

Together for Sudan – the Bishop Mubarak Fund: Trustees' Annual Report, 2006

The Trustees of Together for Sudan – the Bishop Mubarak Fund have approved this annual report for 2006.

The Trust's address is 33 Balmoral Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 0JS. The Trustees are Dr Lillian Craig Harris (Chairman and Director), Prof Herman Bell, Ms Dina Gillespie (Treasurer, until 30 November), Mr Alan Goulty (Secretary) Mr Norman Jackson, Mr Julian Lush, and Mr Adrian Thomas. Mr Norman Swanney succeeded Ms Gillespie as Treasurer with effect from 1 December and was elected as a Trustee on 5 February 2007. Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees. The Director and Trustees are unpaid volunteers. The Trust maintains offices in Sudan in Khartoum and Kadugli staffed by salaried Sudanese employees. Mr Silas Sworo Jojo is the Country Director and is based in Khartoum

A Declaration of Trust dated 12 February 1999, as amended by a Supplemental Deed dated 27 September 2004, governs the charity. Its objects are to relieve or assist in relieving persons living in Sudan who are in conditions of sickness, hardship or distress, in particular by supporting organisations implementing and establishing developments projects, which relieve need and improve their conditions of life; and to advance the education of persons living in Sudan, giving priority to women and children and those from the Nuba Mountains, in particular but not exclusively by advancing education in literacy and basic subjects, the provision of vocational training and the provision of scholarships at Sudanese universities.

Advisers and Volunteers

The Trust's bankers are the National Bank of Abu Dhabi, One Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LY; CAF Bank Ltd, 25 King's Hill Avenue, King's Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ; and Barclays Bank, Barclays House, Alexandra Road, London SW19 7JZ. The Trustees are grateful to the firm of El Karib and Medani in Khartoum for pro bono legal advice; to the British Ambassador to Sudan, Mr Ian Cliff, and his staff and Ahfad University for Women in Omdurman for much help in kind; and to many volunteers in Sudan who have given their time to help with scholarship selection, eye-care and other programmes. They are most grateful, too, for the continued support of the patrons of the Trust and other friends and donors.

Achievements and Activities in 2006

Highlights of the Trust's work in 2006 included the expansion of teacher training in the Khartoum area and the Nuba Mountains, a further increase in the number of scholars supported at university and the continued success of the AIDS awareness outreach and eye-care programmes. The latter included for the first time two eye clinics at Kadugli in the Nuba Mountains.

The Trust's activities included:

- **Support of 240 students at Sudanese universities. Over 80 students have now graduated under this programme.**

- **Provision of a hostel for scholars at Ahfad University for Women.**
- **Funding of 90 teachers at schools in the Khartoum area, Abyei, Juba and the Nuba Mountains.**
- **Running eye care clinics in displaced areas outside Khartoum and in Kadugli. These have treated over 11000 patients since the programme began in 2002.**
- **Funding of over 100 pupils, mainly AIDS orphans, at basic and secondary schools.**
- **Provision of breakfast for pupils at 5 self-help schools in the Khartoum area and at the Kadugli Girls' Secondary school.**
- **New projects for training teachers in the Nuba Mountains and Khartoum.**
- **Some 30 literacy classes in Khartoum and the Nuba Mountains.**
- **Maintenance of 17 solar panels to provide lighting in community centres in areas off the electricity grid.**
- **Provision of medicines for four basic clinics**
- **Engagement of Mrs Carol Part on a short-term consultancy to draw up a fund-raising strategy.**

Objectives for 2007

The Trustees look forward to a further expansion of these programmes in 2007 subject to the constraints of security and resources. They plan to extend the teacher training programme in the Nuba Mountains through the end of the year and to begin training literacy teachers in Darfur. They expect to be able to reduce the number of literacy classes in Khartoum as the displaced people return home and the government expands its own work in this field. They will look to expand their AIDS awareness and eye-care programmes and extend the solar panels project to the Nuba Mountains. They hope to reduce their support of basic clinics as government and other support for them becomes available. The Trustees will seek further efficiencies in their offices in Sudan, including through training of their staff, and will aim to implement Mrs Part's recommendations on fund-raising.

Financial Information and Policy

In 2006 some 27% of the Trust's income came from individual donors to whom the Trustees wish to express their warmest thanks. They are also most grateful to the following partners who have donated funds for specific projects: The Catholic Agency for Overseas development (CAFOD); The UK Department for International Development (DFID); The Gordon College Memorial Trust Fund; Light for the World; Manos Unidas; The Mohamed Ibrahim Trust; Refugees International Japan and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The Trustees' policy is to seek to maintain reserves equivalent to six months' expenditure to guard against fluctuations in receipts or expenditure and to ensure provision for terminal benefits for their Sudanese staff. At the end of 2006 cash in hand amounted to £119,000.

Lillian Craig Harris

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Chairman and Director**

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Secretary**

14 February 2007