Iriba Shalom (UK)

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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st January 2026



Greetings from Shangi community with the social worker

Trustees & Contact *(left to right)*:
Denise, Michael, Kirrily, Ian, Angela



Reference and administrative information

Trustees Mrs Angela Ruth Pells (re-appointed March 2024)
Revd Michael Hatchett (re-appointed March 2024)
Dr Kirrily Anna Mary Pells (re-appointed March 2024)
Mrs Sakina Denise Uwimana Reinhardt *(who has declared an interest as a trustee of an organisation that receives grant funding from Iriba Shalom UK)* (re-appointed March 2024)

Contact Mr Ian Pells, 8 Browns Grove, Kesgrave, Ipswich IP5 2GP

Charity Number **1162571**

Date of Registration 8th July 2015

Bankers Barclays Bank Plc, Princes Street, Ipswich, UK.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st January 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st January 2026. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "The Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in March 2005"; The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008; the Charities Act 2011; and the constitution of the Charity. Accounting is on a 'receipts and payments' basis. The Annual Report and Accounts is submitted to the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

1. The charity *Iriba Shalom (UK)* is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and is independent of any other charity or organisation. Its Constitution is dated 7th July 2015 and it was registered with the Charity Commission on 8th July 2015. Prior to that date is operated as a community association (from 11th November 2014). The four trustees named above were the first trustees of the charity and served for an initial three years. Subsequent appointments are by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, for a term of 3 years. The charity constitution provides for a minimum of 2 trustees and a maximum of 8. Retiring trustees are eligible for re-appointment. Decisions of the Trustees are made at a meeting of the charity trustees; or by resolution in writing or electronic form Trustees may join meetings of the trustees by video link or by conference call. Any Trustee with an interest in a beneficial organisation does not participate in decisions about grants to that organisation. Trustees resident in the UK hold a current DBS (Disclosure and Disbarring Service) Certificate.

2. The day-to-day administration of the charity and the handling of grants authorised by the Trustees is by a volunteer (unpaid) administrator appointed by the trustees. The trustees have adopted policies that accord with regulations and the charity's Constitution, guided by Charity Commission published guidance in respect of Grant Making, Risk Management, Investments and Reserves, Safeguarding, Managing of Volunteers, Handling Complaints, Whistle-blowing, Political Activity, Volunteers, and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. The trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission Public Benefit Guidance.

3. The trustees and administrator receive no payment and the Charity does not own land or property. The only costs to be met are the charges made by United Kingdom and Rwanda banks. The Charity has Gift Aid Status with HMRC.

4. The charity initially used the services of BT's *Mydonate,* to receive donations from the public and to make Gift Aid claims. *MyDonate* closed in June 2019 and the charity entered into an arrangement with *Wonderful* to receive donations and registered with HMRC (Her Majesties Revenue and Customs) to claim Gift Aided tax refunds directly. People may now donate through *JustGiving.*

Purpose of the Charity

The purpose of the charity is stated to be: 'As an expression of Christian faith and values, for the public benefit the relief of poverty and hardship among widows and orphans in Rwanda through the provision of shelter, food, health, education and other such charitable services as the trustees may from time to time think fit, particularly but not exclusively, by supporting the charitable work of *Iriba Shalom Rwanda*, a charity (non-government organisation) registered in Rwanda.'

The impetus for the establishment of the charity came from a donor who, having already given financially towards the work in Rwanda, wished to widen the scope of support for that work.

The charity publicises its work to prospective donors on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr pages as well as through local publicity. A trustee, Mrs Sakina Denise Uwimana Reinhardt, has published a book in which she relates her personal experience of the genocide in Rwanda and her efforts for reconciliation and for supporting other survivors of the genocide. The book, *From Red Earth - A Rwandan Story of Healing and Forgiveness* has received the *Silver Medal, 2020 Benjamin Franklin Awards, IBPA.* It is available as e-book and a soft back book from Amazon and other booksellers, and as an e-book from https://www.plough.com/en/topics/life/forgiveness/from-red-earth. There is a trailer for the book on Youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clyhSfhdnhk.

Achievements and Performance

In order to establish public benefit, before the charity passes funds to Rwanda, *Iriba Shalom Rwanda* is required to identify a specific purpose to which those funds will be applied, and that purpose has to be approved by the trustees of the charity. The trustees of *Iriba Shalom (UK)* have agreed to provide financial support for a full-time social worker in Rwanda employed by *Iriba Shalom Rwanda,* which would not otherwise be able fund this post. The full-time worker is vital to the work of *Iriba Shalom Rwanda* since she provides advice and support on a range of problems including psychiatric disorder and physical trauma resulting from the genocide, advice on HIV/AIDS and COVID 19.

The health visitor supports people in many ways which include: visits widows and patients at home; counselling individuals at centres; supporting bereaved families, particularly with childcare; helping people to withdraw their money and to get food and other essentials; being involved in Credit and Savings Group Meeting; assisting people with long term medical conditions to get treatment and transport to hospitals ; carrying out blood pressure readings and advising people to go to the health centre; completing sponsorship forms for beneficiaries; visiting primary schools to list students who need school uniforms and materials; being involved in worship and in community events, such as African Child Day and Commemorative days linked with the Genocide against the Tutsi. All this is carried out in a spirit of reconciliation between the Tutsi's and the perpetrators of the genocide.

In the reporting year Iriba Shalom (UK) has funded the employment by Iriba Shalom (Rwanda|) of a health/support worker to provide maternity cover.

It should be noted that the Iriba Shalom Rwanda charity operates in a remote area in the west of the Republic, an area that has not come to the attention of most other charitable bodies.

The Holocaust Day Memorial Trust programme for 2003 had featured a painting of Denise on its cover. Trustee Denise was invited to the 2025 Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration at The Guildhall in London, and was accompanied by trustee Kirrily. The occasion gave opportunity for the four trustees to meet in person for the first time in the 10 year history of the trust, meetings usually being held on-line.

Safeguarding

The Trustees of *Iriba Shalom (UK)* are committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The trustees maintain their awareness of their responsibilities under UK safeguarding regulations and protocols and promote a safeguarding culture and ethos within the charity and beyond, and embody safeguarding values and behaviour. When visiting a beneficiary organisation the Trustees will comply with local safeguarding laws, protocols and procedures. The Trustees expect any grant receiving organisation to embody and comply with the local legal, policy and institutional safeguarding framework and child protection systems including any community structures which improve protection of children and vulnerable adults from abuse and other forms of exploitation. The trustees check that any organisations receiving a grant have clear procedures to prevent, report and respond to any risks to children and vulnerable people.

Risk Management

The monitoring by the trustees of *Iriba Shalom (UK)* of how *Iriba Shalom Rwanda* has used the grant has been done by reports received from *Iriba Shalom Rwanda*. Some Trustees have visited Rwanda and have seen some of the impact of the work funded by the grants. The trustees have received a certified copy of the Certificate of Registration of *Iriba Shalom Rwanda* as being authorised by the Rwandan Government to operate in Rwanda as a non-governmental organisation. The transfer of funds to Rwanda is made through the established banking system, using Barclays Bank Plc. The trustees are aware that funds are received from a limited donor base which needs to be widened to reduce vulnerability to loss of income. The trustees also recognize the need of succession to the current trustees.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and accounts below.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by Angela Pells (Trustee)

Date: ----------

Notes to the accounts:

1. **Incoming resources** are recognised once the charity has received the funds,

2. **Resources expended** are recognised once the payment is made. It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves sufficient to meet any legal or constructive obligation.

Charitable activities include grants made and associated costs of making that grant (notably the cost of transferring funds overseas. Grants in the year ending 31st January 2024 totaled £4878 (£5626 the previous year), and associated transfer fees were £81. Donations and Gift Aid recovered from HMRC received over the year totaled £3289 (£5462 the previous year). There was a carry forward amount of £1769 from the previous year, and £100 was carried forward to the next year. The charity does not have any loans.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4,811.87	—	—	4,811.87	3,289.15
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	**4,811.87**	**—**	**—**	**4,811.87**	**3,289.15**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	4,692.50	—	—	4,692.50	4,959.11
Other expenditure	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	**4,692.50**	**—**	**—**	**4,692.50**	**4,959.11**
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**119.37**	**—**	**—**	**119.37**	**(1,669.96)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**119.37**	**—**	**—**	**119.37**	**(1,669.96)**
Total funds brought forward	**99.82**	**—**	**—**	**99.82**	**1,769.78**
Total funds carried forward	**219.19**	**—**	**—**	**219.19**	**99.82**

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
6501	Bank current a/c ..161	—	—
6502	Bank current a/c ..453	219.19	99.82
	Total Current assets	**219.19**	**99.82**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	119.37	(1,669.96)
	Starting balances	99.82	1,769.78
	Total Reserves	**219.19**	**99.82**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	219.19	99.82
	Designated	—	—
	Restricted	—	—
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**219.19**	**99.82**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current a/c ..453 -	219.19	—	—	—	219.19	99.82
Totals	**219.19**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**219.19**	**99.82**
Grand total	**219.19**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**219.19**	**99.82**