

**AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended**  
**31 MARCH 2020**

## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

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### CHARITY INFORMATION

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<b>Management Committee:</b>	Margaret Akullo Christine Atim Hadijah Kitembo Jackie Kipwola Lilian Olanya Charles Kyazze	Chair Treasurer Member Member Member Member
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## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

African Women's care is governed by its committee who meets regularly to manage its affairs. The charity employs paid staff and uses paid consultants for specific projects. It relies heavily on committee and volunteers for its day to day activities. AWC applies for funding of projects through applications to Trusts, Local Government, Central Government and other funding bodies. Most of our projects are funded for 1 - 3 years and are monitored through regular monitoring visits from the funders and quarterly project reports.

#### **Statement of Committee's Responsibilities**

The law requires the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently;
- make judgment and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts:  
and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The committee have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any given time the financial position of the charity and to enable them ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Risk Management**

The risk to which the charity is exposed is reviewed regularly by its committee. At every committee meeting, the agenda would include among others, health and safety risk and compliance and, financial risk. The committee is certified that appropriate steps have been taken to identify and manage major risk to which the charity is exposed.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal objectives and activities of the charity are:

- a) To advance education;
- b) To preserve and protect public health;
- c) To relieve poverty and suffering of women, girls and, families who are refugees especially those of African origin.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT cont'ed**

#### **Chairperson's Report**

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The Coordinator and the Management Committee of the African Women's Care (AWC) would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to all the funders and partner organisations who have contributed to the success enjoyed by our organisation during the period reviewed in this report.

The period 2019 to 2020 brought with it more challenges situation for our service users and the team behind our work. In the year we experienced lost in funding as our main contract came to an end, as well as our other small grants, despite growth in needs from our service users. It's with so much pride, that I as chair continues to applaud the endless efforts and dedication from our staff and volunteers who selflessly continued providing the needed support to our client group regardless of being paid salaries. AWC's continues its quest to establish itself as a leading player in the African community. We have seen tremendously increased in the numbers of people accessing AWC services through our outreach work and client drop in visits and we are hoping that funders will listen to our plea and continues support us too.

The programmes we have undertaken during the period under review includes the Domestic Violence project and the Health and wellbeing project described in greater detail in this report.

The organisation is currently working towards consolidating its presence among the diverse African communities and expand to fill other gaps that may exist in service provision to ensure that members of our target community have full access to all vital services.

The high quality of service delivered by AWC has ensured that we have been able to forge strong links with both mainstream services and the people who use our services. We will strive to ensure that these high standards are maintained.

  
Margaret Akullo  
Chairperson



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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT cont'ed**

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#### **Our achievements this year:**

##### **GRENFELL COMMUNITY RESPONSE:**

AWC continues providing support to families affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The links formed with affected families remains very strong as our team of volunteers continues to provide therapeutic and emotional support to families in their new settlements.

##### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ADVOCACY SUPPORT:**

AWC continues being one of specialist BME organisation working in the field of domestic abuse and part of the nine specialist organisation known as Angelou which works to deliver the spectrum of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services in the boroughs of Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham and Westminster. Within this partnership AWC plays a unique role in delivering specialist support to BME women affected by domestic violence (DV) including delivering support to women affected by the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Our services provide safety planning, advocacy, advice, information and practical guidance to BME women ensuring that women are able to make informed choices about their future and safely exit from being exploited. All our support is non-judgemental, delivered through one to one intensive casework in a safe confidential environment. This year we supported 201 women and their children.

##### **NRPF - NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS:**

AWC continues to provide support to BME women facing domestic abuse with no recourse to public funds. We accept referrals from voluntary, community and statutory agencies. This year we had very high numbers of referral amounting to 65% in our case work supported with limited resources. Our services remain dedicated and commitment supporting destitute women and their children living in the UK.

##### **VOLUNTEERING:**

AWC relies heavily upon the contribution of volunteers to deliver their much-demanded services. The principle of volunteering inherits in the organisation's commitment to facilitate integration of African refugee and asylum seekers. Volunteers take responsibilities for varied tasks relating to the work of the organisation. AWC's ethos and sense of purpose are rooted in the education of women to their rights in order to increase their contribution to the wider community by using their talents. Volunteers help with general office administration duties, practical accompany clients to various services, interpretation work and including providing home visits for the elderly and those living with

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT cont'd

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#### Financial Review

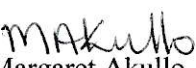
During the year, AWC received incoming resources of £48,286 (2019: £57,204) and had outgoing resources of £52,070 (2018: £60,751) in delivering its objectives as well as for management and administration of the charity.

#### Reserve Policy

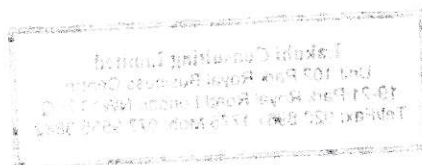
One of the financial objectives of AWC is to build up reserves. It is therefore seeking to establish a level of reserves that would allow it to increase its activities as well as to enable it to maintain long-term viability.

#### Thank you all

I would not like to forget our supporters; all our achievements would not have been possible without the consistency and generous grant and donations from our funders. May I also take this opportunity to thank members of our team, management committee, staffs and volunteers for their enthusiasm and passion, often beyond the call of duty 'in ensuring that the work adheres to the highest standard.

  
Margaret Akullo  
Chair

15th December 2020



## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.**

As the charity's Trustees' you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply.

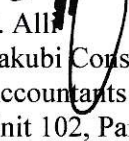
It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Direction of the Charity Commissioner under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustee' concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act: and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirement of the Act, have not been met; or 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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# AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grant	5.	-	30,659	30,659	56,704
Other Income		<u>17,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,627</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Incoming Resources		17,627	30,659	48,286	57,204
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Cost of generating voluntary income	2.	141	-	141	104
Charitable Activities	2.	15,556	35,873	51,429	59,922
Governance Costs	2.	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>725</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>16,197</u>	<u>35,873</u>	<u>52,070</u>	<u>60,751</u>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year</b>					
		1,430	(5,214)	(3,784)	(3,547)
Movement of Funds		-	-	-	-
Balances b/f at 1 April 2018		-	5,635	5,635	9,182
Balances c/f at 31 March 2019		<u>1,430</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>1,851</u>	<u>5,635</u>

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	3.	477	1,429
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors		2,822	4,823
Cash at Bank & in Hand		552	3,430
		<u>3,374</u>	<u>8,253</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amount falling due within one year		2,000	500
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		1,374	7,753
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>1,851</u>	<u>9,182</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		421	9,182
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<u>1,430</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,851</u>	<u>9,182</u>

### Director's Statements

The Trustees considers that the organisation is entitled to audit exemption under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibility for ensuring that the organisation keeps accounting records which comply with the provisions of the Charities Act 1993, and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation at 31 March, 2017 and of its results for the period then ended.

  
Margaret Akullo  
Chair

15th December 2020

## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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#### **1. Accounting Policies**

- a) The financial statements are prepared under the historical costs convention and with the Charities Act 1993 and related regulations.
- b) Depreciation is provided on straight line basis over estimated useful life of the assets which is four years.
- c) These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities (SORP 2005 updated 2008) and applicable accounting standards.
- d) Voluntary income received by way of donations is included in full in the account when they are receivable
- e) Grants are recognised in full in the accounts in the year in which they are receivable
- f) Funds received for specific purpose are funds restricted for use for that purpose. These funds are shown separately in the accounts.
- g) Costs of generating funds are cost associated with attracting voluntary income.
- h) Charitable expenditure are those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and these costs includes direct support costs.
- I) Governance costs include those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory obligations.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 2. Resources Expended

Cost of generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Publicity & related costs	39	-	39	19
Volunteer Expenses	102	-	102	85
sub-total	141	-	141	104
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Volunteer Expenses	-	1,447	1,447	2,737
Sessional Work	5,110	14,000	19,110	22,959
Workshops, Welfare, Events & Training	3,890	-	3,890	3,810
Consultancy	950	-	950	670
Rent	2,761	2,760	5,521	5,521
Salary & Wages	-	13,870	13,870	13,870
Telephone, Fax & Internet	523	851	1,374	1,575
Subscriptions	-	314	314	629
Information Resources	2,322	-	2,322	3,832
Print, Postage & Stationery	-	424	424	930
Publicity	-	442	442	611
Travel	-	301	301	675
Repairs & Maintenance	-	146	146	346
Bank Charges	-	261	261	434
Insurance	-	513	513	675
Sundry Expenses	-	68	68	172
Depreciation	-	476	476	476
sub-total	15,556	35,873	51,429	59,922
<b>Governance</b>				
Management Committee meeting	-	-	-	225
Independent Examination Fee	500	-	500	500
sub-total	500	-	500	725
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	16,197	35,873	52,070	60,751

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	Total
Costs	£	£
At 1 April 2019	11,990	11,990
Additions in Year	-	-
At 31 March 2020	11,990	11,990
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2019	11,037	11,037
Charge for the Year	476	476
At 31 March 2020	11,513	11,513
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2020	477	477
At 31 March 2019	953	953

#### 4. (Deficit)/Surplus for the year

	2020	2019
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of Tangible fixed Assets	476	476

#### 5. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Big Lottery	-	-	-	26,440
RBK&C Public Health (Dalgano Trust)	-	-	-	3,985
Tri-Borough VAWG Partnership	-	30,659	30,659	26,279
Other Income	17,627	-	17,627	500
Total	17,627	30,659	48,286	57,204



