One Day SEYOUM

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



A community-led human rights organisation focused on Eritrea and Eritrean refugees registered in England and Wales (1198077)

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WHO WE ARE

One Day Seyoum (ODS) is a community-led organisation focused on human rights abuses in Eritrea and against Eritrean refugees. We organise campaigns and publish research to push for change. We produce media, art and events to raise awareness about the issues we work on. We run support programmes helping Eritrean refugees with asylum-related issues, mental health and professional development. We organise capacity building initiatives to increase the strength of the movement.

A decade since its founding, ODS is one of the most prominent Eritrean human rights organisations in exile. We have over 500 members and combine virtual and in-person activities to achieve impact. Our membership mostly comprises of young people (18-35 years old) and are a mix of Eritrea and diaspora-born Eritreans, and allies. ODS focuses heavily on community engagement and has provided a unique space for people across the movement to learn and get involved.

We are regularly invited to speak and collaborate by institutions like the United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and news organisations like CNN, BBC and Al Jazeera.









FOREWORD

One of my happiest moments of 2025 was when we finally launched our five-year strategy to the world. We had spent countless hours in the previous years analysing the issues we are dealing with and figuring out exactly how we can best contribute long-term, and it was incredibly exciting and motivating to finally release it and receive such positive feedback. After we launched the strategy, we also launched our very first fundraiser and started applying for grants. It really felt great to start the next phase in professionalising the organisation.

We made a commitment last year to prioritise operations and fundraising in order to build the structural and financial basis we need to implement our ambitious strategy. Despite this commitment, we were still able to run many of our programmes. This was solely possible thanks to our incredible team - Luwam, Danayt, Dimiana, Alex, Leah, Andom, Haben - and many more members. One Day Seyoum's success is possible because of the love and commitment from our community, and I am eternally grateful for their work. It was wonderful meeting our members at the many events we organised in London, New York City and Washington DC - and I am more inspired than ever about the future we are building together.

Vanessa Tsehaye
Founder and Executive Director

ACTIVITIES

Campaigns

Campaigns for political prisoners:

We continued to campaign for the release of Ciham Ali. Ciham Ali is a US-Eritrean national born in Los Angeles and raised in Eritrea. On 8 December 2012, when she was just 15 years of age, she was arrested by the Eritrean authorities. Ciham has not had access to her family and lawyers since she was arrested. Her family does not even know where she is being held or her state of health. Under international law, this amounts to an enforced disappearance. Ciham was arrested at the border to Sudan as she tried to flee the country. This happened shortly after her father Ali Abdu, then a foreign minister in President Isaias Afwerki's government, defected and fled to exile. Despite being a US national, the US government has not intervened in her case. We believe that the complete silence and inactivity from the US government on behalf of their citizen has contributed to Ciham's continued detention by the Eritrean authorities. Our campaign for her release therefore primarily targets the US State Department. For the anniversary of her arrest, we organised a lobbying campaign in Washington with Amnesty International. Several members of the One Day Seyoum team met with the teams of several Senators and members of Congress, and also had a high-level meeting at the State Department. Additionally, we organised an action outside the State Department with a big box with Ciham's picture and the amount of signatures we have demanding that they get involved (440,000) that we photographed and was shared widely online.

We continued to campaign for the release of all political prisoners in Eritrea. For the anniversary of the unlawful imprisonment of 10 journalists and 11 politicians that happened in September 2001, we organised a social media campaign to raise awareness and call for their release.

Protect Eritrean refugees in Libya:

In March 2025, a surge of violence, raids, mass arrests, arson and racial discrimination against Black migrants and refugees was started by the public and security officials in Libya. Since the European Union funds the Libyan government to keep migrants from reaching Europe, they have significant influence over them. We therefore started a campaign targeting the European Union to pressure Libya to stop the violence. We published a report with the community-led organisation 'Refugees in Libya' (RIL) which was the first document outlining the events that had led to this surge and all the key human rights violations happening. The report was based of interviews with ten Black migrants in Libya, with RIL's staff in Libya and with four researchers from other local and international civil society groups. We used the report to mobilise the public through an action sending messages to the EU's ambassador to Libya.

Support Eritrean refugees in Sudan:

We continued to raise and distribute funds to Eritrean refugees from the fundraiser we launched in 2023 after the war broke out in Sudan. In 2025, we distributed 1037 GBP.

ACTIVITIES

Stop mistreatment of Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia:

Since the relationship between Ethiopian prime minister Abiy Ahmed and Eritrean president Isaias Afewerki has worsened, Eritrean refugees living in Ethiopia have been caught in the crossfire. They have experienced human rights violations in Ethiopia and lack of access to many basic rights. There have also been several deportations where the refugees have been detained in Eritrea upon arrival. We have actively been campaigning for their protection through raising awareness about the issue on social media and in the press, including the BBC.

Events

We organised several events, both online and in-person across the world. We restarted our virtual book club with 'The Dynamics of an Unfinished African Dream: Eritrea: Ancient History to 1968' written by Mohamed Kheir Omer. We launched our strategy with a virtual event where 6 of our team members presented our five-year strategy. We also organised several socials to bring together our community and encourage participation - we organised an event for independence day in London and events in New York City and Washington DC. They were all well attended and we were inspired to organise more events in the future.

Capacity Building

We spent the year researching and designing a one year capacity building programme based on the experiences and lessons from our pilot activity in December 2023 and started applying for funds to implement it. We have now received the funding to implement the programme, starting in 2026.

Communications

We have significantly grown on all platforms through our informative videos and campaigns. For example, our Eritrean Independence Day campaign reached wide audiences and started a debate across social media. This day is very big in the Eritrean community and has been completely hijacked by the government to raise the patriotic spirit and support for them. We used the day as an opportunity to raise awareness and recruit new members. We published an article by one of our team members Luwam Ghebrehiwet that questioned whether or not we should be celebrating and explored how the government uses the day to strengthen their power. We published the article on our website and across social media. On Instagram, it was liked over 800 times and shared over 200 times.

ACTIVITIES

Magazine

We run a magazine called 2001 magazine, named after the year the free press was shut down in Eritrea. The goal of our magazine is to create informative, thought provoking and engaging content that will inform our audiences about the key issues we work on and motivate them to get involved. Our inaugural issue was published in 2021 and featured pieces from leading Eritrean writers, artists, and activists, as well as allies to our cause, who have all created work around the theme: "The Past, Present, and Future of Eritrea." The magazine received overwhelmingly positive feedback and was profiled by the Columbia Journalism Review. By 2025, we had sold 334 copies.

Public appearances

- **Magnitsky Award:** Our executive director received the Magnitsky Award for Outstanding Human Rights Activist for her work with One Day Seyoum. She received the award at a ceremony attended by significant human rights professionals from across the world.
- **African Women in Dialogue Conference:** Three of our team members and one of our trustees ttended this conference in Johannesburg, South Africa where we shared our work and networked with African activists from across the continent. The conference is an initiative by the Zanele Mbeki Development Trust (the wife of South Africa's second democratic president).
- **Goldsmiths University's Law School:** Our executive director gave a guest lecture at Goldsmiths University's Law School about One Day Seyoum's human rights work.
- **The Fletcher School at Tufts University:** Our executive director spoke on a panel about African youth mobilisation at the university's Africana Conference.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Our total income was 1289 GBP and this came from individual donors, magazine sales and from out Sudan fundraiser.

Our expenditure was 2660 GBP. These costs covered our relief work in Sudan, costs for our website, email marketing service for our members, a shared working space and travel costs associated with advocacy, media production and evnets.

Our remaining cash funds at the end of the financial year were 1371 GBP.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Our governing document is a 'constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is 10. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed [for a term of 2 years] by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

A charity trustee ceases to hold office if he or she: (a) retires by notifying the CIO in writing (but only if enough charity trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings); (b) is absent without the permission of the charity trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated; (c) dies; (d) in the written opinion, given to the company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months; (e) is disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of sections 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

Any person retiring as a charity trustee is eligible for reappointment.

TRUSTEES

During the period 2023, the following persons were trustees:

Andom Ghebreghiorgis - Appointed as trustee on 28/02/2022.

Haben Fecadu - Appointed as trustee on 28/02/2022.

Andrew Gregg - Appointed as trustee on 28/02/2022.

Natalia Kaliada - Appointed as trustee on 25 April 2026 .

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

One Day Seyoum			1198077	
Receipts and payments accounts				**CC16a**
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	**To**	Period end date 31/12/2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Member donations	1,046	-	-	1,046	-
Magazine sales	60	-	-	60	-
Fundraiser	- 0	183	-	183	1,029
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	1,106	183	-	1,289	1,029
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	1,106	183	- 0	1,289	1,029
A3 Payments					
Technology (website, email marketing)	522	-	-	522	524
Advocacy	79	-	-	79	430
Office	444	-	-	444	531
Relief work		1,037	-	1,037	6,080
Media production	483	-	-	483	-
Events	95	-	-	95	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,623	1,037	-	2,660	7,565
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	1,623	1,037	- 0	2,660	7,565
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 517	- 854	-	- 1,371	- 6,536
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 517	- 854	-	- 1,371	- 6,536

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Remaining cash funds from previous years	721	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds		-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Andrew Gregg	30 / 10 / 2026
		Haben Fecadu	30 / 10 / 2026

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: One Day Seyoum

On accounts for the year ended: 2025

Charity no (if any): 1198077

Set out on pages

(rem em berto include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 03 / 11 / 2026

Name: Habte Hagos

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	None.

TRUSTEE DECLARATIONS

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Andom Ghebreghiorgis

Signature …….. *Date* 29 / 10 / 2026

Haben Fecadu

Signature …….. *Date* 30 / 10 / 2026

Andrew Gregg

Signature …….. *Date* 30 / 10 / 2026

Natalia Kaliada

Signature …….. *Date* 02 / 11 / 2026