

**ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Annual Report  
&  
Accounts for the  
Year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Registered Company No: 2294497**

**Registered Charity No: 800543**

**Eritrean Relief Association (UK)**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**Company Information:**

**Trustees/Directors**      Seble Ephrem, Chairman  
   Habtom Tesfay (Treasurer)  
   Mebrak Ghebreweldi (Secretary)  
   Tesfaldet W. Ghilazgi  
  
   Yohannes Fassil (Trustee)

**Secretary**                      Mebrak Ghebrewoldi

**Reg. Charity Number**      800543

**Reg. Company Number**    2294497

**Registered Office**           Suite 112  
   275 New North Road  
   London N1 7AA

**Reporting Accountant**      Tekle Tesfaye BA MAAT

**Bank**                              HSBC Bank plc  
   Kilburn Branch  
   50-52 Kilburn High Road  
   London  
   NW6 4HJ

## **ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION UK (ERA-UK)**

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**For the financial year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The Board of Trustees present herewith their report and the externally examined financial statement for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### **OUR ORGANISATION**

The Eritrean Relief Association in United Kingdom (ERA UK) has been registered as a UK charity and constituted as a company, limited by guarantee since 1988. ERA-UK has been operating and providing services as an unincorporated association since 1976 when it was founded. It is governed by a Memorandum of Articles of Association and the Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and establishing policies. All Trustees are unpaid professionals with diverse managerial and volunteering experiences. The Trustees are appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the other Directors.

#### **INCOME & FUND RAISING**

This financial year ERA UK raised £5,337, most of which are monthly contributions from members; funds from a continued contribution of the sponsored 10K run by Dr Tekeste Ghebray and bank interest.

#### **HOW WERE THE FUNDS SPENT**

In this reporting period ERA UK has continued to support the pilot project to develop the Students Education and Development Centre (SEDC) based in Asmara, Eritrea. The support was to complete the remaining cost of solar energy system installation by HEIRAR in May 2023, the Centre is now fully operational, providing extracurricular education programme in IT. The donation from Mesfney Love Foundation has now being implemented and purchased local supplies for Abraha Bahta School for Blinds.

ERA UK has commissioned an IT and web developer to improve/upgrade ERA UK website. Total cost of the project is £1,815 out of which £1,210 has being paid so far.

#### **RESERVE POLICY**

For the financial year 2025/26 ERA UK has allocated a total budget of £38,632 earmarked for projects; including balance payment of solar energy system installation and equipment. £3,000 is for website development final payment branding, broadband, telephone, postage and other administrative/misc. expenses; the remaining balance of £3,000 is a reserve fund for emergencies, relief and back up (see table in page 6 for the breakdown).

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity organisation may be exposed and have taken the necessary steps to mitigate such eventualities.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of Directors and Trustees gratefully acknowledges all financial donations, and general support shown by volunteers and all who care for the welfare of Eritrea without whom we could not provide the services that we do.

**Additionally**, ERA-UK is grateful for the following benefits in kind and for the generous events in support of its works during this period.

Dr Tekeste Ghebray completed 10K sponsored run for ERA projects in 2024. It was reported that the sponsorship raised £1,335. It has continued this year and raised £490 this year which brings the total to £1,825

## APPEAL

ERA-UK has no paid workers for its day-to-day running operations and is therefore able to allocate 90% of all funds raised to go directly to target projects and other charitable activities.

**We appeal on your compassion to assist us by completing our Gift Aid form so that we may continue our work in Eritrea.**

Please contact us at our address above or contact details below for any information you may require in relation to helping the needy and vulnerable people in Eritrea.

**E-mail:**[info@era-org.uk](mailto:info@era-org.uk) or visit the website at [www.era-uk.org](http://www.era-uk.org),

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Company Law requires the Trustees 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 profit and loss of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures and explained in the financial statements
- 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 appropriate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The Trustees are also responsible for safe-guarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

Mr. Tekle Tesfaye was appointed as the reporting accountant in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. Mr. Tesfaye is fellow member of the Association of Accounting Technicians AAT and experienced auditor and accountant who has worked with NGOs in UK and Africa. No fee was charged for conducting the independent examination and reporting on the accounts.

This account was approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on 13 July 2025 in accordance to the Special Exemptions available to small Companies conferred in Part II of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

Seble Ephrem  
Chairperson

## **ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION UK (ERA-UK)**

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### **Accountants Report**

For the financial year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **To The Members of Eritrea Relief Association (UK)**

We report on the unaudited accounts including statement of financial activities, balance sheet for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 & designated funding 2025/26 set out on pages 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of the directors and reporting accountant**

As described on pages 1-5 the charitable company's directors and trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

### **Basis of opinion**

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the charitable company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the charitable company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in my opinion

### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

The accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985

- having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records: the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and

- the charitable company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(5) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1)

<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Regular individual donations paid monthly and one off	1,320	1,385
10K Run Dr Tekeste Gebray at MK	490	1,335
Other donations via corporate and PayPal and MLF	0	137
Collection tins from Eritrean shops	826	913
Mesfney Love Foundation (MLF) donation to Abraha Bahta school for blinds	0	3,000
Bank Interest	820	820
HMRC	1865	0
Miscellaneous , refund	16	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>5337</b>	<b>7,590</b>
Balance B/Fwd	41,546	46,448
<b>Total incoming resources including brought fwd</b>	<b><u>46,883</u></b>	<b><u>54,038</u></b>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Abraha Bahta School for Blind – purchase of local items	0	3,000
Project expenditure – SEDC part payment solar energy.	0	8,996
Web development , domain, post office rent , telephone	2,139	297
Misc expenses companies house, refreshments meetings and events	52	131
Bank Charges International Transfer fees (£5/month)	60	68
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>2,251</u></b>	<b><u>12,492</u></b>
<b>Balance of income over expenditure</b>	<b><u>44,632</u></b>	<b><u>41,546</u></b>
cash in bank current account	31.46	324
cash in bank saving account	44,600.31	41,222
<b>Total cash in bank on 5th April</b>	<b><u>44,632</u></b>	<b><u>41,546</u></b>

**Eritrean Relief Association UK**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**5 April 2025**

	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Assets:</b>		
Bank Account (current & saving)	44,632	41,546
Total Assets	<b>44,632</b>	<b>41,546</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Current liabilities failing due within one year		
Net current assets	44,632	41,546
Total assets less current liabilities	<b>44,632</b>	<b>41,546</b>
Current liabilities failing due within one year		
<b>Funds:</b>		
Revaluation reserve:- designated/restricted project funds	38,632	25,000
Other reserves:- contingency funds & Admin/Fundraising funds, Website development, rebranding, social media	6,000	16,546
Total Funds	<b>44,632</b>	<b>41,546</b>

### Designation of Funds for 2025/26

Description of funds	Funds b /fwd on 5/4/2024	Incoming resource 2024/25	Expended resources 2024/25	Funds cfw on 05/04/25	Re-Designated/ Adjustment	Designate d funds for 2025/26
Designated fund for projects	25,000	490		25,490	13,142	<b>38,632</b>
Fundraising, IT and telephone administration	5,272	3,347	2,139	6,480	(4,480)	<b>2,000</b>
Other reserve funds for emergency relief contingency	11,274	1,500	112	12,662	(8,662)	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,546</b>	<b>5,337</b>	<b>(2,251)</b>	<b>44,632</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,632</b>