.

### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Green Kordofan
Charity registration number	1164386
Principal Address	Flat 5, 57 Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1DF

#### Director, Patron and Board of Trustees

Director and founder	Raga Gibreel
Patron	Olivia Warham, OBE
Board of Trustees	Omema Dain Peter Keenan Tom Law Sonja Miley Nagwa Shagga Jane Champion Aida Silvestri Abena Akuffo-Kelly

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## Structure, governance & management

Green Kordofan is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is controlled by its governing document/constitution. Its only voting members are the Trustees.

### Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of Trustees

The existing Trustees are responsible for recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. In selecting new Trustees our aim is to identify individuals who have knowledge of the situation in South Sudan and the region, who support our aims and objectives and who are willing to attend community/fundraising events as well as attend Trustee meetings. In the first instance potential Trustees are invited to attend events and meetings as observers so existing Trustees can assess their suitability and commitment. New Trustees are given copies of the constitution and relevant charity commission publications and are instructed in the responsibilities of their position. They also attend a training session with Green Kordofan's Director and founder to ensure they have a full understanding of the work of the organisation.

### Risk Management

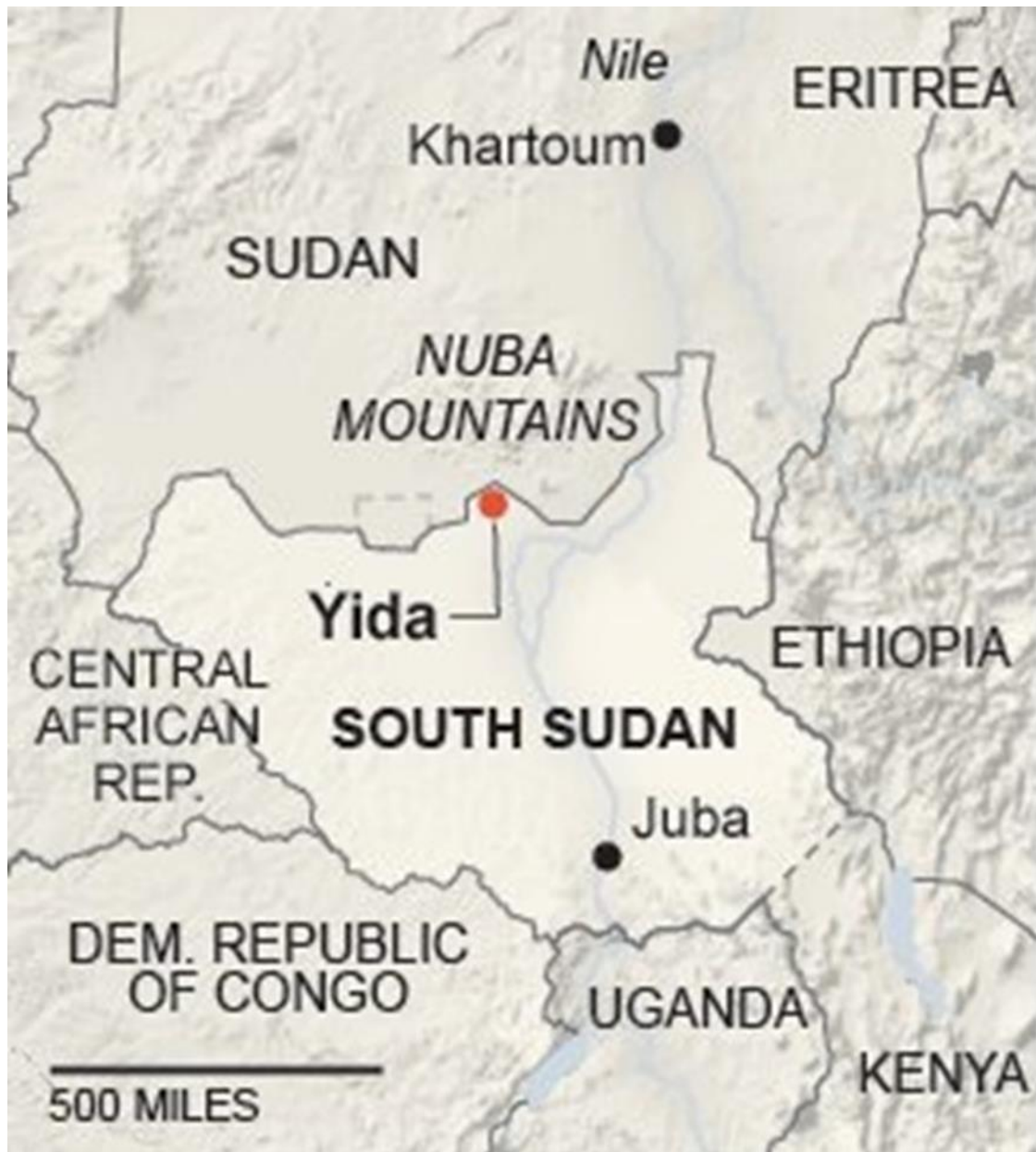
The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, the nature of those risks and the measures taken to manage them. These include governance risks, operational risks, financial risks, external risks and compliance with laws and regulations.

## Objectives

The purpose of Green Kordofan is to promote the wellbeing of young people through sport; to meet the needs of children and young people who have been displaced by conflict through:

- (a) the provision of healthy recreational activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life.
- (b) the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

The welfare of children is paramount regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity. Each child has the right to equal protection and the right to freedom from any harm or abuse. We work with parents, guardians, NGOs and government agencies to maintain child welfare.



Project location in Yida refugee camp, South Sudan

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## **Volunteer contributions**

Volunteers are an important resource in both our fundraising and community work and collectively contribute an average of 40 hours per month. Most of our work is carried out by volunteers - whether it is help with day to day work, administration, transporting goods, packaging, or participating at events our volunteers have been wonderful. Green Kordofan appreciate all the contribution of the Folkestone artists, local advocates, the Town Mayor of Folkestone, Ray Johnson the Director of Folkestone Rotary Club, East Kent College, St Peter's school in Folkestone and all our wonderful runners, cheering friends and sponsors

## **Public benefit**

The charity has given consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the public benefit requirement under the Charity Act 2011 and believe we meet this requirement through our work in South Sudan and our awareness raising and fundraising activities in the U.K. The Trustees believe that the activities outlined below provide benefit to the residents of Yida camp in South Sudan and also to communities throughout the U.K.

## **Overview**

This year significant events such as floods in South Sudan have adversely impacted the lives of the people we help and drained already limited local resources, leaving many vulnerable to illness and food shortages. Green Kordofan (GK) staff have noticed that there has been a decrease in food and other humanitarian assistance to refugees in Yida Camp by WFP and UNHCR. This continues the trend observed by Sonja Miley, a Trustee who visited the camp in December 2018 to meet with GK staff and observe the work of the charity in person.

The intention behind the reduction in humanitarian assistance is to encourage refugees to leave Yida and go either to another camp or to return to South Kordofan. However, most refugees believe it is unsafe to return to the Nuba Mountains and don't want to move to other camps. Whilst Yida has not been subject to inter-factional conflict, some of the alternative camps flagged by UNHCR have had recent violent incidents. Over 46,000 people remain in Yida and the need for GK services is higher than ever.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has increased the already existing difficulties for both refugees and the host community. GK is collaborating with the Yida Camp Manager, Mubarak Boils Tutu, and with other agencies operating in Yida Camp such as Care and JamJam community radio to raise awareness and support people in the best possible way as they face these new challenges in addition to the existing ones. Mubarek attended talks, open days, and activities arranged by GK and others to educate the community in the prevention and symptoms of COVID-19. He was impressed and wanted to replicate the initiative elsewhere. Although GK's staff had to reset his expectations in the light of our available resources, it is very good news that the charity is on the radar.

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The GK compound where David 'Abdigan' our senior coach co-ordinator lives, is a space the local government allocated to GK. It is not fenced off but is recognisable by the rocks which spell out Mark Warham's name on the ground outside the compound, a posthumous tribute to a valued donor and friend.

## **Activities and achievements**

### **Activities in South Sudan**

The charity has continued to deliver sporting activities to children under 18 years of age free of charge in Yida camp and also arranges cultural and educational programmes. Currently we have over 800 children playing in 30 teams, attending training 3 times a week and playing in friendly competitions. We provide all equipment required for each sport, appropriate clothing, coaching, first aid and refreshments. However, our project is about more than sport; it provides discipline and structure for at-risk youth who lack positive life opportunities. The sporting activities have brought together the community. It is refreshing to see men and women of all ages watching the children in safety with the neighbours.

Each sports coach has been provided with a bag containing equipment including a mobile phone and a folding solar panel to generate energy for them. RG has provided remote training to David and Al Hadi on how to keep the equipment safe.

We have increased the number of activities this year, including a mobile cinema and cycling. Thanks to the Souter Charitable Trust, in 2018 Green Kordofan was able to clothe 1000 children and transport 14 bicycles to Yida and teach over 65 young girls to cycle.

We have also delivered information about health and environmental issues including providing essential information about COVID-19.

RG has also provided David and Al Hadi with training on the following health and safety issues: -

- 1- the identification of vulnerable people
- 2- how to make an assessment
- 3- how to refer vulnerable people to the right agency.

They have passed on this knowledge to local staff and volunteers, 50 of whom have now completed this training.

Our organisation also, benefited from South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF) which allowed two members of our staff to receive training aimed at Strengthening Community Communication and Engagement (CCE) in South Sudan. The training was held at the Jamjang FM compound in Ajoung Thok camp, see photo below.





## Impact

Here are some of stories of young people who are benefiting from our work in Yida.

Katcha, not her real name is 18 years old. She was born in Khartoum in a displacement camp and lived there in relative peace until she was 10. Since then her life has been unsettled and she's had to move from one place to another. She was forced out of the camp and made to return to Nuba, the family's original home, a place she did not know. Worse still, in June 2011 war broke out. Her father was killed, and the family had to flee to South Sudan.

She is determined to persevere; she's ambitious and hungry to learn. However, at times she says she feels like giving up. Katcha's one outlet is playing volleyball. When she is playing, she can forget her worries. She joined Green Kordofan in 2014. She is Captain of the Nuba Girls team and her sister Kuti is a coach.

Kuko, not his real name lives in Yida refugee camp. He is from the Nuba Mountains. After a bomb fell on him, his arm had to be amputated. The people he was with in the Nuba mountains ran for cover under a tree and Kuko woke up in the hospital. Kuko like many children from Sudan has been displaced. He joined Green Kordofan in 2017 and it has made a big difference to his life. He loves playing football and wants to be like Messi."

You can read more stories about our impact at [www.greenkordofan.com](http://www.greenkordofan.com)



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## Activities in the U.K. – Raising funds and awareness

Our aim is to continue strengthening existing alliances and create new ones in Kent and throughout the U.K. through sports, arts and community events.

Since Sept 2019 Director Raga Gibreel (RG) has given two interviews for BBC Radio Kent, featured twice in the East Kent Mercury newspaper and in the Refugee Tales newsletter of January 2020. She has also spoken at Refugee Tales events in East Hoathly, Deal and London.

Green Kordofan (GK) was been mentioned in the local media, by the Mayor of Folkestone, Jacqui Meade in her 2019 speech for International Peace Day and by Folkestone & Hythe MP Damian Collins.

GK benefitted from the two Folkestone-based annual runs organised by Folkestone Rotary and sponsored by local businesses. The events helped to raise the charity profile and generate funds. In the Folkestone 10K on 26/05/19 GK had six participants - Camille, Rashid, Adam, Rosie, Beth and Asmerom. The total raised online was £693. Thank you to all the participants.



*Our Fantastic supporters Karen Ibrahim & Shabs Ibrahim during the Folkestone 10K run in 2019*

**05/07/19 to 10/07/19** Raga's Refugee Tales walk from Brighton to Hastings between Friday 5 July to Wednesday 10 July 2019 was a successful fundraiser. She was joined by Trustee Sonja Miley on the last two days who brought fun and energy to the event. The total raised was an impressive £780.



*Raga, Mohammed and Sonja sharing a walk and talk experience with Refugee Tales (July 2019)*

**27/09/19** Asme and Rashid participated in the Folkestone Half Marathon. They finished in an impressive 1 hour 50 and 1 hour 48 minutes respectively in cold and wet weather. Thank you to Asme and Rashid who raised £285 for GK. A local community café in Folkestone offered free hot meals. Friends from Refugee Tales including Osman and Celia travelled long distances to cheer on the runners. Another friend from Refugee Tales donated the funds for a motorcycle that is now being used by GK workers in Yida camp. We greatly appreciate the fantastic efforts of all the race organisers and sponsors. We particularly like to mention here, Mr. Ray Johnson and Rotary Club of Folkestone for all their assistance and support for the charity.

**21/09/19** there was a Peace Party at the Sunflower House in Folkestone to raise funds for GK.  
Performers:

Carol Grimes, British jazz & rock singer

Dianne Dunn, Folkestone folk & blues singer, and acoustic guitarist

Shab Ibrahim, stand-up comedian

Anthony White and Dave James Horn from Folkestone Poets' Corner.

Thanks to all the performers who generously gave their time.



*Carole Grimes, Sunflower house, Sept 2019*

**05/10/19** RG was interviewed by Sarah Hages on the Saturday Folkestone Status Show in association with the Church & Dwight Ideas Factory. It was broadcast at Academy FM's 'Folkestone on 105.9FM, [www.academyfmfolkestone.com](http://www.academyfmfolkestone.com), #Folkestone #community #radio RG spoke about how sport is helping young people in a refugee camp in South Sudan, and why two young men decided to support the Charity by taking part in the Folkestone Half Marathon: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/asmeandrashidrun29septmber2019>







*Asme and Rashid after their half marathon run, September 2019*



*Celebrating achievement with our community, September 2019*

RG was invited to the Folkestone Living Advent Calendar in December 2019 where collections were made on behalf of GK.



*Celia Stubb delivering a splendid talk about GK charity (July 2019, at Eastbourne).*

In **October 2019** RG participated in long walks in Shelford, Cambridge and in Surrey. Then in January, a London walk. All the walks raised the profile of GK.

**28/11/19**, RG organised a Children's Art exhibition at the Chocolate Café in Folkestone. The drawings were exhibited and there was an evening of music and poetry.

**29/11/19 to 01/12/19** there was a joint Art Exhibition with a local artist at Folkestone Brewery Tap. Poems written by local poets in response to the children's drawings will be collated into a booklet.

**27/01/20** RG spoke at the annual public event run by Deal Town Council to commemorate the Holocaust at which we had a GK Yida display.

We are grateful for the brilliant support of Deal County Council who used Holocaust memorial day to raise awareness about the work of Green Kordofan. In particular I would like to thank all attendees, The Mayor of Deal, Eileen Rowbotham, Ms Joanne Harper and Ms Lorna Crow for their incredible efforts to raise awareness, our friend Kay Sharp for her moving speech at the event, and our friends Steve Bishop and Audrey Green Oakes for their stalwart support.

**28/01/20** RG spoke on the Dominic King show on Radio Kent about the plight of young people being displaced by war.

**07/03/20**, International Women's Day, RG spoke at the Women's Forum and the local United Nation's (UN) Group in Dover.



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All the above events and publicity have resulted in generous donations from the general public.

### **Students at American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), London**

In the spring term fundraising activities raised a total of £420.70 for Green Kordofan Charity; a bake sale raised £130, a karaoke raised £50 and a raffle made £90 which the Director of the institution doubled to £180. Students donated £60.70 in change. We are moved by the students' passion and enthusiasm and grateful for their ongoing support.



*Above AIFS Staff and the fundraising team led by Ailsa Brookes*



*Our girls celebrating their new shoes*



In June 2019 Halfords gave the charity a 25% reduction on 10 new bicycles. Our thanks go to Stephen and Sam for delivering them to our storage place. Sam even wore his uniform despite the fact it was his day off, customer service at its best!

Our thanks also go to the staff, parents and pupils of Downlands Community School in West Sussex for bicycles donated to GK which are then either offered to Halfords in exchange for a reduction in price of new bicycles or, are in such condition that they are sent directly to Yida refugee camp.

## Financial Review

### Statement of accounts from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

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Income items	£		Expenditure	£	
	2019-20	2018-19		2019-20	2018-19
Voluntary	£19,091.80	£11,048.61	Transactions fees	£1,169.36	£461.99
Charitable Grants etc.	£0.00	£2,555.00	Charitable activities	£8,530.91	£7,294.64
Donations of Goods for S Sudan	£5,550.00		Donated Goods sent to S Sudan	£5,550.00	
Other	£380.81	£653.37	Charity running costs	£2,944.07	£1,700.61
Expenses Paid and not claimed	£956.07	£824.43	Wages and other costs for S Sudan emp	£9,476.56	£4,610.15
Sales of Donated Goods	£450.00	£484.94	Purchase of T shirts	£476.98	
Sale of T Shirts	£550.00				
Total income	£26,978.68	£15,566.35	Total expenditure	£28,147.88	£14,067.39
Total income	£26,978.68	£15,566.35	Opening Balance	£2,060.51	£561.55
Total expenditure	£28,147.88	£14,067.39	This year's Surplus/(Deficit)	-£1,169.20	£1,498.96
NET INCOME BALANCE	-£1,169.20	£1,498.96	Closing Balance	£891.31	£2,060.51
			Made up of:	31/03/2020	31/03/2019
			Bank Balance	£852.47	£2,012.49
			Cash in hand Balance	£0.00	
			Paypal balance	£38.84	£48.02
			Closing Balance	£891.31	£2,060.51

I have examined the records of Green Kordofan and I have found these accounts to be a true and fair statement of the transactions of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2020

S J STOKES ACMA *S-J Stokes*  
2/8/20

## Donated Goods

Date	Donor		Item	Value
15/05/2019	Crystal Palace FC		Football Kit- 22 Boxes 35 kits/box- £5/kit	£3,850
01/06/2019	Halfords		25% discount on bicycles	£150
31/07/2019	Leon Donnelly		Solar panels	£1,000
09/10/2019	Bob Holt		Volleyball tent	£100
10/03/2020	Sales of Donated goods- including donated Guitars by Leon Donnelly		4xGuitars & other small items sales such as Jewelleries	£450
		<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,550</b>

## Notes to Financial Statement

This year's accounts show a total income of almost £27,000 – an increase of almost £12,000 versus 2018/19. This is primarily due to the extensive outreach and fundraising efforts outlined in this report including great success in our appeal for goods to send to Yida. £1332.48 was raised from Gift Aid.

We are grateful for all our generous donors who have supported us despite all the significant challenges that presented themselves in 2019 and beyond, including HMS Host Eurotunnel Café who had a collection box for Green Kordofan and raised over £563.54 last year.

We sold Green Kordofan T-shirts this year which raised revenue and also increased the visibility of the charity when worn at events.

Expenditure also increased this year, primarily due to an increase in wages and other costs for employees in South Sudan. As outlined in the Overview section, this has been a challenging year in Yida. The floods, reduction in humanitarian assistance and outbreaks of disease have led to increased demand for our services. To meet this demand, we have increased the number of staff on the ground in Yida and also provided a more equitable salary for key employees. They are crucial to the success of our operations and we want to reward them adequately for their extra work and increased hours.

## Challenges and next steps

Health issues and medical concerns in the camp are ongoing; diseases such as yellow fever, malaria, and fevers are prevalent. David, our Senior Coach/Coordinator in Yida, had yellow fever in 2019 but thankfully recovered although his system has been weakened. We want to continue our work in educating residents in Yida on the issue of disease prevention as well as focusing on health and physical fitness through our sports programmes. This year we are particularly focused on providing information on COVID-19.

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A particular focus for GK concern girls' health and wellbeing and whether these issues might be highlighted in future fundraising applications. It was agreed that these gender issues should be discussed at future Trustees meetings.

We have identified a need to build up reserves so that we are better prepared to respond to emergency situations such as the recent floods and also to provide a greater sense of security and continuity. The Trustees are also keen to reach a stage where the Director receives a salary to compensate her for the incredible amount of time and effort dedicated to the needs of those in Yida. Our fundraising efforts have been very successful this year and the profile and visibility of the charity continues to increase. We hope to build on this success in the year ahead and move on to achieve a surplus in 2020/21.

