



Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland (HAPANI)

Annual Report 2023–2024

Annual Remarks from the Chair, Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland

Dear Volunteers, Staff, and Esteemed Funders,

As Chair of Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland, I am privileged to reflect on a remarkable year of growth, impact, and collaboration. Our achievements result from the dedication, passion, and hard work of our staff and volunteers, whose commitment continues to make a tangible difference in our community.

This year, we celebrated several milestones and impactful initiatives:

1. Housing Project Support: Successfully supporting over 400 individuals, addressing housing insecurity, and providing critical stability and hope.

2. Youth Social Action Programme Extension: The continuation of this transformative programme for two more years was made possible by the generous support of our funders.
3. Sports Activities: Inclusive sports programmes have fostered teamwork, physical health, and a sense of belonging, particularly among young people in our community.
4. Homework Club: This initiative continues to provide essential educational support, ensuring children and young people have a safe and encouraging space to learn and grow.
5. Drop Service Programme: This vital initiative addresses the immediate needs of vulnerable individuals while promoting long-term stability.
6. Capacity Building for Small Groups: Empowering smaller community organisations has enhanced collective efforts to address poverty and education gaps.
7. Upcoming Ignite Community Project Launch: This exciting initiative will focus on fostering youth social entrepreneurship, social innovation, and creativity.

We sincerely thank our funders, including Belfast City Council, The National Lottery Community Fund, CFNI, BBC Children in Need, and the Oak Foundation, for their unwavering support. Your contributions have been instrumental in extending critical programmes and empowering the next generation of leaders.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to all our supporters, including individuals, institutions, and the wider society across Northern Ireland and beyond. Your kindness and solidarity have been the cornerstone of our success. To our dedicated volunteers and trustees, your unwavering commitment and vision inspire us daily. The collective strength of this remarkable community fuels our mission and propels us forward.

As we look forward, I am inspired by the incredible potential within our community. With the continued support of our volunteers, staff, funders, and supporters, I am confident that we will achieve even more significant milestones in the year ahead.

Thank you for your dedication, generosity, and belief in our mission. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive future.

About HAPANI

Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland (HAPANI) is a registered charity and non-governmental organisation supporting individuals living in Northern Ireland who originate from the Horn of Africa: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, and the Republic of Sudan and South Sudan. HAPANI is inclusive and accessible, welcoming individuals regardless of ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, or social background.

Core Objectives

1. Develop initiatives fostering independence and participation among individuals from the Horn of Africa.
2. Raise awareness among service providers to respond effectively to the needs of Horn of Africa individuals and beyond.
3. Challenge intolerance and promote inclusion of African communities in Northern Ireland.
4. Build mutual support between Horn of Africa individuals, refugees, asylum seekers, and the host community.
5. Raise funds and resources for education, agriculture, and health projects in Horn of Africa countries.

Highlighted Projects

From April 2023 to March 2024, HAPANI provided vital support through the following projects:

Destitution Project:** We distributed £44,968.01 in cash donations to 275 individuals, alleviating immediate financial hardships. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our funders and supporters.

Digital Poverty Project: In collaboration with Vodafone Charities Connected, HAPANI distributed 1,270 six-month SIM cards to young people and families, ensuring digital connectivity for education and essential services. We are deeply grateful for the financial and in-kind donations that made this initiative successful.

Funders Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following organisations and individuals for their generous contributions and ongoing support:

- Belfast City Council
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (CFNI)
- BBC Children in Need
- Oak Foundation
- Vodafone Charities Connected
- Souter Charitable Trust
- Public Health Agency (in-kind donations)

Your commitment has empowered us to achieve our objectives and create meaningful change within the community. We are deeply grateful for your belief in our mission.

This document not only provides an overview of the annual activities delivered by Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland (HAPANI), but it also fulfils the requirements set by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. To meet this purpose, the following information is included within this report:

1. Name of Charity as Registered

Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland (HAPANI)

2. Charity Commission Northern Ireland (CCNI) Number

NIC101637

3. Purpose of the Charity

HAPANI's mission is to alleviate poverty, advance education, and promote the well-being of African individuals, particularly those from the Horn of Africa. This extends to asylum seekers, refugees, and their dependants residing in Northern Ireland, as well as children living in the Horn of Africa ("the beneficiaries"). Key objectives include:

- (a) Providing practical assistance, fostering social inclusion, promoting racial harmony, and helping beneficiaries integrate into Northern Irish society.
- (b) Delivering educational programmes, including English language lessons and homework support, for beneficiaries in Northern Ireland.
- (c) Alleviating poverty by maintaining sponsorship programmes to support the education and development of children in the Horn of Africa.
- (d) Advancing any other exclusively charitable purpose as determined by the directors, in accordance with charity law.

4. Charity Trustees

The following individuals served as Trustees during the reporting year:

1. Mohamed Ahmed
2. Hassan Mohamed
3. Foosiya Nuuh
4. Sahra Hussein Amin

The following Trustees approved this report on 26 December 2024:

1. Mohamed Edle Ahmed
2. Hassan Abdi Mohamed
3. Foosiya Nuuh
4. Said Ahmed Hagi Hassan

5. Financial Year Covered by the Report

This report reflects the period from 1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

6. Summary of the Charity's Main Activities and Achievements

Details of the Charity's primary activities, contributions towards its purposes for public benefit, and key achievements during the reporting year are outlined in the main body of this report.

7. Public Benefit Statement

All HAPANI Trustees have reviewed the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirements (as detailed in the statutory guidance from July 2016). Trustees are confident that HAPANI's activities align with these requirements. The Charity's purposes fall under the 12 descriptions of charitable purposes outlined in the Charities Act and are designed to benefit the public.

8. Financial Review

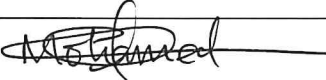
The financial statements provide a detailed account of the year's results. The Board is satisfied with HAPANI's financial performance during the 2023–2024 period, which saw substantial expenditure on funded projects. Expenditure was well-managed and remained within budget, with funding secured for the immediate future.

9. Deficit Funds

No funds were materially in deficit at the end of the financial year.

10. Trustees' Declaration

One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date the trustee report.

Charity Trustee Name: Mohamed Ahmed
Position: Chair
Sign 
Date: 26/12/2024