

SOUTH SINAI FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31st MARCH 2022

Charity Registration Number 1128955

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Trustees as at 31st March 2022

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

South Sinai Foundation is a registered charity, whose date of registration was 1st April 2009.

Objects of the Charity

For the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively the local Bedouin communities in South Sinai and the surrounding area by:

1. Relief of Poverty
2. The advancement of education.
3. The promotion and protection of good health.
4. Supporting the Charitable work of the Community Foundation for South Sinai.

Activities and performance

I'm writing at the end of a year that has seen South Sinai make headlines all over the world through the CoP27 meeting in Sharm el Sheikh in November 2022. Bedouin are generally excluded from Sharm, so though delegates may have admired Sinai's stunning scenery they will have learned little about the lives of its indigenous people. We in SSF are all too familiar with the challenges that blight the lives of many Bedouin. With poor or non-existent education and healthcare, unreliable water and electricity, inadequate housing and job prospects, many Bedouin still lack the basics of human development.

Even where economic development is visible, it often takes no note of the needs of local people. In 2021-22 the Egyptian Government embarked on a massive project to turn the modest Bedouin town of St Katherine into a major tourist resort. Some changes may ultimately prove beneficial for some; but they have been bought at an enormous price for local residents. Houses have been demolished leaving people homeless; shops and even the school bulldozed; and the landscape changed in places beyond recognition.

Much of what we did in this year was focussed on alleviating immediate problems arising from this development, helping families find accommodation when their homes had been demolished without compensation. We match-funded the restoration of an old building to provide a safe house for people with nowhere to go; provided food in Ramadan for 100 families; built water tanks for two whole communities displaced by demolition; and funded materials for people to fix their damaged homes.

We also continued to support our regular projects, and to focus on informing and empowering Bedouin women. In order to do so we had to raise the funds to cover the normal costs of running an organization, as well as finding support for our long-term projects. Help came via hugely appreciated grants from the Global Fund for Community Foundations, from the Souter Trust, and from a JustGiving appeal for our Women's Centre. We were also able to deploy funds of our own raised via a new initiative this year - the Friends of South Sinai.

We remain humbled and grateful that so many people - who may not themselves be familiar with South Sinai's challenges - have helped support our work over the years with both one-off and regular donations. The Friends of South Sinai scheme now gives us a more secure and predictable

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income, making us more organizationally robust. We're fortunate to now be able to pay some core team members from our own funds as they tackle key problems on the ground. The work we support reflects local priorities as advised by our expert team, rather than the latest development trends preferred by many funders. When initiatives grow up from the community itself they have a far greater chance of succeeding, and even of bringing about lasting cultural change. Some aspects of our work can fairly make this claim. We hope to extend the Friends' scheme over time, and trust that everyone kind enough to help will be heartened by the impact of their generosity. As always, every penny donated goes to Sinai. This year our admin costs were a mere 3.76% of our expenditure, and all were covered by donations from our Board.

A group of donors helped us over two years to support eight trainee nurses through to graduation. Their contribution has been enormous; not just during the pandemic, but during the period of high inflation and economic hardship that has followed it. As well as giving workshops in the Women's Centre they have visited remote communities with no accessible healthcare, to give advice, reassurance and simple treatments. We thank them profoundly, and aim to continue supporting new trainees from our own resources, another fundraising priority.

The year started with a crisis, as our Women's Centre displayed alarming cracks due to encroaching tree roots. Happily our JustGiving appeal raised enough to match local donations so we could make it safe again. The building was refurbished with a new kitchen and bathroom. This has made it possible for more women than ever to attend workshops on health and nutrition, receive advice about their rights, information about job opportunities and how to apply for them, and much else besides. Hundreds of families have been registered online for Covid vaccinations. We are extremely grateful to the Global Fund for Community Foundations for supporting the Covid work. We're equally proud of our team, and their constant support for women to pursue education, work and rights.

The fruits of this approach were shown in the graduation of seven young Bedouin women from college or university in 2021. We had helped provide safe accommodation for them while they undertook their studies, accompanied by a rota of chaperoning mothers. But it was their mothers who paid their fees from the profits they made in the chicken co-op we set up ten years ago in el Tur, as well as other small business ventures we have supported. Traditionally girls were forbidden even to venture outside their home without a relative. Now, families are learning to be proud of their daughters' achievements. At the end of 2022 we helped 30 young women who had been offered university places with enrolment fees and accommodation, something unheard-of in even the recent past. Most encouragingly, some of this cohort want to train as teachers so they can teach in the Haddana, our education facility for Deaf and hearing children.

With generous funding in 2021 from the Souter Trust we were able to refurbish and re-equip the Haddana after a spell of patchy provision during the pandemic. It now caters for 32 profoundly deaf children or their hearing siblings. When we set it up in 2014 it was run purely by volunteers; but since recent volunteers have been qualified and have enabled twenty pupils to move into mainstream education, we focussed on paying them properly as soon as we could. This year we have been able to do this, and it will be an ongoing challenge to bring in funds to put their employment on a secure footing.

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Alongside these major projects we have been able to support two students to attend secondary school, matched by a generous donor, and paid school fees for 40 children from very poor homes. We've maintained our livestock bank, which has now helped over 70 families, and provided a

source of emergency medical funding for the countless people in immediate need who cannot afford to pay upfront fees.

None of this would be possible without our funders and donors; nor without the unstinting support of our trustees. We are always in their debt. But the greatest credit must go to our team on the ground, led with great dedication by Mohammed; to Halima who heads the Women's Centre; and to our wonderful team of 40 community link volunteers who inform and make possible our work. *Alf shukr!* A thousand thanks!

Hilary

Dr Hilary Gilbert,
Chair
18/01/23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Sinai Foundation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

2021		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2022
£		£	£	£
7136	Opening Balances	10991	0	10991
	Receipts			
15824	Grants note 1	0	3750	3750
10053	Donations and Fundraising	31362	500	31862
0	Sundry	0	0	0
2	Interest	1	0	1
25879		31363	4250	35613
	Payments			
21265	Direct Charitable costs	18914	3688	22602
759	Costs of managing the Charity note 2	943	0	943
22024		19857	3688	23545
3855	Surplus/(Deficit) for year	11506	562	12068
10991	Closing Balances	22497	562	23059

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31st MARCH 2022

2021		2022
£		£
10991	Balance at Bank	23059
	Less Creditors	
0	Grants received in advance	0
<u>10991</u>	Net Assets	<u>23059</u>

Treasurer

Date

Chair

Date

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Note 1

Grants	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Souter Trust	0	3750	3750	0
Global Fund for Community Foundations	0	0	0	15824
	0	3750	3750	15824

Note 2

Costs of managing the Charity in the UK	2022 £	2021 £
Bank charges	524	409
Accountancy charges	350	350
Other costs	69	0
	943	759

Note 3

Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance £
Souter Trust	0	3750	3518	232
Donation	0	500	170	330
	0	4250	3688	562

The Souter Trust grant was spent on supporting the Haddana, the education facility for deaf children.

The donation was spent supporting students at secondary school.