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ASSOCIATION
(UK)

For Relief, Rehabilitation, Development

**Accounts for the Year
ended 31st March 2010**

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Company: 2294497

Registered Charity No: 800543

Reporting Accountant: Fitsum F Michael BA FCCA MBA

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ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION
supporting Autistic and Down's Syndrome children, and children of parents with AIDS
UK charity No 800543

ALL SAINTS CENTRE
FRIDAY 17 JULY
FRIARS' WALK, LEWES 01273 486391
7pm doors, 7.30 show. £8, £6 conc. £4 under 14

GREAT POETS, GREAT BANDS
JOHN AGARD
GRACE NICHOLS
SKA TOONS
STARFISH

3.30-5.30pm. £3, £1 child
CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON
gymnastics display, African drumming, storytelling, games, music, face-painting...
thanks to Tesco, Bill's and Seasons for their support

Lovely food from **SM** and bar
sponsored by **southeast**
For more information call Mebrak 07989 023460
www.southeastinterpreting.com

Far left top:
Sponsored runners who completed the British 10K London Run on 12th July 2009
Front, Left to right: Besrat Habteab, Shanet Zeru, Iyasu Yohannes. Back row: Fiyori Belay, Tim Dalrymple, Harvey Singh, Munish, Tsega Yihdego, Samuel Asfaha, Aiden Amanuel, Niyat Samuel.

Far left bottom: The runners at the warehouse witnessing the shipment of the milk products to Eritrea.

Right: An evening of poetry in Lewes, sponsored by Southeast Interpreting Services raised £1267.00 for Autistic Children in Eritrea.



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

Company Information:
Trustees/Directors

Seble Ephrem, Chairman
Yohannes Fassil, Treasurer
YergalemTewelde, Secretary
Habtom Tesfai
Mebrak Ghebrewoldi
Mehretab Habtu
Shanet Zeru
Tesfaldet W. Ghilazgi
Tewelde W. Kidan (Trustee)

Secretary
Yergalem Tewelde

Reg. Charity Number: 800543

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Registered Office
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Reporting Accountant
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**COMPANY
INFORMATION**

ERITREAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION UK (ERA-UK)

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2010

The Board of Trustees present herewith their report and the externally examined financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2010.

OUR ORGANISATION

The Eritrean Relief Association in United Kingdom 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 1982 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 for establishing policy. The Trustees are appointed by the Board on the recommendation of other Directors.

OVERVIEW

For the third year running, particular attention was placed on the needs of malnourished children whose mothers have been diagnosed as HIV positive and/or with AIDS. We have been raising funds towards the provision of supplementary food for this highly vulnerable group in Eritrea. Our work was carried out in consultation and facilitation with our partners, the National Bidho Association of Eritrea.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

In furtherance of the appeal for funds, ERA-UK:

- Welcomed Habtom Tesfai and Shanet Zeru who joined as Trustees / Directors.
 - Arranged for one sponsored runner to participate in the London Flora Marathon in April 2009. Habtom Tesfai, completed the race in 3 hours 09 minutes 15 seconds and raised £2,460.
 - Organised for 12 sponsored runners to take part in the British10K London Run in July 2009. This annual activity is gradually gaining popularity within the Eritrean community and increasing the spirit of benevolence combined with the pleasures gained through sportsmanship. The group raised £8,801 including Gift Aid.
 - £1267.00 was raised at an Artists Event in Lewes East Sussex sponsored by South-east Interpreting Services and directed by Mebrak Ghebrewoldi.
 - Continued its efforts towards raising awareness and promotion within the Eritrean community in the UK of the benefits of donating using our Gift Aid form.
 - Continued encouraging Eritrean owned businesses, especially restaurants, groceries and newsagents to place our donation boxes in prominent positions in their outlets, £871 has been raised.
 - ERA also raised funds (£1,532) for the shipment of medical equipment and medicines for Eritrean National Diabetic Association.
- ERA-UK supported a UK based BA degree student by providing her the opportunity to research and develop a suitable website for ERA as her academic project.

HOW WERE FUNDS SPENT?

The fund which was raised through the sponsored 10K Run was in support of children under the care of Bidho Association and children with Autism in Eritrea. Twenty quintals of baby formula powdered milk (Cow & Gate) was purchased and shipped to Eritrea at a cost of £18,788. Compared to the extensive work that is being carried out by our partners in Eritrea, we believe this may have been only a small contribution. National Bidho Association has sent a full report on the distribution and benefits registered with their stakeholders as a result of this consignment.

In response to their request, ERA-UK provided the National Eritrean Diabetic Association (ENDA) Glucometers and matching test strips and a variety of first aid kits and medicines. ENDA's report indicates the good use that these products were put to and highlights their further need to enable them continue their preventative work with diabetics.

ERA-UK remains committed to working to meet the needs of vulnerable sectors of our society in Eritrea in compliance with its mandate to alleviate poverty and increase education. 95% of all funds raised go directly to target projects.

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 below for any information you may require in relation to helping the needy in Eritrea.

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RESERVE POLICY

The Trustees have agreed to designate £20,662 for the financial year 2010/11 from their unrestricted funds brought forward from the previous year accounts.

BENEFIT IN KIND

ERA (UK) has benefited from rent-free occupancy of its office during this period. The benefactors Eri-commerce International Ltd have also covered utilities including light, heating, council tax, security and insurance. ERA (UK) is grateful for this benevolence.

Mr. Tekle Tesfazion Fisehaye a Member of Accountant Technicians has kindly worked out the accounts and set up a computerized accounting system using "QuickBooks pro 2008" free of charge for which ERA UK is very grateful.

The Accounts Report was independently examined by Mr. Fitsum Michael for which he has made no charge. ERA-UK is thankful for this contribution.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have reviewed the risks which their charity organisation could be subjected to and have taken the necessary steps to mitigate such eventualities.

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.

ACCOUNTANT

Fitsum F Michael was appointed as the reporting accountant in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. Mr. Michael is fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and held senior offices at global accountancy practices and financial service organisations. No fee was charged by Mr. Michael for conducting the independent examination and reporting on the accounts.

This report is approved on behalf of the Trustees on 15th October 2010 in accordance to the Special Exemptions available to small companies conferred in Part II of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

Seble Ephrem
Chairman

RISK ASSESSMENT

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To The Members of Eritrean Relief Association (UK)

I report on the accounts for the year ended March 31 2010 set out on pages 6-9

Respective responsibilities of the directors and reporting accountant

As described on page 1 the charitable company's directors and trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable me to report my opinion

BASIS OF OPINION

My work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so my 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 I considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in my opinion.

OPINION

In my opinion:

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

(b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:

i. the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and

ii. 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)

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Reporting Accountant (2009)

Date: 10.10.2010

**ACCOUNTANT'S
REPORT**

Eritrean Relief Association (U. K)
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2010

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2009/2010 Total	2008/2009 Total
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations	5,016	8,827	13,843	17,019
Donations in kind (office rent)	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bank Interest	26	0	26	590
Other income	0	0	0	343
Total incoming resources	<u>5,042</u>	<u>12,827</u>	<u>17,869</u>	<u>21,952</u>
Resources expended				
Medical equipment & supplies	0	1,532	1,532	785
Health & Nutrition supplies/HIV	0	16,059	16,059	9,187
Autism protect materials	0	0	0	456
Telephone	640	0	640	1,010
Fundraising & Publicity	0	1,214	1,214	2,251
Freight	0	2,729	2,729	1,513
Postage and administrative expenses	383	0	383	97
Bank charges	37	0	37	61
Membership subscription	12	0	12	42
Premises costs	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total resources expended	<u>1,072</u>	<u>25,533</u>	<u>26,606</u>	<u>19,402</u>
Net movement in the year			-8,737	2,550
Total funds brought forward			36,286	33,736
Total funds carried forward			<u>27,549</u>	<u>36,286</u>

Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2010

	2009/10	2008/2009
	£	£
Gross income of continuing activities	17,869	21,952
Total expenditure of continuing operations	26,606	19,402
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	<u>-8,737</u>	<u>2,550</u>

The summary income and expenditure account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities above, which together with the notes to the accounts on the following pages provides full information on the movements during the year.

Eritrean Relief Association (U. K)
Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2010

	Notes	2009/10 £	2008/09 £
Current Asset			
Debtors and Prepayments		346	1,001
Bank accounts		27,572	35,633
Petty Cash		16	37
		<u>27,934</u>	<u>36,671</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accruals		385	385
		<u>27,549</u>	<u>36,286</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>27,549</u>	<u>36,286</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities			
		<u>27,549</u>	<u>36,286</u>
 Funds			
Restricted funds	2	0	0
Designated funds	3	20,662	35,957
Unrestricted funds		6,887	329
		<u>27,549</u>	<u>36,286</u>

The directors have:

- a) taken advantage of the Companies Act 1985 in not having these accounts audited under Section 249A(2) [partial exemption]
- b) confirmed that no notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985
- c) acknowledged their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985
- d) acknowledged their responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the company and of its loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to this company

Approved by the Board of Trustees

and signed on its behalf by: Yohannes Fassil

Top Fundraiser of the Year

Habtom Tesfay, a lawyer specialising in employment law, ran the Flora London Marathon in 4:09:15 on the 26th of April 2010 and raised £2,460 for the Eritrean Relief Association (ERA) UK.



Taking a well-deserved break



Left to right: Zeresenay Tadesse, Habtom Tesfay and Yonas Kifle



Left to right: Meb Kiflegzhi, Habtom Tesfay and Merhawi Keflezighi



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