

Tigray Development Association In The United Kingdom (TDA-UK)

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2020**

Charity Registration No 1 0 1 8 3 1 5

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Information

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

The Trustees present their report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th of September 2020.

The Trustees

Mr Teklit Hailemichael Berhe
Mr Tewodros Belay Abraham
Mr Abebe Mengesha
Ms Selamawit Giday (joined March 2021)
Mr Haile Hagos (Joined March 2021)
Mr Negasi Meles (Joined March 2021)
Mr Teclay Teweldeberhan (Joined March 2021)

Governing Document

Tigray Development Association in the United Kingdom (TDA-UK) is constituted under a new trust deed dated 5 March 1993 as amended on 16 February, 2014. Its registered Charity number is 1018315.

Objects, Mission Statement, Aims and Activities

Mission Statement:

The TDA-UK is a partner of Tigray Development Association International (TDA Int.) an indigenous non-governmental charitable organisation established in 1989 by the people of Tigray with the intention of taking an active role in all aspects of the region's development endeavours, with its headquarters in Mekelle, the regional capital of Tigray, Northern Ethiopia.

Aims:

Tigray Development Association in the United Kingdom (TDA-UK) jointly with its members and supporters has been actively engaged in assisting the development efforts of the people of Tigray. The association was established in 1989 by Tigrayans living in the UK with the aim of contributing to the rehabilitation of the Tigray region. Past projects that TDA-UK have supported include the construction of schools and clinic, the supply of water tankers, vocational and skills training, credit provision for women and training for Traditional British Attendants (TBAs). TDA-UK also co-ordinated the supply of essential books, hospital beds, medical equipment and computers for schools.

Organisation and Structure of the Association:

The Trustees have an overall responsibility for governance and management of the Association and undergo training and development to ensure that it has adequate skills to manage the organisation effectively. The Trustees run the Association with the assistance of more than twenty volunteers. TDA-UK has over 500 subscriptions- paying members who elect a management committee from among their numbers. The management committee act as Trustees.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Seven elected trustees of TDA-UK, of whom one is a woman, are responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation including the management of the charity's property, the setting up supporting sub-groups on education and health, membership mobilisation, consultations, events organisation, and collection of vital materials for schools and clinics in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

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Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Trustees

TDA-UK's trustees get elected in a democratic manner every three years, and bring skills and experiences from the voluntary and other sectors in the UK and in Ethiopia. Further expertise is sought from among the membership through bespoke consultations and participation in subgroups for education, youth, health and fundraising.

Trustee Induction and Training

Ongoing workshops are organised on a quarterly basis to build upon the training that had been received and continue updating on current policies and guidelines. The workshop is an opportunity to discuss the activities thus undertaken, challenges experienced during the year, and conduct a review of a plan for the following year. Trustees are able to discuss how the trustees had tackled challenges, and how the trustees might improve in responses to ongoing challenges.

Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for assessing potential risks to the charity's activities and take steps to ensure that the charity is not unnecessarily exposed to potential risks.

External Risks

Trustees continue to work hard to increase membership payments and donations, which currently account for a significant proportion of non-rental income for the charity. Through extended office opening hours, text and e-mail prompts and organising events, membership payments are now on the increase. During the period, trustees organised meetings and events to raise funds by way of pledges to be paid in instalments within the next two years. The fund is for the building of a Science and Technology Secondary School in Tigray, in the locality of a place called Adi Nebre'ed.

Internal Risks

Strict guidelines are in place to ensure that all trustees comply with financial procedures, including the collection of rental income, commissioning repairs of our property, collection of membership fees and donations, and the transfer of funds to the Kalamino High School in Tigray, the beneficiary of TDA House's rental income and other purposes of TDA-UK and verifying mechanism that the funds are spent on the purpose(s) of our charity. The guidelines also include internal control and process in relation to compliance issues such as health and safety, anti-money laundering and finance of terrorism.

Achievements and Performance

In line with the three years' strategic plan, the priorities for the financial year ending 30th of September 2020 were:

- 1) continuing raising funds for the Adi Nebre-ed Science and Technology School building,
 - 2) the refurbishment and assessing the possibility of developing the TDA House so that future income from the building will be sustainable and maximised, and
 - 3) recruiting more members and volunteers and executing other administrative tasks on time.
- In the first six months of the financial year, i.e. October 2019 to March 2020, concerted effort was made to execute the aforementioned objectives. During this period, about £16,760 was raised for the Adi Nebre-ed Science and Technology School Building.

However, post March 2020, the focus of the Association was diverted to raising funds for fighting Covid-19 in Tigray. In March 2020, TDA-Int appealed around £2million pounds worldwide, to fight the spread of Covid-19 in Tigray. In response to the appeal, TDA-UK was fully engaged in raising funds from members and the wider community. A team was set up and TDA-UK managed to raise a total of £57,000. Out of this, £51,000 was sent to Tigray and the remaining balance was used to send sample and testing kits. The fundraising was made possible by the active participation of volunteers from London and outside of London, in particular in the major cities such as Manchester. This was despite the challenges of the lockdown during this period.

The team entrusted with issues relating to the refurbishment/development of building continued its preliminary study and recommended that a structural engineer be employed to assess the condition of the structure so to determine whether development can be carried out without changing the structure or else. It was planned that the assessment to be completed by end of May 2020 however this was not possible due to the lockdown.

In the financial year, TDA-UK has managed to send about 100 crutches and some wheelchairs to Tigray with the help of several volunteers.

In addition, TDA-UK has also transferred £50,000 for the running of the Kalamino Special High School, the only beneficiary of income from the property.

Reserve Policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the resources expended. At this level, the Trustees feel they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. At present the unrestricted reserves, which amount to £66,406, do not reach this target and the Management Committee are considering ways in which additional unrestricted funding may be raised.

Plans for future periods

Strategic Plan

The trustees have developed three years strategic plan and fundraising strategy, which will enable the organisation to plan ahead, sustain the services by securing funding from different sources of funding in line with its charitable objects and the building of the Science and Technology Secondary School.

Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted by the charity are detailed in Note 10 to the financial statements. There have been no changes to the accounting policies during the period.

Availability of Assets to fulfil obligation

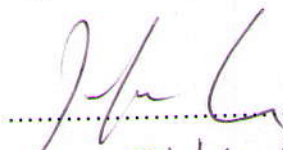
The charity has adequate reserves to fulfil its charitable obligations.
Trustees' responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Law applicable to the charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements 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 financial statements; and
- 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 financial records which disclosed with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees



Date: 31/10/2021

Name and Position of Trustee:

YONAS GHEBRESELLASIE - CHAIR

FOR TEKLT H. BERHE - EX CHAIR

Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of Tigray Development Association In The United Kingdom (TDA-UK) for the year ended 30th September 2020

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out on

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to: Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act); . to follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and. to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the 1993 Act; and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met



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Date: 31/10/2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 30th September 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Incoming Resources					
Donation-TDA Festival		£0	£0	£0	£0
Membership fees		£2,976	£0	£2,976	£3,378
Other receipts		£1,792	£4,463	£6,255	£11,388
Fundraising activities/grants		£57,500	£16,760	£74,260	£10,424
Bank interest received/refunded		£0	£0	£0	£0
Rental income		£0	£81,367	£81,367	£98,700
Total Incoming Resources		£62,268	£102,590	£164,858	£123,890
Resources Expended					
Charitable costs	2	£3,466	£7,516	£10,982	£19,412
Fundraising & publicity		£0	£0	£0	£0
Governance	3	£50,171	£52,468	£102,639	£71,519
Other resources	4	£0	£770	£770	£787
Total Resources expended		£53,637	£60,754	£114,391	£91,718
Net Movement in Funds		£8,631	£41,836	£50,467	£32,172
Transfer between Funds		£0	£0	£0	£0
Fund Balances brought forward		£64,692	£1,729,606	£1,794,298	£1,762,126
Fund Balances carried forward		£73,323	£1,771,442	£1,844,765	£1,794,298

All the charity's activities are continuing.

The charity had no recognized gains or loss other than the net incoming resources for the year

The movement in reserves is shown above.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		£	£
As at 30th September 2020			
Tangible fixed Assets	Notes 7	<u>£1,728,585</u>	<u>£1,728,635</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	£15,210	£9,328
Cash at hand and in bank		<u>£126,434</u>	<u>£72,795</u>
		£141,644	£82,123
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	£25,464	£16,460
Net current assets/liabilities		<u>£116,180</u>	<u>£65,663</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>£1,844,765</u>	<u>£1,794,298</u>
Net Assets		<u>£1,844,765</u>	<u>£1,794,298</u>
Accumulated Funds Account	9		
Unrestricted fund brought forward		£64,692	£62,881
Surplus/(Deficit) of fund		<u>£8,631</u>	<u>£1,811</u>
		£73,323	£64,692
Restricted Fund brought forward		£1,729,606	£1,699,245
Surplus/(Deficit) of fund		<u>£41,836</u>	<u>£30,361</u>
		<u>£1,771,442</u>	<u>£1,729,606</u>
		<u>£1,844,765</u>	<u>£1,794,298</u>

We approve these Financial Statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 31/10/2021

Signed [Signature]

Trustee

Signed [Signature]

Trustee

Name YONAS GHERSELLASIG

FOR - TEKLT H BERHE

Name Tedlay Teweldeberhan

for Tewodros Abraham

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and follow the recommendations in The Statements of Recommended Practice – *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*.

Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees Report and all of which are continuing.

Incoming Resources

- b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received (if any).
- bi) Contribution from members as subscription is recognised as income when received.
- c) Donations in kind are valued and included in income to the extent that it represents goods or services which would otherwise be purchased (if any).
- d) Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received, or receivable, whichever is earlier.
- e) Rental income is recognised as income in the period in which it is receivable.
- f) Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor, and as laid down by the trustees. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.
- g) Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Expenditure

- h) Governance costs of the charity relate to the administration costs of running the charity such as the costs of meetings, audit and statutory compliance. They also include costs incurred in the general administration of the charity and which cannot be directly attributed to the provision of the Services of the organisation.
- i) Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets except the freehold building, at a rate calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	25% on written down value
Office Equipment	25% on written down value

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the period ended 30th September 2020

2. Resources expended

Charitable Activities by Fund Type	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020 Funds	Total 2019 Funds
	£0	£0	£0	£0
Wages including Employer's NIC	£0	£3,232	£3,232	£7,756
Rates, Insurance and Cleaning	£0	£3,934	£3,934	£9,982
Light, Heat and Water	£0	£0	£0	£0
Management & Administration	£0	£350	£350	£700
Repairs and Maintenance	£3,466	£0	£3,466	£1,674
Other Office Expenses	£3,466	£7,516	£10,982	£20,112

3. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020 Funds	Total 2019 Funds
Management and Administration	£0	£0	£0	0.00
Overseas donation-Accident victim relief	£0	£0	£0	0.00
Contribution to school overseas	£50,000	£51,000	£101,000	70,000.00
Other professional fees	£0	£0	£0	0.00
Accountancy fees	£0	£1,152	£1,152	1,152.00
Underprovision of Accountancy last year	£0	£0	£0	0.00
Bank charges	£171	£316	£487	£367
	£50,171	£52,468	£102,639	£71,519

4. Other Expenses

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020 Funds	Total 2019 Funds
Depreciation	£0	£770	£770	£787
	£0	£770	£770	£787

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) for the period ended 30th September 2020

	2020	2019
4a. Net Income Resources/(Deficit)		
	<u>52,771.00</u>	<u>32,172.00</u>

This is stated after charging:

Audit fees	1,152.00	1,152.00
Depreciation charges	770.00	787.00

4b. Donations in Kind

There were no donations in kind during the period

0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00

5. Employees

The average number of people employed during this year was

0	0
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6. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors-utility bill	7,095	0
Rent owing	8,114	9,328
	<u>15,209</u>	<u>9,328</u>

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings Freehold	Fixtures Fittings & Equip	Total
	£	£	£
Cost at 1st October 2019	1,726,275	25,011	1,751,286
Addition during the year	0	720	720
Cost at 30th September 2020	<u>1,726,275</u>	<u>25,731</u>	<u>1,752,006</u>
Depreciation at 1st October 2019	0	22,651	22,651
Charge for the year	0	770	770
Depreciation carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>23,421</u>	<u>23,421</u>
Net Book Value at 30 September 2020	<u>1,726,275</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>1,728,585</u>
Net Book Value at 30 September 2019	<u>1,726,275</u>	<u>2,360</u>	<u>1,728,635</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) for the period ended 30th September 2020

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:

	2,020	2,019
	£	£
Tenants' Deposits	11,088	11,088
Rent received in advance	8,300	2,300
Other accruals	3,772	1,920
Account/Audit fees this year	2,304	1,152
	<u>25,464</u>	<u>16,460</u>

9. Analysis of Net Assets

	2,020	2,019
Tangible fixed assets	1,728,585	1,728,635
Current assets	141,644	82,123
Current liabilities	-25,464	-16,460
	<u>1,844,765</u>	<u>1,794,298</u>
Total Net Assets		

10. Related Party Transactions