#### THE KACHIN RELIEF FUND



Annual Report for the year ending 31st August 2015

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## **TRUSTEES**

1. Mr. Goontawng Lashi Chairman

2. Mr. Hkun Htoi Layang Secretary

3. Ms. Maureen Ja Bu Treasurer

4. Ms. Kai Htang Lashi Campaign Manager

5. Mr. Hkanhpa Tu Sadan Trustee (Member)

6. Mr. Gumring Hkangda Trustee (Member)

7. Mr. Naw Nen Trustee (Member)

8. Mr. Brang Aung Trustee (Member)

9. Mr. Zaw Awng Lagung Trustee (Member)

10. Mr. Senglat Daikri Trustee (Member)

11. Mr. Ringdu Lachyung Trustee (Member)

The Kachin Relief Fund is non-profit registered charity organization in England and Wales, the registered charity number 1148586. All trustee members are made up of Kachin exiles that have a good local network and can make sure the rapid delivery of humanitarian aids to the right people and location with very cost effective way.

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# **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To relieve hardship, need or distress, relieve sickness and advance education among internally displaced Kachin people.
- 2. To advance public education in the difficulties experienced by refugees as well as deprived and needy Kachin people.
- 3. To promote fundamental human right education base on the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights and documentation of human rights abuses.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- 1. To provide short term relief aid to Kachin internally displaced people (IDPs) living along the Kachin State and China border, and those who displaced with Kachin State.
- 2. To work closely with Kachin relief workers in providing such aid.
- 3. To provide financial grants to buy basic medical equipment for IDP clinics and hospitals.
- 4. To provide emergency medical referral and hospitalization cost for the internal displaced people (IDPs) in the Chinese hospitals.
- 5. To provide grants for construction of schools and study materials.
- 6. To fund short term medical and education projects
- 7. To support legal cost for victims of civil, human rights violations and support human rights awareness program.
- 8. To provide the information resources for issues relating to relief assistance and human rights abuses.
- 9. To work closely with the organizations which we shared a common goal for our mutual benefits.
- 10. To evaluate annual works and reassess the best working strategy for future project.

#### AREA OF BENEFIT

The border of Burma and China, and the inside Kachin State in Northern Burma.

#### **CHARITY COMMISSION CLASSIFICATION**

#### What

- General charitable purposes
- Education / Training
- The prevention or relief of poverty
- Human Rights/ Religious or racial harmony/ Equality or diversity

## Who

• Kachin, other ethnic nationalities of Burma and its borderland. People of a particular ethnic or racial origin

#### How

- Makes grants to individuals
- Make grants to organizations (local relief organizations and institutions etc.)
- Advocacy and share information

#### **GRANT MAKING POLICY**

We mainly focused on four main categories when responding accordance with the objects of charity.

- 1. Emergency relief responses
- 2. Health for the IDP
- 3. Education for children
- 4. Advocacy, activities & awareness to promote of human rights.

#### 2014-2015 TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES REPORT

The charity continue to engage its activities in line with the objectives of the charity. The trustees held AGM and made a yearly plan for its charity work according to the budget and grant funding for the plight of the local people.

During 2014-2015, the recipients of our funds can be classified into three main categories:

- 1. The internally displaced people (IDPs) in the Kachin State and China border.
- 2. The schools in very poor and least developed area (Sumpra Bum, N-Gum La and Putao etc.) of North-Eastern Kachin State, the territories within non-government controlled areas and conflict affected areas.
- 3. The organizations working inside Kachin State to promote the human rights education and capacity building for local civil societies.

# **EMERGENCY RELIEF RESPONSES**

A battle took place between KIA's 7th Battalion troops and Burmese Army's 381st, 385th, and 389th Light Infantry Regiments under Mogaung-based 3rd Military Operations Command (MOC-3) near Sumpyi Yang village on July 22 at 11 am. Burmese Army's Light Infantry Battalions (29th, 38th, 58th, 81st, 137th, 138th, 266th) and Light

Infantry Regiments (381st, 385th, 389th) from Putao, Myitkyina, Mogaung and Chin State are currently deployed along Putao-Myitkyina-Sumpra Bum road since Burmese Army launched an attack on KIA positions on June 24-25. More than 1,402 villagers including 268 school children and 24 teachers from Mali Yang, Lawt Mai Yang, Jara Yang, Nhtan Zup, Hpung Ing Yang, Sama Bum, Nhtan Zup, and Zup Ra Yang village had been displaced by heavy fighting in Mali Yang area. Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC) Relief Mission Department requested Kachin State government and Northern Regional Command to allow them to help IDPs but denied access to the areas by boats which was the only option to reach to IDPs.

The KRF got in touch with the local NGOs, churches and people from the conflict affected areas to find out an alternative method to deliver emergency aids. The KRF responded with Kyat 3,740,000 through the Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC) for emergency relief donation to assist those IDPs who were in dire need of basic needs.

#### **GRANT FOR HEALTHCARE**

The KRF has granted a partial donation to buy a portable x-ray machine to use in surgical treatment caused by landmines. Following that the KRF also have donated the oxygen concentrator machine and a microscope for laboratory use to the Medical Department in Mai Ja Yang.

KRF had arranged to deliver a blood transfusion machine, a microscope and blood dryer machine at N-Gum La, remote Northern Kachin State. Trustees were looking to improve healthcare facilities and diagnosis facility for N-Gum La, since it was very difficult for the general public to access for healthcare to Myitkyina (Capital of Kachin State) where more than (40) miles away and extremely difficult road access during the raining season.

#### **EDUCATIONAL GRANT**

KRF had sponsored nine school teachers to attend the Teacher Training College (TTC) at the Maija Yang. KRF had received a report from the concern authority of the Department of Education of Northern Division dated 13 June 2015 that nine teachers enrolled to study at Mai Ja Yang Teacher Training College have successfully completed their courses. Five teachers had gone back to their respective home villages and continue teaching duty where four teachers had continued to do further study as following.

(1). Mr. Laxai Dau Lam - Myaw Maw Pa Middle School

(2) . Malut Seng Ra - Htingnan Middle School

(3). Manang Nang San - Htingnan Middle School

(4) . Bahkyam Htingnan Li - Pung Swi Yang Middle School

- (5) . Hkin Jawng Kaw Awng Ja Htu Yang Middle School
- (6) Lasi Lu Lu Awng--further study Diploma in Education (Dip.Ed)
- (7). Pauhkang Bawk Nu-further study Diploma in Education (Dip.Ed)
- (8) Lahpa Hkawng Gyung further study Diploma in Education (Dip.Ed)
- (9) . Nawbau Brang Shawng- further study at Mai Ja Yang Institute of Education

Following the AGM meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014, the KRF have been funding to build N-Gum La High School library. The resources centre will be the first kind of resources centre for the students and teachers in the region. The KRF will collect and provide the library reference books, study materials and monthly news and journal subscription. We are currently donating the Kachin Times Journal as a gift subscription for N-Gum La as well as Danai and the Kachin Sub-State in Northern Shan State. We are hoping to provide the internet connection to the library to access to online library catalogue across the globe in near the future. The KRF will also sponsor a trainee librarian to manage the library.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROJECT GRANT

The physical education (sport activities) project was started in 2014 and became a very successful project since it was initiated. The trustees decided to continue to support the sport activities in Mai Ja Yang and then extended to Laiza areas to sponsor Karate instructors for free training for children from the IDP camps. KRF had received a good feedback from the public and the IDP children, where the sport activities project was the only project for the local and IDP children where they could participate outside of the classroom activity. We are hoping that from this project we will be able to produce talented world class athletes, to motivate the young people and to divert the attention from drug issues in the border. The success of this project should be credited to the BRIDGE, a local NGO and the commitments of its coordinators and instructors in Mai Ja Yang and Laiza.

#### GRANT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTING ACTIVITIES

KRF supported victims of arbitrary detention, human rights documentation, and assisting with legal and travel expense for the local volunteer human right lawyers from Kachin State. KRF trustees were continue working with local and international human right organisations and campaign groups to release Kachin political prisoners. Although, Mr La Ring was released on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014, Mr. Brang Yung and Mr. Lahpai Gam were still detained and denied to release.

KRF coordinated with local church and sponsored the public meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to raise awareness of unlawful detention of Mr Brang Yung and Mr. Lahpai Gam cases at the Shwezet IDP camp in outskirt of Myitkyina. It was noted that the event was

also effectively putting pressure to Government of Burma before the  $25^{th}$  ASEAN 2014 Summit in Nay Pyi Taw.

#### ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING

KRF trustee member Mr. Hkanhpa Sadan, attended the Pray for Burma Event, organised by the Christian Solidarity Worldwide and gave speech on the situation of Kachin IDPs and participated in panel discussion in March 2015. Hkanhpa Sadan also coordinated and facilitated between the Royal Commonwealth Ex-service League RCEL and the Kachin Veteran Committee to distribute warfare grants to Kachin Second World War veterans.

Mr. Andrew Seng Ring Kumhpa has contributed fundraising through "Tough Mudder" competition on 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2014. KRF fundraising activity was also held on September 2014.

Kai Htang Lashi, trustee attened numbers of Burma state holder meeting at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) and spoke numbers of event and seminars across the U.K.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

The KRF has no paid officials. All public relations, secretarial and financial accounting work is done by volunteers.

Hkun Htoi Layang, secretary of the charity, maintains the KRF's website/facebook on a voluntary basis.

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	2015	2014
Promotion and public relation	2238	2238	48
Refreshments	200	200	435
Internet & Phone	123	123	11
Printing & Stationery	44	44	0
Independent Examiner Fee	150	150	150
	2754	2754	645

The trustees are striving to keep the operating costs of the charity to a minimum.

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## **Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and well judged;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, any outgoing items 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 operation.

# **Independent Examiner**

CP Finance was appointed as the charities' independent examiner during the year and they have expressed their willingness to assist in that capacity. A resolution proposing their appointment for this year was approved at the AGM on 19 April 2015 and their reappointment will be proposed at the next AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Chair

Mr. Goontawng Lashi

Dated:16/06/2016

Secretary

Mr. Hkun Htoi Layang

Dated:16/06/2016

Independent Examiner Report to the Trustees of The Kachin Relief Fund for the Year Ending 31st August 2015



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We have examined the financial statements of the Kachin Relief Fund, also known as KRF, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with s145 of the Charities Act 201. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

As more fully explained in the Trustees' Responsibility Statement, set out on p11 and p12, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give and true and fair view. The charity's trustees consider and audit is not required for this year under s144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under s145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011, and to state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

## Basis of an Independent Examiner's Statement

An examination includes the 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

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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 statement herewith.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respects, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act 2011 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011, have not been met. In addition there are no matters, in our opinion, to which attention needs to be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

CP Finance

Dated 16/06/2016

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# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st August 2015

rited T	Total Funds	Total Funds
ls	2015	2014
	28041	32333
0	28041	32333
	249	229
	26928	27677
	100	0
	2754	645
0	30031	28551
	-1990	3782
	-72	-72
0	-2062	3710
	14578	10868
0	12516	14578
_	0	14578 0 12516

# Balance Sheet as At 31st August 2015

	Note		2015	2014
Fixed Assets				
Office Equipment	2		517	687
Current Assets				
Debtor	6	0		155
Bank- Current accounts		11,999	11,999	13,736
			12,516	14,578
Current Liability			0	0
Net Assets			12,516	14,578
Capital & Reserves				
Reserves			14,578	10,868
Net Loss/Income			(2062)	3,710
			12,516	14,578

Treasurer: Maureen Ja Bu Lagra Date:  $16^{th}$  Jun 2016

# Notes to The Financial Statement for The Year Ending 31st August 2015

## 1. Accounting Policies

# a) Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on the historic cost basis in accordance with relevant standards and provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP2005) issued by the Charity Commission. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

# b) Income

Incomes are credited to the statements of financial activities as follows:

Donation - when cash is received

Fundraising Income-When cash is received or the date of the fund raising events

Sponsorship On a receivable basis

Interest When received Gift Aid Tax Refund When received

#### c) Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly, where applicable, expenditure is disclosed inclusive of VAT.

# d) Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure relating to the objects of the charity including the costs of supporting the charity's activities.

Other expenditure comprises fund raising and publicity costs and expenditure on management and administration of the charity.

Where expenditure cannot be directly attributed to a single activity, it is allocated between activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### e) Unrestricted Funds

The Charity's unrestricted funds consist of general reserves which the charity may use for its purpose at its discretion.

#### f) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the fund which are legally binding. Income arising on restricted funds and expenditure incurred in respect of these funds are reflected through the statement of financial activities in the appropriate column with any surpluses or deficits being appropriated to/from restricted funds.

## g) Cashflow Statement

# Notes to The Financial Statement for The Year Ending 31st August 2015

The accounts comply with Financial Reporting Standard No1 (FRS1). The charity has taken advantage of exemption available under the Standard and not produced a cashflow statement.

#### 2.Fixed Assets

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	2015	2014
Office Equipment	766	766.00	916
Less: Depreciation @25%	(248.75)	(248.75)	(229.00)
	517.25	517.25	687
3.Direct Charitable Expenditure			
	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
Education Welfare and	Funds	2015	2014
Education Welfare and development			
	Funds	2015	2014
development	Funds 18978.24	2015 18978.24	2014 27352.72
development Library Project	Funds 18978.24	2015 18978.24	2014 27352.72
development  Library Project  Bank charges & Currency	Funds 18978.24 7110.00	2015 18978.24 7110.00	2014 27352.72 0
development  Library Project  Bank charges & Currency Charges	Funds 18978.24 7110.00 119.00	2015 18978.24 7110.00 119.00	2014 27352.72 0 231.43

# 4.Costs of Generating Funds

Unrestricted	Total	Total
Funds	2015	2014

The Kachin Relief Fund is a registered charity in England and Wales, Registered Charity Number 1148586

Fund raising events	100.00	100.00	0
5.Other Expenditure			
	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	2015	2014
Promotion and public relation	2238	2238	48
Refreshments	200	200	435
Internet & Phone	123	123	11
Printing & Stationery	44	44	0
Independent Examiner Fee	150	150	150
	2754	2754	645
6 Debtor			

#### 6.Debtor

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	2015	2014
Other	0	0	155
	0	0	155

# 7. Employees Remuneration

There were no employees during the year.

## 8. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid during the year and no reimbursement is due at the year end.

## 9. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31st August 2015.

#### 10. Taxation

The Kachin Relief Fund is a registered Charity and is exempt from taxation in respect of Income and Capital Gains under Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.