



REFUGEE
BIRIYANI & BANANAS

Trustees Annual Report
& Financial Statement
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Our Mission

Who We Are

Community-Led Field Team

85% of our field team and coordinators have lived experience of displacement and forced migration. With team representation from countries including Sudan, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, Cameroon, Gambia, Sierra Leone, UK, USA, and Spain, this diversity strengthens our ability to respond with cultural understanding and community-rooted trust.

Leadership and Governance

We are a proudly female-led organisation, with seven of our eight leaders being women and five from the global majority. Our leadership combines professional expertise with lived and community-rooted experience. Our Board brings strengths in humanitarian aid, finance, governance, refugee protection, and grassroots organising, with several members connected to refugee and diaspora communities through heritage or family ties.

Inclusive Core Team

Our core team—including staff, advisors, and ambassadors—reflects a wide range of identities and backgrounds, including those who have historically faced discrimination, prejudice, or marginalisation. We are committed to equity, inclusion, and challenging systemic bias in all we do. People with lived experience of displacement are central to our work, actively shaping decisions and leading delivery across all areas.

OUR VALUES

Inclusion

Empowerment

Voice

Family

Equity

Dignity



Our Aims: Delivering Humanitarian Aid, No Matter What

At Refugee Biriyani & Bananas, our aim and mission is to provide urgent, dignified humanitarian support to displaced individuals, guided by a flexible “whatever it takes” approach. From distributing food, shelter items, and winter essentials to advocating for human rights, we respond to unmet needs with care, equity, and respect.

As a community-led organisation, we centre people who are refugees and asylum seekers in every stage of our work—from shaping decisions to delivering aid—recognising their knowledge, skills, and lived experiences. Our mutual accompaniment model means we work with, not for, communities, enabling shared learning and more responsive, grounded support.

Our advocacy amplifies the voices of those we stand alongside, raising awareness and driving action to uphold their rights. Beyond direct aid, we step in where gaps exist—volunteering, coordinating, and showing up—offering solidarity and consistency in a landscape too often defined by absence.



About Us

Background

Refugee Biryani & Bananas (RBB) began in 2015 as a grassroots response to the Syrian refugee crisis. It started with a group of friends from the North East of England who cooked and distributed 2,500 portions of biriyani and bananas to people living in an unofficial refugee camp in Dunkirk, Northern France.

The image of Alan Kurdi—a young Syrian child whose body washed ashore while fleeing war—left a lasting impact. It stirred a sense of urgency and responsibility that the group could not ignore. On returning home, they committed to continuing their support for people affected by displacement and crisis.

While not everyone from those early days remains involved in the same way, many continue to contribute in different ways, and new people have since joined the journey—bringing fresh energy, perspectives, and commitment. That early moment laid the foundation for what would become RBB: an organisation rooted in justice, community, and the belief that no one should be forgotten.

On May 19, 2020, RBB became a registered organisation, dedicated to supporting and advocating for people displaced by war, persecution, and poverty. Today, we stand in solidarity with over 122 million people who are forcibly displaced worldwide (UNHCR, 2025). Since our founding, we've gone on to support more than 1 million people—delivering aid, amplifying voices, and addressing urgent needs where others fall short.



Where We Are

Since September 2015, Refugee Biriyani & Bananas (RBB) has provided vital humanitarian support to people who are displaced, living in refugee camps, war zones, informal settlements, and unstable conditions along migratory routes. Over the years, we have responded in key locations across Europe and the Middle East, including:

- France: Calais, Dunkirk, and Paris
- Greece: Idomeni Camp, Thessaloniki, Athens, Lavrio, Samos, and Chios
- Northern Iraq: Duhok and Sinjar
- Serbia: Belgrade Barracks
- Bosnia & Herzegovina – Croatia Border: Vučjak Camp
- Turkey: Istanbul
- Poland – Belarus – Lithuania Border
- Ukraine Border
- Gaza, Palestine
- Cairo, Egypt



While we remain rooted in a legacy of grassroots emergency response, our current focus centres on three critical regions where needs remain immense and under-addressed. Guided by the strength of our community and networks, we concentrate our efforts where we believe we can currently make the most meaningful impact:

Greece, where arrivals continue despite dwindling funding and fading international attention, leaving many displaced people in increasingly difficult and neglected situations.

Cairo, supporting communities displaced by conflict in Sudan, Palestine, Yemen, Somalia, and other crises.

Gaza, where we work with local networks to respond to catastrophic needs amid ongoing conflict.

Trustees Statement

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am proud to share this year's report for Refugee Biriyani & Bananas (RBB). Appointed since December 2024, we are a newly formed Board and each of us feels privileged to serve an organisation as inspiring and community-driven as RBB.

Throughout 2024–25, against a backdrop of intensifying conflicts, economic hardships and unreasonable political hostility towards people who are refugees and displaced, RBB continued to deliver rapid, compassionate and community-rooted humanitarian support. What sets RBB apart is not only what we do, but how we do it. Involving at every stage of our work those with lived experience of displacement. That includes 80% of our field team, as well as the community leaders and changemakers we train and support through initiatives like our Community Humanitarian Leaders Programme.

During this financial year we enable more than 173,000 women, children and men to access essential aid in Greece, Cairo and Gaza.

In Chios, Greece, we provided consistent, culturally appropriate food, hygiene items, clothing and other support to people navigating the asylum system, often in appalling conditions. In Gaza, through trusted community-led coordination, we mobilised urgently needed aid in response to a devastating humanitarian emergency. We reached tens of thousands of people with water and food demonstrating that solidarity, when done right, can save lives.

As trustees, we are especially proud of RBB's commitment grassroots action, not top-down aid, driven by love, trust and the belief that people experiencing displacement must shape the solutions. From funeral support in Athens to aid trucks at the Rafah crossing, every intervention is a reminder that humanity transcends borders.

Over the coming year, our Board will continue to support the charity's mission, ensuring we remain accountable, agile and deeply aligned with our values. We will expand our operational capacity, prioritising lived experience and critical on the ground skills and continue to prioritise financial sustainability in a very challenging funding landscape.

To our partners, volunteers, donors and the displaced communities who trust us: thank you. We are inspired by your courage, wisdom and solidarity every day.

Warmest Wishes



Amber Bauer
Chair of Trustees

A Note from the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On 3rd September 2025, Refugee Biriyani & Bananas (RBB) will mark ten years since it began as a volunteer-led response, born out of deep outrage and heartbreak. Like many around the world, I was shaken by the image of Alan Kurdi—just three years old, lying lifeless on a beach after fleeing war in Syria. That moment changed everything. What followed was not a campaign or a plan, but a promise: to act, to listen, and to never turn away.

A decade on, that promise still shapes everything we do.

This year, RBB has continued to navigate the impossible: rising needs, shrinking support, and systems that fail the very people they claim to protect. Yet we've remained present—rooted in relationships and trust—with a small but fierce team of volunteers and coordinators across Greece, Cairo, and Gaza.

In Greece, despite having to close our Qalbi Centre in Athens due to limited resources, we've continued to support displaced individuals in the city through collaborative and targeted emergency distributions. Our work on the islands remains a core part of our identity — particularly in Chios, where we are often the first point of contact for people arriving in distress, and where our presence is valued by both the community and other frontline actors.

In Cairo, we have built new relationships and a deeper understanding of the needs of Sudanese and other displaced communities. It has been a milestone for RBB: an opportunity not only to respond, but to grow closer to people often left out of aid conversations entirely.



Our work in Gaza has tested every part of our network and resolve. When trucks were no longer able to cross into Gaza, and the route through Rafah became blocked, we found other ways—supporting our local, community-led teams to reach tens of thousands with food, hygiene kits, and clean drinking water. We faced extraordinary obstacles, but we continued, and we will continue, for as long as needed.

The Community Humanitarian Leaders Programme (CHLP) has grown to include more coordinators and volunteers from displaced backgrounds, many now leading efforts in places like Gaza. In March 2025, over 50 volunteers from Sudan, Palestine, and Egypt came together in Cairo to support RBB, driven by their own experiences and personal commitment to helping others. As one volunteer put it: “We’ve been helped before—now it’s our turn to help others.” Another asked, “When are you coming back? We want to work with you again.”

Internally, RBB has also taken steps to strengthen its foundations. This year, we welcomed a newly recruited Board of Trustees, bringing fresh insights and experience to guide us into our next chapter. Their support is helping us navigate this critical period with renewed clarity and accountability.

As we approach our tenth anniversary, I want to honour the people we serve. People who have endured far more than most can imagine—and who still find ways to share food, stories, and laughter with us. I want to thank every supporter who has helped keep this work alive—your solidarity is not forgotten. And I want to thank our team—most of whom are themselves displaced—for showing what dignity, strength, and leadership truly look like.

We are small. But we are not alone. And we’re not done yet.

With gratitude and determination,



Ruhi Loren Akhtar
Chief Executive Officer



Key Achievements | Impact Report

Thank you to everyone who donated funds, raised funds, provided in-kind donations and services, volunteered in the field or remotely, supported procurement of aid, shared our social media posts, and offered encouragement. A special thanks to the members of our communities of support who volunteered with us despite their own challenging circumstances.

A comprehensive financial overview is included after this section with our Accountant's Independent Examination.

Together, we supported approximately **173,219** (287% increase from previous year) people across all sites, providing ongoing care where needed and one-time assistance for those on the move. This equated to **188,398** (225% increase from previous year) individual distribution or support instances over the year.

Our distributions and interventions this year supported people affected by war and displacement from Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Palestine, Yemen, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Greece, and multiple regions across East, West, and Sub-Saharan Africa, including Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Sudan.

We focused our efforts on three key areas:

- **Greece: Chios and Athens**
- **Palestine: Gaza**
- **Egypt: Cairo**

In addition to direct aid, we provided social support, remote interventions, and stood alongside individuals by advocating for their access to safety, services, and dignity—particularly those facing urgent needs or systemic barriers. We also extended targeted remote emergency support and advocacy efforts to other parts of Greece, including the islands of Rhodes, Lesbos, Samos, and Leros, responding wherever we were needed and able to do so.

Food, Water and Hygiene Products

With a primary focus of providing food security and hygiene items we purchased:

- **£167,394** of Food Supplies (50.4% increase from previous year)
- **£26,299** of Hygiene Products (175% increase from previous year)

With financial and in-kind donations, a total of **18,107** (42.5% increase from previous year) individual, community directed, food & hygiene packs were distributed. The average number of items per pack was **10** products, ranging between **6** items and **25** items per pack.

GAZA CLEAN WATER DISTRIBUTIONS

For the first time since RBB began, we launched a dedicated and large-scale clean drinking water project in Gaza, responding to the urgent need caused by infrastructure collapse and water contamination. While we have supported water access in the past, this was our most extensive effort to date—delivering safe water to thousands, with **£26,606** allocated to this critical response.



76 WATER TRUCKS



380,000 LITRES



120,000 PEOPLE (3 L Each)



Individual Food Item 285,851

(Average Standard Sized Packs)

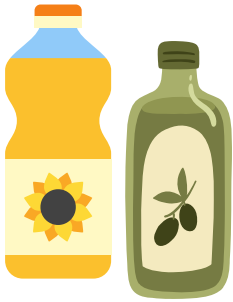
234% increase from previous year

Individual Hygiene Products 16,336

(Average Standard Sized Packs)

33.7% increase from previous year

While this is not a complete representation of all the food and hygiene products distributed this year, it provides insight into some of the most popular items and quantities made possible thanks to your support.



11,124 Bottles of 1 Litre
Cooking Oil



15,807 Cans / Bottles of 500 g Vegetables
and Varied Tomato Preparations.



16,609 Cans of 100 g
Tinned Fish



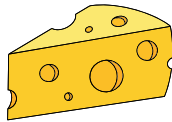
11,147 Packs of
1kg Sugar



3,740 Packs of
1kg Pasta



13,436 Bags of
1kg Rice



14,268 Packs of
300 g Cheese



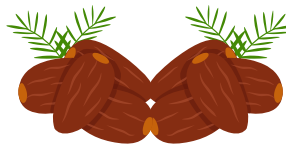
11,192 Packs / Tins of 250g
Fresh and Canned Halal Meats



11,419 Packs containing salt,
flour, spices, and stock (750g)



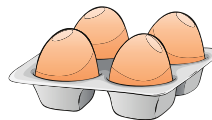
28,213 Tins / Packs of 1 kg Dried and
Tinned Lentils, Chickpeas, Pulses and Beans



7 Tonnes of Dates



6,984 1 Kg Jam and Halwa



7,560 Individual Eggs



43,760 portion sized packs of
biscuits, crisps and snack items.



1,389,960 cups of Soft Drinks, Fruit
Juices, Tea and Coffee (250 mls)



7.5 tonnes of fresh vegetables



3,246 Cartons of
1 Litre Milk



4,213 Bottles of 750 ML
Dishwashing Liquid



4,233 Boxes of 500 g
Soap Powder



175 Bottles and Bars of 100g of
Body Wash and Soap



300 Bottles of 400
ML Shampoo



36,834 individual
Sanitary Towels



147 Toothbrushes &
150 g Toothpaste



3,585 Deodorant and packs
of wet wipes (72 pieces)

Non-Food Items



In Chios and Athens, **10,276** (66.4% increase from previous year) pieces of non-food / hygiene aid items were also distributed. These included blankets and sleeping bags, tents, children's educational supplies, laptops, gifts and art supplies, kitchen equipment, household items, shoes, clothes, suitcases, backpacks, plastic storage boxes and winter thermal accessories. These items were donated in-kind by private donors, businesses, and other NGOs, with additional items purchased as needed.

OTHER KEY SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS

Support for the Deceased & their Families



We supported the burial, funeral and commemoration services of five people in Chios and Athens by facilitating communication with their community groups, attending the services, and providing materials, volunteers, and transportation for the burials. Additionally, we offered social support to the family members.

Supermarket Vouchers



We distributed £2,500 worth of supermarket shopping vouchers to 145 people in emergency and homeless situations in Athens, allowing them to purchase easy to eat and fresh food items of their choosing.

Hot Meals



In Chios, Athens, Gaza and Cairo, we provided 3,605 individual portions of hot meals and cooked food. These were cooked / prepared / bought and distributed during outreach sessions, for celebrations and activities, field work, for community volunteers, and during emergencies.

Aid from Qalbi Centre



Following the closure of the Qalbi Centre in Athens, we donated approximately three pallet loads of materials and aid to partner organisations, including furniture, hygiene items, and distribution supplies. An additional pallet of aid and household / kitchen items was shared with our community team for targeted distributions to those in need.

Community Coordinators and Volunteers

Across all our sites of support during the year—including Chios, Athens, Cairo, and Gaza—a total of **355 individuals** from displaced communities and conflict-affected areas engaged in meaningful humanitarian opportunities with RBB. These included volunteer roles and coordinator placements, enabling them to contribute directly to the delivery of aid while gaining valuable hands-on experience.

In addition to these roles, participants received essential support such as food, refreshments, and access to study materials—including laptops where available and necessary—to help them pursue their personal, educational, and professional development.

Of the 355 individuals supported, 65 were provided with additional assistance with accommodation, travel, and transport as and when necessary, helping to reduce the financial and logistical barriers that often prevent displaced individuals from participating in such programmes. Additionally, 5 individuals were offered continued mentoring focused on humanitarian work and the development of their own projects—supporting them to take on leadership roles and make a lasting impact within their communities.

We also took part in peer-to-peer learning and strategy workshops in Belgium, with our Gaza project remote coordinator in attendance and others from Gaza joining via video call to contribute their insights and lived experiences.



#EndPushbacks Interventions, Advocacy & Crisis Support

162 groups and approximately 6000 people contacted our emergency helpline in distress, reaching out from across the Greek islands for urgent support and guidance. This is a 200% increase of people accessing the emergency helpline from the previous year.

Throughout the year, we maintained our emergency helpline for people in distress arriving in Greece, providing urgent guidance based on their location and available support mechanisms. In these cases, we were the first or one of the first points of call, directly contacted by people stranded after arrival, before involving other actors. We handled **86 incidents** involving people in distress post-arrival, offering advice, facilitating reporting mechanisms, and advocating for their registration onto the asylum-seeking process.

In some instances, groups were split after arrival, due to the circumstances on the ground, and we would receive multiple calls from different numbers and individuals within the same group, sometimes reporting their location and condition separately.

The majority of cases we reported on involved groups arriving on Chios (30%), followed by Lesbos (19%), Samos (14%), Rhodes (13%), and Farmakonisi (13%). Smaller numbers were recorded on Ikaria, Oinousses, and Vrachonisida Agios Nikolas, a small islet near Samos.

We communicated with the emergency services and collaborated with human rights NGOs, legal support teams, advocates, monitoring groups, and journalists to raise awareness via various means including social media and engage relevant authorities, including the Greek Ombudsman. Through these collective efforts, we supported 3,148 individuals with access to asylum procedures, rescue, medical care, safety and transfers to camp facilities — reducing their risk of being subjected to pushbacks, detention, or other forms of border violence.



A further 57 groups (approximately 2,852 people) contacted us through the helpline, with many cases involving multiple numbers and individual calls from people within the same group. These groups reached out while either in distress at sea or after arrival on land.

In several instances, communication was lost, making it difficult to maintain contact or provide continued support. Despite these challenges, we provided advice and reporting to the best of our ability and whenever contact was possible. Unfortunately, it was not always clear what happened to these groups afterwards or whether they reached safety.

Our support for all these cases varied from a few hours to several days depending on the complexity of each case, often involving aftercare and follow-up. People contacting us reported injuries sustained during crossings or while stranded, urgent medical needs, exposure to severe weather, and imminent threats of pushbacks. Sadly, this year we also responded to two cases of missing people, and received reports of deaths during arrival journeys. We assisted families, friends, and other NGOs in filing reports and directing them to the appropriate authorities and support services.





Social Support & General Well Being

Over the past year, we provided social support and promoted general well-being on **8,735 occasions**, advocated for individuals, and supported a total of **9,907 people**.

These interventions range from one-time actions to ongoing, consistent support over time. They are community-driven and can be directed towards individuals or groups. The activities include:

Referrals and Facilitation of :

- Medical support
- Legal Aid
- Education
- CV Writing and Employment
- Sports, Music and Social Activities
- Housing and Shelter
- Other Integration Services
- Accessing specialist community groups and organisations
- Clothing and baby specialist services

Translation

Transportation Support and Travel Tickets

Accompanying to appointments if necessary

Activities and Celebrations:

- Cooking Sessions
- Football and Sports
- Festivals and Celebrations
- Commemorations
- Day Trips
- Community meals
- Children's activities

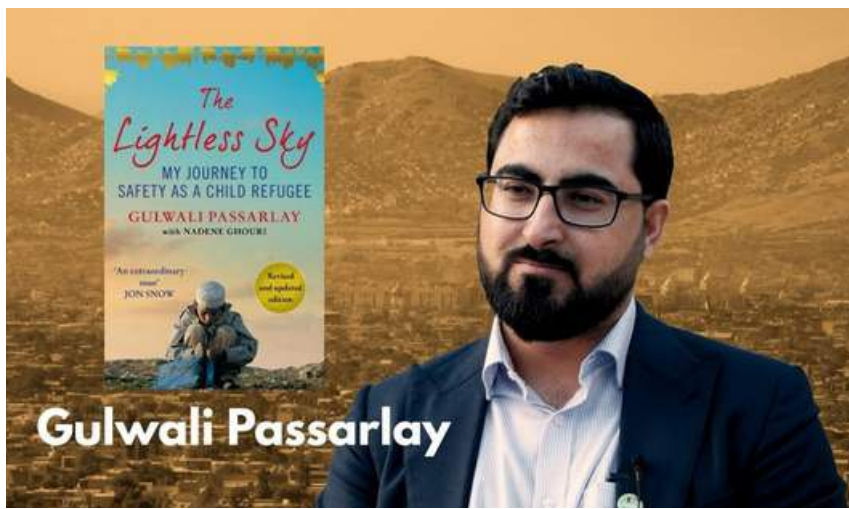
Ambassadors, Events and Highlights

We were honoured to have the renowned musician and artist **Aria Wells**, known as **Greentea Peng**, host a fundraiser in support of our Gaza efforts. Our trustee, Aliya, spoke at the event, sharing insights from our work. We were even more grateful when Aria later joined us on the ground as a volunteer in Greece.



We're proud to share that RBB's founder, Ruhi Loren Akhtar, was named Bangladeshi Person of the Year at the 2024 North East Bangladeshi Awards (NEBA)! As Ruhi was in Chios leading an aid distribution, her father, Kaptan, collected the award on her behalf.





We were delighted to welcome RBB's brother, friend, and ambassador, **Gulwali Passarlay**. Originally from Afghanistan, Gulwali travelled the refugee route to the UK as a child and is now a respected refugee and human rights advocate, as well as the bestselling author of *The Lightless Sky*. He joined us to volunteer in Greece and helped us raise both awareness and funds for our work.

Over the past year, fundraising events for RBB — mainly supporting our work for Gaza — were held worldwide, from Newcastle, Australia to Newcastle, UK, including by former volunteers and long-standing team members. The RBB team also took part in awareness-raising, peace, and unity events in the UK, sharing a stage with Jeremy Corbyn and Muzoon Almellehan (Syrian activist and UNICEF's youngest Goodwill Ambassador).



Community Stories 1: The Smallest Survivor

A Child's Struggle for Survival in Gaza

Background

In the shattered remains of what was once her family's home, three-year-old Hanin* clung to her mother's side. The walls were gone, reduced to rubble by an airstrike that took the lives of her father, older sister, and brother. Only she and her mother, Ahlam*, survived. But survival came at a cruel cost—Ahlam's legs had been crushed in the blast, leaving her unable to walk. Without a wheelchair, she was trapped, unable to move beyond the broken space they now called home...

***Name changed to protect identity**

For weeks, Ahlam and Hanin had no way to reach food lines or distributions by aid organisations. Each day blurred into the next, the weight of grief and hunger pressing down. Ahlam's greatest pain, however, was not her injuries - it was watching her daughter grow weaker.

'I tried to keep her from seeing my pain, but how do you hide hunger from a child? She stopped crying after a while, and stopped asking for food. That terrified me more than anything', Ahlam shared.

RBB's Intervention

When RBB's outreach team in Gaza moved tent to tent, building to building, speaking to trusted local contacts, they learned of Ahlam and Hanin's desperate situation. Without mobility, Ahlam had no way to reach help, and without an adult to collect food, Hanin had no way to eat. When our team arrived, we found Hanin sitting quietly next to her mother, too weak to play, her small hands gripping the edge of her tattered dress. A food pack was placed in front of them and for the first time in weeks, Ahlam could offer her daughter something to eat.

'This food means my daughter will wake up tomorrow with strength in her body. She will not go to sleep on an empty stomach. I have not been able to give her that. You found us when no one else could.'

For Ahlam and Hanin, this was more than a meal. It was proof that they were not forgotten. And it was a reminder of why RBB's direct, localised approach-finding those cut off- is so crucial in times of crisis.



Community Stories 2: A Youth-Led Volunteer Response in Cairo

50 Sudanese and Palestinian Volunteers Step Up

Background

In February 2025, when two RBB aid trucks destined for Gaza were turned back at the border, the team returned to Cairo with no clear plan. A kind local couple offered the use of a warehouse, but the situation felt uncertain — and the scale of the work ahead was unknown. However, we knew the aid couldn't go to waste. It was urgently needed, and we were determined to get it to people who had already been overlooked by many systems of support.

The night before the aid distribution was due to begin, there weren't enough people to help. Even the following morning, only around ten volunteers were expected.

Then something powerful happened.

Word spread through community leaders and group chats. Youth began showing up — in groups of 15, in pairs, and alone. In the end, nearly 50 volunteers took part, the majority of them Sudanese, alongside Palestinian, Egyptian, and other local youth. Together, we sorted, packed, and distributed 2,000 food parcels to displaced communities across Cairo.

This wasn't just an emergency response — it became a grassroots, youth-led volunteer programme shaped by people with the same lived experiences as those being supported.

One volunteer said, *“We’ve been helped before – now it’s our turn to help others.”*



Another asked, *“When are you coming back? We want to work with you again.”*

This moment reflects the heart of RBB’s Community Humanitarian Leaders Programme (CHLP) — creating meaningful, practical opportunities for displaced communities to take part in humanitarian action, not just as recipients but as leaders and organisers.

It also highlights what’s possible when people are trusted, included, and resourced.

All the food and hygiene parcels that were cleaned, sorted, and packed were then distributed by these very same volunteers—under the guidance of their grassroots leaders—to people who had recently fled the war in Sudan and Palestine, as well as other displaced communities in their respective areas.

The RBB team would love to return and build on this energy in Cairo, working alongside these local communities to support even more displaced people, while also creating further opportunities for volunteering and leadership.



Financial Overview

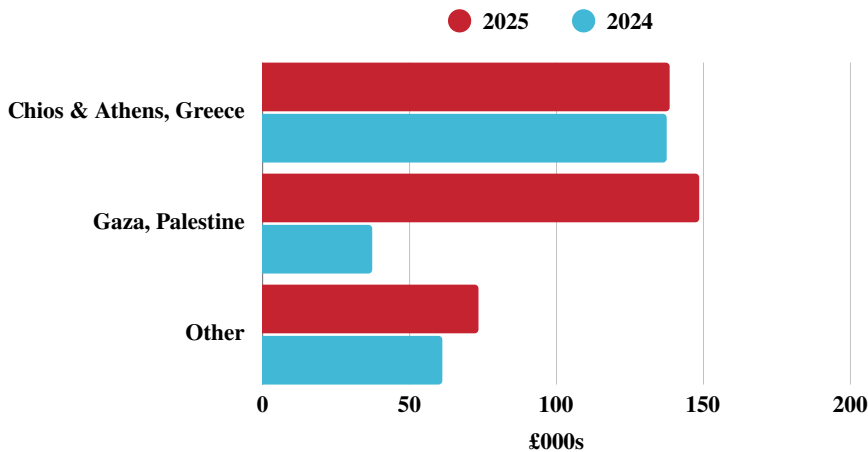
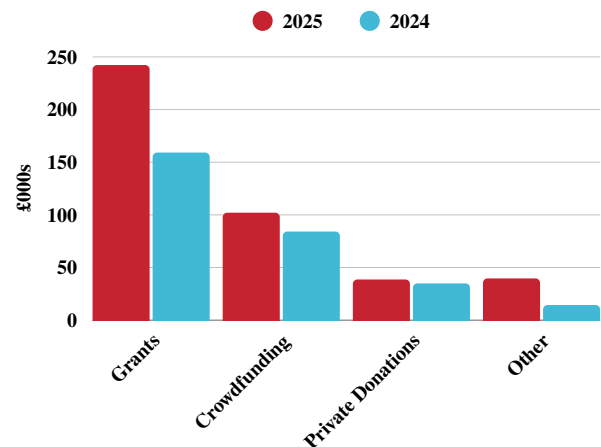
Funds Raised - £423,041

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we have been able to increase our revenue by over 40% year on year, this has enabled us to spend more on aid than ever before.

The increase in income came from almost all fundraising categories, with significant growth from Grants and Crowdfunding in particular.

Other fundraising sources include events, corporate donations, collections and Gift Aid.

Fundraising by Source

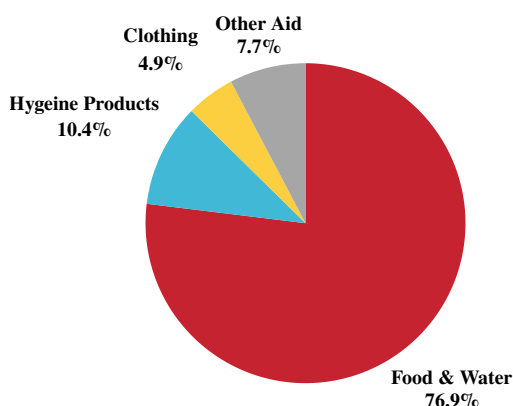
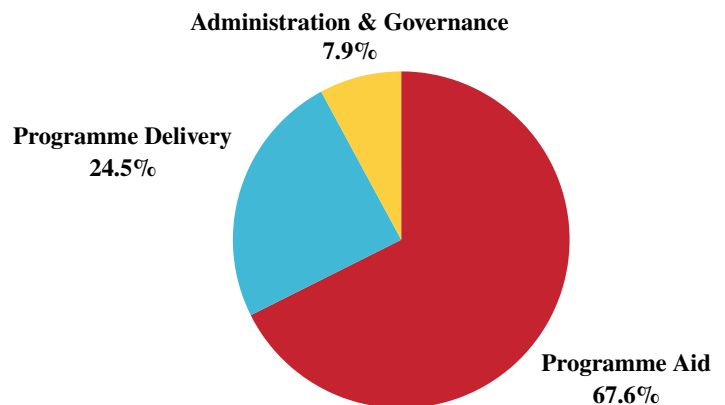


Spend by Location

The increase in donations meant that we were able to maintain our support for refugees in Greece whilst also providing much needed aid to people in Gaza.

Total Expenditure - £373,007

Over two thirds of our spending went directly on programme aid. A further 24.5% was spent on programme delivery on the ground.



Programme Aid Spend - £252,156

The majority of this came in the form of Food & Water, alongside spends on Hygiene Products and Clothing.

The remaining 7.7% of “other aid” was spent on a variety of small projects such as shopping vouchers and social support.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established a reserves policy to ensure Refugee Biriyani & Bananas is able to continue to operate effectively and meet its obligations in the event of financial uncertainty or unforeseen circumstances. The trustees aim to maintain designated reserves of approximately £45,000–£55,000, held from unrestricted funds only. This comprises a Designated Emergency Fund of £10,000, intended to enable a timely response to acute humanitarian emergencies without disrupting existing activities, and a Designated Reserve Fund of £35,000–£45,000, intended to support organisational continuity, manage short-term cash flow pressures, and meet unexpected or exceptional costs. At the year end, the level of reserves held was in line with the RBB reserves policy, and the trustees consider this level to be appropriate having regard to the size, activities, and risk profile of the organisation. The trustees keep the reserves policy under regular review.

What's next for RBB?

As we look ahead, RBB remains deeply committed to amplifying our impact and reaching more communities facing displacement, injustice, and crisis. Our focus for the coming year is on expanding our core, community-led programmes to ensure we continue delivering meaningful and sustainable support where it is most urgently needed.

This next phase of growth will involve strengthening partnerships with local and international organisations, as well as trusted community leaders. We will also be investing in our volunteer and support networks, and broadening our outreach so that more people—especially those often overlooked—are reached. To enhance our capacity and service delivery, we plan to bring in new specialist support, including fundraising and communications experts, to help us work more effectively and sustainably.

A key priority will be securing new and diverse sources of funding. We recognise that financial resilience is essential to sustaining our mission. That's why we are actively pursuing a mix of grants, partnerships, and community-driven fundraising campaigns—to ensure we can continue this work, even in times of economic uncertainty.

We invite our supporters, friends, and extended community to be part of this journey. Whether through volunteering, donating, organising or attending a fundraising event, or simply helping to raise awareness—every action contributes to something bigger. Every gesture brings us closer to a world rooted in compassion, equity, and collective responsibility.

Together, we can make a lasting difference. The future of RBB is bold and grounded in hope—and with your continued support, we will keep pushing boundaries, growing stronger, and standing in solidarity with those most in need.



Charity Information

Trustees for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Tom Snape - Chair of Trustees (Resigned 31/12/24)

Abdelilah Alhamoud - Vice Chairperson (Resigned 1/9/24)

Jacob Warn - Treasurer (Resigned 15/2/25)

Jennifer Capasso - General Trustee (Resigned 31/1/25)

Frances Loring - General Trustee (Resigned 31/12/24)

Amber Bauer - Chair of Trustees (Appointed 21/12/24)

Aliya Abidi - General Trustee (Appointment 29/12/24)

Mantaqaa Akhtar - General Trustee (Appointment 21/12/24)

Elena Martinez Garcia - General Trustee (Appointed 5/1/25)

Triana Riazor Marquina - General Trustee (Appointed 26/12/24)

Junaed Razaq - Treasurer (Appointed 18/2/25)

Munira Yusuf - General Trustee (Appointed 1/2/25)

Registered Address

52 Clifton Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne. NE4 8DQ

Constitution

Registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England and Wales, no. 1189561

Independent Examiner

Robert Wilson FCA. Godfrey Wilson Limited, 5TH Floor, Mariner House, 62 Prince Street, Bristol. BS1 4QD.

Banks

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Year Ending 31st March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report and financial statements for Refugee Biriyani & Bananas (RBB) for the year ending 31 March 2025. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, including the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), and comply with the charity's constitution and the requirements of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

As part of their legal responsibilities under the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities and position, including the income received and how it has been applied.

In preparing these statements, the Trustees have:

- Selected and consistently applied appropriate accounting policies;
- Followed the principles and methodologies set out in the Charities SORP;
- Made reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- Confirmed compliance with relevant UK accounting standards, disclosing and explaining any material departures; and
- Prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained, which accurately reflect the financial position of the organisation and enable the charity to meet its statutory requirements. This includes safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring that robust internal controls and procedures are in place to prevent fraud and financial mismanagement.

Approved by the CIO Trustees on 5th January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Amber Bauer
Chair of Trustees

Structure and Governance

During the year, Refugee Biriyani & Bananas (RBB) was governed by a board of five to seven trustees, in line with our constitution which requires a minimum of three. Trustees are appointed by the existing board for a term of three years and are eligible for reappointment.

All trustees volunteer their time and expertise without remuneration. Board meetings were held every 8–12 weeks via video call, with every meeting chaired and minuted. Trustees also remained in regular contact through email, WhatsApp, and phone calls to review updates, approve or decline initiatives and finances, and provide support to the organisation as needed.

In addition to full board meetings, trustees worked within sub-groups to provide focused oversight in key areas such as safeguarding, finance, and strategic development. This allowed for more efficient decision-making and ensured timely responses to urgent matters.

Several trustees who joined the board since December 2024 had previously volunteered with RBB in the field and/or were known to the organisation as colleagues and peers working in the same sector. Since their appointment, there have been occasions where several trustees have met in person with Ruhi (CEO), the field teams and each other in Greece and Cairo, collaborating on key thematic areas and actively supporting operational activities.

Our strategic direction and areas of activity are continuously reviewed to ensure we remain responsive to the shifting realities faced by displaced people. This flexible, needs-led approach allows us to respond quickly to emerging crises while remaining rooted in our values and long-term mission.



WE THANK YOU!

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Refugee Biriyani & Bananas

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refugee Biriyani & Bananas (the CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 30 to 42.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

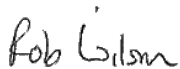
Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides ad-hoc consultancy services to the CIO. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2024, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 8 January 2026

Robert Wilson FCA

Member of the ICAEW

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Refugee Biryani & Bananas

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	Restated 2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	113,472	79,628	193,100	143,163
Charitable activities	4	<u>229,941</u>	<u>-</u>	229,941	149,910
Total income		<u>343,413</u>	<u>79,628</u>	423,041	293,073
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	38,281	38,281	30,706
Charitable activities		<u>294,880</u>	<u>39,846</u>	334,726	208,222
Total expenditure	6	<u>294,880</u>	<u>78,127</u>	373,007	238,928
Net income and net movement in funds	7	48,533	1,501	50,034	54,145
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>41,700</u>	<u>111,410</u>	153,110	98,965
Total funds carried forward		<u>90,233</u>	<u>112,911</u>	203,144	153,110

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 13 to the accounts.

Prior period income and expenditure have been reclassified to reflect the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and to be comparable with the current year as outlined in note 15 to the accounts.

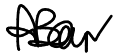
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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	Restated 2024 £
Current assets				
Debtors	10	-		5,139
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>209,142</u>		<u>152,161</u>
		209,142		157,300
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	11	<u>(5,998)</u>		<u>(4,190)</u>
Net current assets			<u>203,144</u>	<u>153,110</u>
Net assets	12		<u>203,144</u>	<u>153,110</u>
Funds	13			
Restricted funds			90,233	41,700
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>112,911</u>	<u>111,410</u>
Total charity funds			<u>203,144</u>	<u>153,110</u>

Approved by the trustees on 5 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Amber Bauer - Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

Refugee Biriyani & Bananas is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is 52 Clifton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8DQ.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Refugee Biriyani & Bananas meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

d) Donated services and facilities (continued)

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

h) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of cost as follows:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	10.3%	12.9%
Charitable activities	89.7%	87.1%

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

l) Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

m) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

n) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

o) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated 2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	71,277	71,886	143,163
Charitable activities	149,910	-	149,910
Total income	<u>221,187</u>	<u>71,886</u>	<u>293,073</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	30,706	30,706
Charitable activities	206,044	2,178	208,222
Total expenditure	<u>206,044</u>	<u>32,884</u>	<u>238,928</u>
Net income and net movement in funds	<u>15,143</u>	<u>39,002</u>	<u>54,145</u>

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3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Donations	113,472	69,873	183,345
Grants	-	9,755	9,755
Total income from donations	113,472	79,628	193,100

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated 2024 Total £
Donations	71,277	62,594	133,871
Grants	-	9,292	9,292
Total income from donations	71,277	71,886	143,163

4. Income from charitable activities

	2025 Total £	Restated 2024 Total £
Grants	229,941	149,910

Income from charitable activities was restricted in both the current year and the prior year.

5. Government grants

No government grants were received in the current or prior year.

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6. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Direct aid costs	-	252,156	-	252,156
Staff costs	13,492	27,954	12,443	53,889
Other staff costs	-	-	18,989	18,989
Advertising and marketing	18,543	-	-	18,543
Professional fees	-	-	13,016	13,016
Premises costs	-	-	6,746	6,746
Bank fees	-	-	6,097	6,097
Office costs	-	-	3,571	3,571
Sub-total	32,035	280,110	60,862	373,007
Allocation of support and governance costs	6,246	54,616	(60,862)	-
Total expenditure	38,281	334,726	-	373,007

Total governance costs were £4,853 (2024: £1,860).

Prior period comparative (restated)

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	Restated 2024 Total £
Direct aid costs	-	145,149	-	145,149
Staff costs	11,781	24,487	11,781	48,049
Other staff costs	-	-	15,510	15,510
Advertising and marketing	13,235	-	-	13,235
Premises costs	-	-	5,886	5,886
Professional fees	-	-	5,437	5,437
Office costs	-	-	3,314	3,314
Bank fees	-	-	2,348	2,348
Sub-total	25,016	169,636	44,276	238,928
Allocation of support and governance costs	5,690	38,586	(44,276)	-
Total expenditure	30,706	208,222	-	238,928

Prior period raising funds expenditure has been reclassified to include advertising and marketing costs to be comparable with the current year. In addition, other expenditure in the prior year of £1,988 has been reclassified within the standard expenditure headings to meet the requirements of the Charities SORP.

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7. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	-	245
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	1,250	-
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Independent examination	2,500	500
▪ Other services - restated	1,544	1,050

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our independent examiners to assist with the preparation of the financial statements. Our independent examiners have also provided consultancy and bookkeeping services to the charity during the year.

During the year 2 trustees (2024: Nil) were reimbursed £1,250 (2024: £Nil) for expenses relating to travel and printing.

8. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	39,463	38,000
Social security costs	683	-
Pension costs	1,329	1,270
Freelance staff	12,414	8,779
	53,889	48,049

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £44,983 (2024: £43,259).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	1.00	1.00

9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	-	5,139

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	2025 £	Restated 2024 £
Accruals	3,000	1,860
Other taxation and social security	2,998	2,330
	5,998	4,190

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	90,233	118,909	209,142
Current liabilities	-	(5,998)	(5,998)
Net assets at 31 March 2025	90,233	112,911	203,144

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Prior year comparative			
Current assets	41,700	115,600	157,300
Current liabilities	-	(4,190)	(4,190)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	41,700	111,410	153,110

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13. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds				
Athens	-	419	(404)	15
Cairo	-	232	(232)	-
Chios	430	23,985	(24,415)	-
Gaza	40,284	219,167	(169,460)	89,991
Greece General	986	98,110	(98,869)	227
UK	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Total restricted funds	41,700	343,413	(294,880)	90,233
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	111,410	79,628	(78,127)	112,911
Total unrestricted funds	111,410	79,628	(78,127)	112,911
Total funds	153,110	423,041	(373,007)	203,144

Purposes of restricted funds

Athens	To support the purchase and distribution of humanitarian aid, and to enable essential social support for people from the affected populations in Athens.
Cairo	To support the purchase and distribution of humanitarian aid, and to enable essential social support for people from the affected populations in Cairo.
Chios	To support the purchase and distribution of humanitarian aid, and to enable essential social support for people from the affected populations in Chios.
Gaza	To support the purchase and distribution of humanitarian aid, and to enable essential social support for people from the affected populations in Gaza.
Greece General	To support the purchase and distribution of humanitarian aid, and to enable essential social support for people from the affected populations in Greece.
UK	To enable UK-based work connected to Refugee Biriyani & Bananas' mandate, including facilitation, coordination, awareness-raising, and advocacy that supports and amplifies responses to displacement and humanitarian crises.

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13. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Other restricted Restricted funds designated for specific organisational and support functions, rather than area specific direct aid or programme management, including administrative and accounting costs.

Prior year comparative (restated)

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds				
Athens	-	6,530	(6,530)	-
Chios	-	9,954	(9,524)	430
Gaza	-	97,414	(57,130)	40,284
Greece General	-	77,613	(76,627)	986
Other restricted	26,557	29,676	(56,233)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>26,557</u>	<u>221,187</u>	<u>(206,044)</u>	<u>41,700</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	<u>72,408</u>	<u>71,886</u>	<u>(32,884)</u>	<u>111,410</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>72,408</u>	<u>71,886</u>	<u>(32,884)</u>	<u>111,410</u>
Total funds	<u><u>98,965</u></u>	<u><u>293,073</u></u>	<u><u>(238,928)</u></u>	<u><u>153,110</u></u>

14. Related party transactions

A Bauer, a trustee, is also a trustee of ForRefugees, charitable incorporated organisation. During the year the charity received grants and fundraising event income of £9,450 (2024: £Nil) and also donated £2,998 to ForRefugees Big Give Campaign. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

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15. Prior period restatement

Prior period income, deferred income, restricted expenditure, and restricted funds balances have been restated in order to apply the requirements of the SORP in relation to the criteria for recognition of grant income. Grant income which had been deferred has been released into the prior year.

Restricted expenditure has increased based upon expenditure allocated against the released grant income.

Restricted grant income has been reclassified in the prior period to income from charitable activities to reflect income recognition requirements of the Charities SORP.

Deferred income

	2024 £
Original deferred income	52,568
Released deferred grant income	<u>(52,568)</u>
Adjusted deferred income	<u><u>-</u></u>

Restricted grant income

	Donations £	Charitable activities £	2024 Total £
Original restricted grant income	97,342	-	97,342
Released deferred grant income	-	52,568	52,568
Reclassify to charitable activities	<u>(97,342)</u>	<u>97,342</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjusted restricted grant income	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>149,910</u></u>	<u><u>149,910</u></u>

Funds carried forward

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Original funds held as at 31 March 2024	17,889	82,653	100,542
Released deferred grant income	56,365	(3,797)	52,568
Additional restricted expenditure allocated against released deferred income	<u>(32,554)</u>	<u>32,554</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjusted funds held as at 31 March 2024	<u><u>41,700</u></u>	<u><u>111,410</u></u>	<u><u>153,110</u></u>

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15. Prior period restatement (continued) Expenditure

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Original total expenditure	173,490	65,438	238,928
Additional restricted expenditure allocated against released deferred income	<u>32,554</u>	<u>(32,554)</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjusted total expenditure	<u><u>206,044</u></u>	<u><u>32,884</u></u>	<u><u>238,928</u></u>



REFUGEE

BIRIYANI & BANANAS



Robert Wilson FCA
Godfrey Wilson Limited
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
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5 January 2026

Dear Robert

Letter of Representations on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

We confirm that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of the trustees, management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the following representations to you:

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees, as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 8 August 2025, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements, in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

We confirm that in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view and in particular that where any additional information must be disclosed in order to give a true and fair view that information has in fact been disclosed. We confirm that the selection and application of the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are appropriate, and we approve these accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your examination, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all management, trustees' and members' meetings, have been made available to you. We have given you unrestricted access to persons within the charity in order to obtain evidence and have provided any additional information that you have requested for the purposes of your examination.
3. We confirm the charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the assets, except for those disclosed in the financial statements.

4. We confirm that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. We confirm that we have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
5. We confirm that the charity has no liabilities or contingent liabilities other than those disclosed in the financial statements.
6. We confirm that all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
7. We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosing or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.
8. We confirm that we are aware that a related party of the charity is a person or organisation which either (directly or indirectly) controls, has joint control of, or significantly influences the charity or vice versa and as a result will include: trustees, other key management, close family and other business interests of the previous. We confirm that all related party relationships and transactions have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
9. We confirm that the charity neither had, at any time during the year, any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including advances and credits granted by the charity) for trustees, nor provided guarantees of any kind on behalf of the trustees except as disclosed in the financial statements.
10. We confirm that the charity has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
11. We confirm that the charity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
12. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its activities and which are central to the charity's ability to conduct its activities, except as explained to you and as disclosed in the financial statements.
13. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud. We confirm that we have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment of the risk of fraud in the organisation. There have been no deficiencies in internal control of which we are aware.

14. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving trustees, management or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by trustees, former trustees, employees, former employees, regulators or others.
15. We confirm that, in our opinion, the charity's financial statements should be prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. In reaching this conclusion, we have taken into account all relevant matters of which we are aware, and have considered a period of at least one year from the date on which the financial statements will be approved.
16. We confirm that in our opinion the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.
17. We confirm that, in respect of the restatement to correct a material misstatement in prior period financial statements that affects the comparative information (and any other period covered by your work), the adjustment relates to the correction of a fundamental error which has no bearing on the results of the current period, and accordingly, should be accounted for by restating prior periods.
18. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to regulators. We confirm that all correspondence with the Charity Commission has been made available to you.
19. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income.

Yours sincerely



Amber Bauer – Chair of Trustees
For and on behalf of the trustees of Refugee Biriyani & Bananas