

**Refugee
Compassion**

**ANNUAL
REPORT &
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
2020/2021**

Year ended 31 March 2021

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHARITY NAME

Refugee Compassion

CHARITY NUMBER

1184885

REGISTERED ADDRESS

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WEBSITE

www.refugeecompassion.org

TRUSTEES

Rebecca Snaith – Chair

Richard Snaith – Treasurer

Sarah Kitchener – Secretary
(resigned 5 September 2020)

Luke Martin – Safeguarding Officer

BANKERS

Metro Bank plc
One Southampton Row
London
WC1B 5HA

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and governed by its constitution.

RECRUITMENT & APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are appointed for an initial term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Potential Trustees will submit an application form which will be reviewed by existing Trustees to decide whether to appoint or not.

INDUCTION & TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New Trustees will be given documents to read relevant to their role. At a minimum they will be expected to read the Constitution for Refugee Compassion, and roles and responsibilities of a Trustee from the Charity Commission.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

In our second year as a registered charity, Refugee Compassion has had to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of Brexit; both of which have been extremely challenging.

Our work over the 2020-2021 period had to drastically change due to multiple lockdowns and the effects of Brexit on exporting goods into the EU. Before the pandemic much of our work involved sending aid to Chios and France. However, as the pandemic took hold, we had to switch to mainly sending financial aid to charities on the ground as sending physical aid became impossible. We sent financial aid to charities in Northern France and Chios.

We held a fundraiser in April 2020 that raised approximately £4000. This was a sponsored walk held at home due to the first lockdown. This provided much needed funds at a time when it was not possible to hold fundraising events.

We responded to needs as we saw them arise and sent money for specific items that were needed at the time. An example of this was an area of Dunkirk in France where asylum seekers were living became flooded. We provided all the funds needed to purchase a water pump. Within days the pump had been purchased and set up and the flood had been tackled, improving the lives of the asylum seekers living there.

During October 2020 we took part in a collaborative campaign to collect hygiene supplies and nappies to be sent to Greece to refugee camps in various Greek islands. We had a huge response and collected many nappies and hygiene items that were sent to the refugee camps.

Overall, it was a challenging year, even though we could not operate as normal we believe we did the best we were able to do in the circumstances. We sent money where we could and physical aid when it was possible.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the CIO are:

1. For the public benefit to relieve the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons wherever they are in the world, particularly, but not exclusively, by providing money, items or other assistance for such persons or organisations established to assist them as the Trustees shall think fit.
2. To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

- Held a sponsored walk fundraiser for our unrestricted funds.
- Sent many nappies and hygiene supplies to refugee camps in Greece and the Greek islands.
- Bought a water pump for use in Dunkirk.
- Bought 153 pairs of shoes that were sent to asylum seekers in Dunkirk.
- Sent funds to charities on the ground in France and Greece.
- Kept ourselves informed of current situations in refugee camps so we could respond with funds accordingly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Fig 1: Where our funding comes from

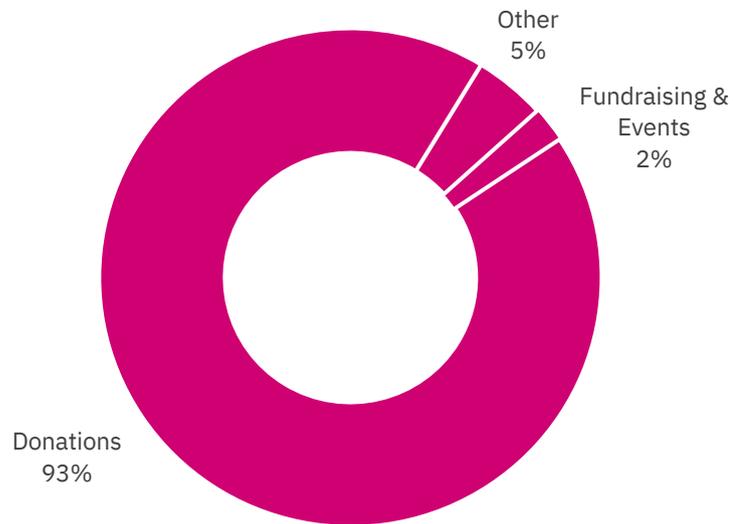
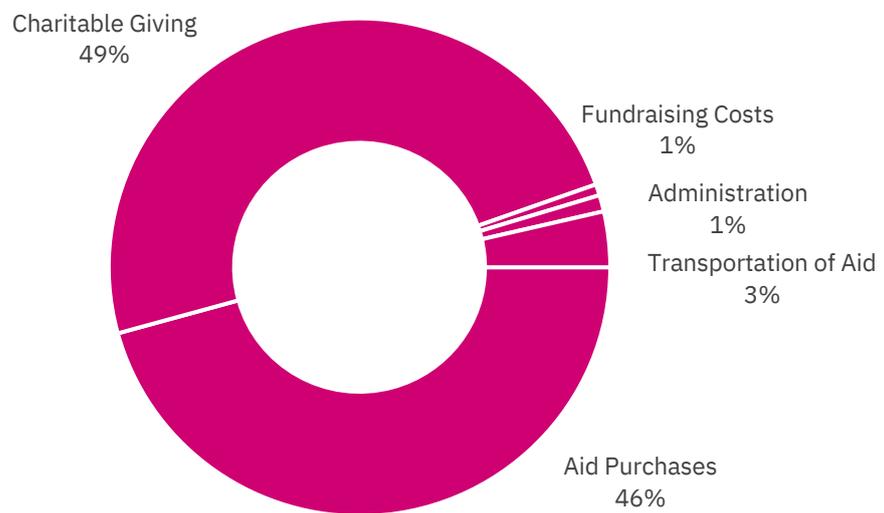


Fig 2: How we spend our money



STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL POSITION

During our financial year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, Refugee Compassion's income was £16,720.

Of this, £15,325 came from donations from individuals and organisations including other charities. £380 was raised from specific fundraising events organised by Refugee Compassion.

Over the course of the year we spent £16,660 as follows:

- £299 was spent on internal costs, made up of £121 on fundraising costs and £178 on administrative costs, mainly printing, IT and public liability insurance.
- £15,759 on purchasing items or services for refugees, including donations to associations such as Collective Aid, Refugee Community Kitchen, Offene Arme and Roots, and direct aid, such as sleeping bags and blankets.
- £602 on transport and fuel costs for our trips to Calais and for shipping pallets to Greece.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves that are not classified as restricted funds will be utilised in further pursuit of the charity's aims and objectives in line with its charitable purposes outlined in its constitution

DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

PARTICULARS OF ANY OUTSTANDING GUARANTEE GIVEN BY THE CHARITY

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

PARTICULARS OF ANY OUTSTANDING DEBT

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Rebecca Snaitth
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
Receipts				
Donations	11,525	3,800	15,325	7,053
Fundraising	380	-	380	3,468
Other	1,015	-	1,015	483
Total receipts	12,920	3,800	16,720	11,004
Payments				
Fundraising costs	121	-	121	976
Aid purchases	3,817	3,800	7,617	2,053
Charitable giving	8,142	-	8,142	1,500
Fuel	162	-	162	708
General office costs	178	-	178	286
Shipping & travel costs	440	-	440	1,752
Other	-	-	-	110
Total payments	12,860	3,800	16,660	7,385
Surplus/(deficit) for year	60	-	60	3,619

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	5,274	-	5,274	1,655
Surplus/(deficit) for year	60	-	60	3,619
Cash and bank balances at end of year	5,334	-	5,334	5,274
Bank & Cash Balances				
Current Account			5,274	1,655
			5,274	1,655

Approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Rebecca Snaitth
Chair of Trustees



Richard Snaitth
Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These accounts have been prepared on the “Receipts and Payments” basis.

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity’s work.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. During the year, the charity fundraised £3,800 of restricted funds to purchase tents and sleeping bags.

COST OF FUNDRAISING

The cost of fundraising includes the costs of promoting the organisation’s activities to potential donors and of collecting donations.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees or to any connected person during the year.

No travel expenses were paid to the Trustees during the year.

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