



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Beyond Conflict

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1176499

**Charity's principal address**

C/O RDC, HOWARD KENNEDY,

NO 1 LONDON BRIDGE

LONDON

**Postcode**

SE1 9BG

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Edna Fernandes	Trustee (Co-Founder)	Whole Year	
2	Edmund Newell	Trustee (Chair)	Whole Year	
3	Martin Parsons	Trustee (Co-Founder)	Whole Year	
4	John Tress	Trustee (Financial Trustee)	Whole Year	
5	Kishan Manocha	Trustee	Whole Year	
6	Gillian Dare	Trustee	Whole Year	
7	Abda Mahmood	Trustee	10 March 2020 - Year End	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	Luke Tomkins	
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Robert Craig	Howard Kennedy, 1 London Bridge, SE1 9BG

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B management

## Structure, governance and

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Through personal networks and by consensus agreement among existing members of the Board.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- ☐ relationship with any related parties;

All Trustees are given a copy of the Charity Commission's Guidance on the role and responsibilities of charities and asked to sign a declaration that they have read these and will comply with them. We have not implemented any formal training procedures for new trustees. Trustees are only invited to join the board if they are seen to be sufficiently experienced and have approval of all of the existing board members. Trustees are also reminded of key definitions such as the definition of public benefit and their role as trustees on a regular basis.

As a small charity we work with a number of individuals and organisations to assist us in delivering our work. These include advisors such as legal counsel, mental health experts and media experts. People taking up advisory positions are also subject to board approval before we begin working with them.

□ trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We do not have any related parties outside of those established through the performance of our work and do not currently have any related parties with which we had a pre-existing relationship.

As an organisation we consider our key risk areas to be the safety of the volunteers working on the ground and the risks associated with working abroad, especially in relation to the possibility of unintentional terrorist financing. We have taken several steps to mitigate these risks. For example, due to the appearance of Covid-19 in early 2020, we moved to an online training platform for a project helping frontline workers in Cox's Bazaar refugee camp in Bangladesh. We also delayed sending a team to Iraq due to serious destabilisation in the country and then the outbreak of the pandemic. These measures were implemented to ensure that the people working to deliver our projects on the ground are able to carry out work safely and with minimal risk to their health.

In order to reduce the risk of working abroad we have implemented several safeguards. These include partnering with trusted organisations that already have a presence and experience working on the ground in the countries we are working in. We have also asked several of the trustees to attend regularly a Webinar by the Charities Commission on "Risks and Requirements when operating in cash internationally" to improve our knowledge around the risks and things to look out for when paying for projects in foreign countries.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1) THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AMONG ADULTS AND CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA IN ZONES OF DISPLACEMENT AND CONFLICT, STARTING WITH PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH AND IRAQ. THE CHARITY DOES THIS BY THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS, DELIVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXPERTS ON THE GROUND.

2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRAINING FRONTLINE WORKERS IN POST CONFLICT ZONES/REFUGEE CAMPS. TO HELP FRONTLINE WORKERS GAIN KNOWLEDGE TO SUPPORT THEIR WORK HELPING VULNERABLE REFUGEES/CIVILIANS SUFFERING FROM POST CONFLICT/DISPLACEMENT TRAUMA.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In the year 2020 we have continued to focus on our key objectives as set out above. The specifics of the work are outlined in more detail in Section D below. We have prepared plans to enter Iraq to activate a project with our partners in the country but are still waiting for the situation on the ground to become safe as a result of continued high prevalence of the pandemic and a continued unstable security situation.

In autumn 2020, we started a pilot project in Bangladesh to support frontline workers from 7 local Bangladeshi NGOs working with the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, the world's largest refugee camp. This project was focused on 3 aspects, which have been achieved:

- 1) Providing online mental health training/support for frontline workers in regular sessions led by a leading mental health expert and partners. These local experts have collaborated with BC on this project.
- 2) Establishing a 24 hour mental health support hotline for frontline workers in the camp to support their own well being amidst difficult circumstances, including dealing with the pandemic on top of the refugees' mental health issues.
- 3) Establish a referral pathway, whereby trainee frontline workers can help refugees suffering from mental health problems to access officially accredited psychiatric and mental health support within the camp, in a Covid 19-compliant way.

This project has been delivered by our partner Global Development Consortium based in Bangladesh.

We have ensured that all trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

The charity works in collaboration with other organisations led by mental health and aid experts in the host country.

A number of volunteers assist the Trustees through pro bono work: legal counsel, mental health advisors, media and fundraising experts.

In Iraq, once the security/pandemic situation improves and travel is permitted again, we are ready to send a team of mental health experts to Najaf, southern Iraq, to work with our local partner, the respected UK registered Al Khoei Foundation, to provide training to four local Iraqi charities on how to provide basic mental health support to widows and orphans under their care who were victims of terrorism. The local charities signed up to take part in the training include AKF's own Al Kawthar widows and orphans charity.

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Covid-19 has made this a difficult year for everyone, especially within the charity sector. This year has had plenty of challenges from fundraising to project implementation. Despite this however Beyond Conflict has still managed to start a project in Bangladesh under safe conditions in the pandemic, to expand our network and continue to improve our knowledge.

Our key development in the year was the roll out of our pilot project in Bangladesh, providing free mental health support and training to frontline aid workers serving the Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazaar, the world's largest refugee camp housing more than 1 million refugees, fifty per cent of which are children.

We are collaborating with an expert local partner, Global Development Consortium, led by a former UNHCR Country Director for Bangladesh and a leading British Bangladeshi psychiatrist, with three decades of experience in trauma counselling and training.

GDC has prior experience of offering mental health training in Cox's Bazaar and has trained more than 3,000 people under past programmes with other international charities. GDC is well respected and has all the necessary accreditation to operate in the camp.

The pilot project involved the following key areas;

- 1) Mental health support training for frontline workers from 7 local NGOs operating in the camp. The training has taken place online to comply with pandemic social distancing rules.
- 2) Set up a 24 hour mental health support telephone hotline for the trainees
- 3) Set up a referral pathway for NGO workers to refer refugee clients needing urgent mental health help to an accredited psychiatrist in the camp.

This project was well received. We have drawn feedback via questionnaires to all trainees and the charity is in the final stages of preparing to publish an impact report with GDC on the outcome. We aim to use this impact report to prepare our next phase for the project in Bangladesh and to raise the requisite funding.

Additionally, we have maintained our relationship with the Al Khoei Foundation in Iraq. A solid plan remains place for a pilot project in Najaf once the situation in Iraq has stabilised post-Covid.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

At year end the Charity held £7,300 in reserves. This cash will be used for upcoming projects in the year and we will continue to actively fundraise. However we do not routinely hold any reserves for specific purposes other than to fund future projects.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- ☐ the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- ☐ investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We are primarily funded through donations from the UK Public, however we are hoping to start looking for corporate sponsorship in the near future.

We have spent £5,825 on projects in the year. This was spent on the pilot project working with the Rohingya refugees. We have had initial feedback on the outcome of this project and this seems to suggest that the majority of those involved in the training and those who had access to the support helpline have found it to be very useful and would like to continue to receive this support. The telephone hotline has helped deal with many mental health issues from the frontline workers, allowing them to receive urgent and timely advice from a psychiatrist. The referral pathway referred a number of people to specialist advice, including one young man who was helped after having tried to commit suicide twice.

We remain convinced that this work is urgent and necessary and must be built on.

**Section F Other optional information****Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Edna Fernandes	John Tress
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Edna Fernandes	John Tress
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	03/09/2021	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Beyond Conflict

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2020		12/31/2020

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations and Legacies	3,211	-	-	3,211
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	3,211	-	-	3,211
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	3,211	-	-	3,211
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Projects	5,825	-	-	5,825
Fundraising Expenses	376	-	-	376
Bank Fees	60	-	-	60
Other Fees	59	-	-	59
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	6,320	-	-	6,320
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	6,320	-	-	6,320
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 3,109	-	-	- 3,109
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	10,408	-	-	10,408
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	7,300	-	-	7,300



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Charity Account	7,300	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	7,300	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
			-
			-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
			-
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			-
			-
			-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>
			-
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
	Edna Fernandes	Edna Fernandes
	John Tress	John Tress

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**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

<b>11,537</b>
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<b>3,133</b>

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<b>6,404</b>
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<b>4,004</b>
<b>10,408</b>



**Endowment  
funds**  
to nearest £

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**Endowment  
funds**  
to nearest £

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Date of  
approval

9/3/2021
9/3/2021