# Ar-Rahmah Trust Annual Report 2021

Trustees Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2021



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## Ar-Rahmah Trust Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared based on the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document.

#### Reference and administrative details of the charity

#### **Charity registration number**

1121296

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#### **Trustees**

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#### Message from Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to present the trustees report and financial statements for the past year.

I am delighted to report that the charity continued to grow in terms of securing an increase of 19.78% of funding income for the year ending March 2021 on the previous year. This is due to the hard work of the staff and the generous contributions of our donors. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic the income is significantly lower than the year ending March 2019. The charity could not execute the fundraising plan due to lockdowns in the year.

In April 2020 donors were informed that the construction of the Ar-Rahmah Trust Boarding Complex for girls near Lahore, Pakistan was on hold due to unforeseen circumstances and the charity will not be collecting donations until further notice.

Ar-Rahmah Trust continues to focus on core projects including water, orphans and poverty alleviation in Pakistan, Syria & Yemen with future project focus remaining on Pakistan.

Due to the pandemic a change in fundraising strategy was adopted to progressively increase online presence with a clear focus on digital fundraising in order to increase the number of donors, geographical reach and overall revenue for key fundamental projects whilst making the charity more efficient. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees, management, staff, volunteers and above all, our donors, whose efforts, and sacrifices have made all these activities and help possible for the deserving.

#### From the 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2021, the following activities were carried out:

- Annual Ramadan for Be the 1 food parcels campaign
- Unity FM Ramadan Appeals for RWP, Be the 1 & Self-reliance scheme
- Be the 1 Ramadan Food parcels distribution in Pakistan, Syria & Yemen.
- Social media and direct promotion of the Qurbani 2020 project in Pakistan & Yemen
- Fundraising and promotional activities for Sept 2020 Eye Camp
- Social Media and donor relations activity to generate donations for hand pumps, motor pumps and water wells. ongoing
- Orphans ongoing social media, donor contact and adverts on Unity FM
- Social media and donor contact to raising funds for Sewing Classes
- Social media promotional and fundraising activity for Quran Hifz project

#### **Accomplishments**

- Increased social media activity and reach
- Key improvements made to existing website
- Increased the number of donation platforms
- Maintained and Improved relationship with key donors.
- Maintained and Improved relationships with partners to deliver vital help for the poor and needy.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees, management, staff, volunteers and above all, our donors, whose efforts and sacrifices have made all these activities and help possible for the deserving.

**Mohammed Asif Chairman Trustee** 

#### Highlights of the year

Throughout 2020/21 Ar-Rahmah Trust has maintained existing relationships whilst exploring alternative fundraising avenues and opportunities in order to attract a wider donor base for its charitable activities and thus improving the long-term ambitions of the charity.

- Even with the pandemic in full swing, Income for the year increased to £503,635 (last year's turnover £420,477). This has largely down to the introduction of a revised strategy and renewed focus on digital presence.
- 172 hand pumps, 58 motor pumps and 14 water well installed in poor areas of Pakistan
- 68 (Sheep) orders for Qurbani were performed in Yemen which resulted in distribution of meat to the poor and needy.
- 5 (cows), 35 orders for Qurbani were performed in Pakistan which resulted in distribution of meat to the poor and needy.
- Need to Feed Yemen 9600 meals provided.
- Yemen Small Family Emergency Aid (1 x food pack & winter warmers) 64 packs were distributed
- Yemen Large Family Emergency Aid (2 x food pack & winter warmers) 26 packs were distributed
- Yemen Small Community Emergency Aid 8 water tankers were distributed
- Yemen Large Community Emergency Aid 1 Malnutrition clinic for 50 children
- Eye camps were run successfully in Pakistan to alleviate the suffering of poor people. The eye camps were attended by 647 people who benefitted from free eye check-ups and treatment. 89 cataract operations were performed, 412 patients received medicine for minor ailments and 254 eye tests were carried out and prescription glasses were given.

#### **About Ar-Rahmah Trust**

Ar Rahmah Trust has steadily continued to expand its projects meeting the needs of orphans, widows, the poor and destitute across the world, providing them with education, health, food aid, livelihood support and most importantly empowering people with the essential knowledge and skills needed to build their own future with dignity and self-respect.

The charity aims to focus its attention on providing continuous and sustained assistance and support to orphans, poor and vulnerable women through sustainable development programmes, ensuring that they receive long term support and provision throughout the course of their lives, helping them to rebuild their future, as well as their self-esteem, bringing into their lives more optimism and purpose. Alongside this the charity also aims to prevent or in certain cases contribute to the prevention and relief of poverty across the world.

#### Objectives and activities

#### a. Summary of objectives

The objectives of the charity as set out in its Trust Deed are as follows:

- 1. the advancement of education, relief of poverty and the promotion of good health anywhere in the world
- 2. the relief of suffering amongst victims of natural or other kinds of disaster anywhere in the world
- 3. for such general charitable purposes anywhere in the world as the trustees may deem fit from time to time.

#### b. Activities for achieving objectives

During the year, the charity achieved its objectives as stated in its governing document by undertaking the following charitable activities:

- 1. Food aid
- 2. Education
- 3. Supporting orphans
- 4. Healthcare
- 5. Community empowerment

#### Structure, governance and management

#### a. Governing document

The charity is governed by its Trust deed which was adopted by the trustees on 2nd October 2007 and subsequently amended on 29th June 2008.

#### b. Method of appointment and induction of new trustees

New trustees are appointed by existing trustees and are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Trust Deed and recent performance of the charity.

#### c. Organisational structure and decision making

Ar-Rahmah Trust is a UK based charity that works with a number of partner organisation overseas through which it delivers programmes supporting Community Empowerment, Education, Food Aid, Healthcare and Orphans. The board of Trustees of the charity oversee the running of the charity on a day-to-day basis. All operational decisions are made at board meetings which are held frequently through the year.

#### d. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to those risks.

#### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee(s) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

M Asif Trustee

## Independent examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ar-Rahmah Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

## 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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 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 next statement.

## Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 2011 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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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27 January 2022

## **Statement of financial activities** for the year ended 31 March 2021

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Nicks	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and endowments					
Donations	2	63,036	440,599	503,635	420,477
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	_
Total incoming resources		63,036	440,599	503,635	420,477
Expenditure					
Raising funds	4	8,951	70,761	79,712	67,818
Charitable activities	5	29,046	191,649	220,695	264,540
Total resources expended		37,997	262,410	300,407	332,358
Net incoming resources before transfers		25,039	178,189	203,228	88,119
Gross transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	_
Net movement in funds for the year		25,039	178,189	203,228	88,119
Total funds brought forward	14	24,547	360,563	385,110	296,991
Total funds carried forward	14	49,586	538,752	588,338	385,110

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## **Balance sheet** at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	782	1,091
		782	1,091
Current assets			
Debtors	12	34,287	47,098
Cash at bank and in hand		561,891	342,058
		596,178	389,156
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,622)	(5,137)
Net current assets		587,556	384,019
Net assets		588,338	385,110
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted Funds	14	49,586	24,547
Restricted Funds	14	538,752	360,563
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>		588,338	385,110

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

M Asif

Trustee

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### 1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### 1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Ar Rahmah Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

#### 1.2. Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

At the date of transition to FRS 102 there were no changes in accounting policies that had an impact on previously reported balances under UK GAAP. Consequently, no restatement of previously reported balances under the previous GAAP was required.

#### 1.3. Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

#### 1.4. Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **1.5.** Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations, gifts and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature, are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from Charitable Activities - Including income recognised as earned from the related goods or services which are provided.

#### 1.6. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Charitable Activities include those costs that are directly related to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support Costs for a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Where support costs relate to several activities they have been apportioned on the basis of resources consumed by those activities. In allocating the support costs, the trustees have ensured that the costs are expended utilising the unrestricted funds available and consequently no restricted funds have been used in this respect.

#### 1.7. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of those assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings - 15% reducing balance

Computers and office equipment - 35% straight line on cost

#### 1.8. Taxation

As a registered charity, the charity is exempt from Income and Corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to the charitable purposes only.

#### 2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations	32,424	440,599	473,023	369,702
Gift Aid	30,612	-	30,612	23775
	63,036	440,599	503,635	420,477

#### 3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
Community Empowerment	-	-	-	_
Food Aid		-	-	
	_	_	_	_

## 4. Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020
Fundraising and publicity	8,951	70,761	79,712	67,818
	8,951	70,761	79,712	67,818

#### 5. Analysis of resources expended by charitable activity

Expenditure can be summarised as:

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020 £
Community empowerment	3,525	23,969	27,494	23,569
Education	903	6,138	7,041	18,115
Emergency relief	1,202	8,180	9,382	5,924
Food aid	10,009	62,224	72,233	110,620
Healthcare	635	4,314	4,949	17,676
Supporting orphans	6,575	44,696	51,271	46,260
Water aid	6,197	42,128	48,325	42,376
	29,046	191,649	220,695	264,540

#### 6. Analysis of resources expended by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support and governance costs	Total funds	Total funds
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of generating volume income					
Fundraising and publicity	71,280	-	8,432	79,712	67,818
Charitable activities					
Community empowerment	-	20,141	7,353	27,494	23,569
Education	-	5,158	1,883	7,041	18,115
Emergency relief	-	6,873	2,509	9,382	5,924
Food aid	682	52,233	19,318	72,233	110,620
Healthcare	-	3,625	1,324	4,949	17,676
Supporting orphans	-	37,559	13,712	51,271	46,260
Water aid	-	35,401	12,924	48,325	42,376
	682	160,990	59,023	220,695	264,540
Total	71,962	160,990	67,455	300,407	332,358

## 7. Grants payable

7. Grants payable		Grants to Institutions		Grants to lividuals £
Community empowerment		20,141		
Education		5,158		-
Emergency relief		6,873		-
Food aid		52,233		-
Healthcare		3,625		-
Supporting orphans		37,559		-
Water aid		35,401		
		160,990		-
Recipients of institutional grant(s) were a	s follows:	Total		Total
		2021 £		2020 £
Ar-Rahmah Trust (Pakistan)		128,859		159,015
Crisis Aid		-		1,573
Ethar Relief		4,000		8,200
Global Relief Trust		1,825		5,343
Mercy Relief		-		806
Muslims In Need		23,885		
Saba Relief		2,421		7,660
		160,990		182,597
8. Support and governance costs				
	Fundraising costs 2021	Charitable activities 2021	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£ 2021	£ 2021	£	£ 2020
Support costs				
Management and administration	7,7	57 54,298	62,055	88,270
Governance costs				
Legal costs	6	75 4,725	5,400	3,600
Total	8,4	32 59,023	67,455	91,870

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

#### 9. Net incoming resources

	2021	2020
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the charity	309	377
	309	377
10. Staff costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	25,022	66,155
Social security costs	2,068	4,875
	27,090	71,030

During the year, the charity had 2 (2020: 2) full time equivalent and a number of casual employees.

The Trust consists of its key management personnel, the trustees, and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits paid to its key management personnel were £25,022 (2020: £66,155). No employees had benefits in excess of £60,000 (2020: Nil).

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind (2020: Nil).

During the year, the trustees received £298 in reimbursement of expenses (2020: Nil).

#### 11. Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under the course of construction	Fixtures & fittings	Computers & office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	-	995	2,503	3,498
Additions	-	_	-	_
At 31 March 2021	-	995	2,503	3,498
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	-	995	1,412	2,407
Charge for the year			309	309
At 31 March 2021	-	-	1,721	2,716
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	-	-	782	782
At 31 March 2020	-	-	1,091	1,091

## 12. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	29,737	24,660
Prepayments & accrued income	4,550	22,438
	34,287	47,098
13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	6,786	927
Other creditors	1,580	-
Salaries and social security	256	3,810
Accruals & deferred income	-	400
	8,622	5,137

#### 14. Statement of funds

#### Year ended 31 March 2021

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers in/(out)	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	24,547	63,036	(37,997)	-	49,586
Total unrestricted funds	24,547	63,036	(37,997)	-	49,586
Restricted funds					
Ar-Rahmah Mosque fund	-	10	(10)	-	-
Family sponsorship	13	10,711	(5,983)	-	4,741
Fidyah	969	1,350	(229)	-	2,090
Health	-	25,025	(12,003)	-	13,022
Orphans	315,826	137,272	(83,320)	-	369,778
Pakistan Need to Feed	10,403	275	(4,107)	-	6,571
Quran Memorisation	14	3,159	(3,173)	-	-
Qurbani	_	9,235	(9,235)	-	-
Ramadaan food programme	843	30,591	(31,405)	_	29
Self-reliance scheme	46	8,046	(8,092)	-	-
Syria	91	127	(92)	_	126
Uyghur Refugees	453	1,035	(420)	-	1,068
Yemen Need to Feed	400	30,750	(30,041)	_	1,109
Water pump	21,762	68,475	(49,958)	-	40,279
Zakat	9,743	103,729	(16,534)	-	96,938
Zakat Al-Fitr	-	3,906	(3,376)	-	530
Where Most Needed	-	6,903	(4,432)		2,471
	360,563	440,599	(262,410)	-	538,752
<b>Total funds 2021</b>	385,110	503,635	(300,407)	-	588,338