



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2006		Day 31	Month March	Year 2007

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

69 Whitton	
King Henry's Road	
London	
<b>Postcode NW3 3RE</b>	<b>UK</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr A W Al Hakim	Chairman		
2	Dr Haidar Al Hakim	Vice-Chairman		
3	Sharon Ridsdale	Treasurer		
4	Philippa Jackson	Secretary	From March 2007	New Trustee appointed by founder Trustees August 07
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of advisor	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- The charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- Relationship with any related parties.
- Trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

A new trustee is given a copy of the Charity Commission publication for Trustees; a copy of our Trust Deed; Annual Review and asked to attend regular meetings with Dr. Haidar Al Hakim and Sharon Ridsdale to familiarise themselves with our aims and procedures.

The charities Chairman, Dr A W Al Hakim is based in Iraq therefore the most convenient way to communicate is by email or telephone. Every three months each trustee gives a formal report on their actions, events attended and any contacts they have made to further the aims of the charity.

Vice Chairman, Dr Haidar, has built a network of supporters and donors in the UK and Iraq.

Treasurer, Sharon Ridsdale deals with administration, communication, the website and accounts.

We have secured the administrative help of Philippa Jackson and have agreed and confirmed her status as a Trustee at our AGM.

Our Risk Assessment and Monitoring schedule is reviewed on a three monthly basis.

Links have been made with two other charities working in Iraq, with one we are coordinating shipping of medical equipment donated to us. We also hope to secure funding in partnership with Lady Fatemah Trust to support cataract operations in Najaf.

Dr A W Al Hakim being based in Southern Iraq and our links with the Lady Fatamah Trust, who have operated in Karbala for twelve years, also our network of local surgeons and health workers in the area, has meant for the past year we have not had any problems with the supply or distribution of medical equipment. We have also secured with surgeons at the local hospital in Najaf a programme of research set up by Dr Haidar Al Hakim last year that is progressing.

We receive regular data by email and we have presented the findings at medical conferences in the UK and Sweden. We will also publish it on our website.

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- A.** To relieve sickness, preserve and protect health by:
- i) facilitating the establishment of the Al-Hasan Community Ophthalmic Clinic in Najaf, Iraq
  - ii) providing medical and surgical services
  - iii) facilitating access to ophthalmic care for the disadvantaged people of Iraq, regardless of age, gender, religion or ethnic background
- B.** To promote research into the prevention of blindness and to disseminate the useful results for the benefit of the public.
- C.** To further such other charitable purposes that the trustees (not being less than three in number) shall from time to time by deed unanimously declare.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Mailing to professional bodies, University Medical Schools, Charitable organisations, Ophthalmic Consultants, and mosques, to introduce our charity and request support.  
Hosting the 'Vision for Iraq' forum in London.  
Giving presentations of our work, in Nottingham, London and Leicester.  
Trustees have attended a number of events, at the Iraqi Embassy and Iraq Day with the Iraqi Medical Association.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

We do not have sufficient funds to enable us at present to make grants.

We do not at present have a programme for investment, however, if we receive funding for the conversion of the hotel into a clinic in Najaf we shall seek professional and legal advice.

We have involvement with a number of Iraqi medical students from the colleges in London, helping with promoting our charity.

# Achievements and performance

## Review of Activities

### October 2005 - July 2007

Dr Haidar Al Hakim and his father, Dr Wahab Al Hakim have spent most of the past year in Najaf, establishing a network of local health care providers, ophthalmologists and local community leaders

#### Premises

With funding from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) the Foundation, managed to find temporary premises to set up a basic ophthalmic facility in Najaf.

#### Equipment

On returning to the UK the Foundation managed to secure a large donation of medical equipment that was shipped to southern Iraq. The Trustees also agreed to fund new sets of surgical instruments for the ophthalmologists who are continuing on the Foundations behalf to voluntarily undertake hospital based surveys for research.

#### Training Programme

Working closely with the Dean, Dr Al-Hakim updated and improved the ophthalmic curriculum for students at the local University School of Medicine in time for the examinations in June '06

#### Income

Total funding raised to date is approx. £16,000 consisting of an FCO grant of nearly £13,000 and individual donations of just over £3,000.

## Research Programme

Several research projects were started in Najaf and highlight the lack of ophthalmic services in the governance.

A population based survey into the prevalence of blindness and visual impairment in the over 50's in Najaf was undertaken at the Al Furat hospital. The results were presented at the Nottingham Eye Symposium in January 2007 and published on our website and one shocking statistic stood out:

*"If [the current]... ..rate of cataract operations were to continue it would take 159 years to clear the current backlog of adults visually impaired by cataracts"*

## Current Activities

### Research

- The prevalence of refractive error in school children in the governance
- Incidence of myopia in school children
- 26 Cases of eye trauma are being followed up to assess their visual outcome.
- An audit of ocular trauma causes and consequences in the governance of Al-Najaf

### Equipment Procurement

Some ophthalmic equipment was leased to the Foundation to facilitate the research programme and skills training

### Donations of equipment

The Foundation has received a large amount of new medical equipment from UK consultants and suppliers that we have shipped and distributed in Iraq..

## Achievements and performance

### Partnership funding

The Foundations trustees are negotiating with the Lady Fatamah Trust a proposal to provide funds for our team of ophthalmic surgeons in Iraq to undertake a number of cataract operations each month, A Proposal and Schedule is being submitted to the Lady Fatamah Trust in July 2007.

In July 2007 the trustees were asked by the World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities to submit a Proposal for funding the conversion of a small hotel into a clinic in Najaf. The costing of equipment, services of ophthalmologists, support staff and running costs for the first year of operations are provisionally agreed and the Trustees await the final decision.

### Security

Security has been established with the help of the local community, religious leaders and public authorities. The Chairman of the Al Hasan Foundation is now based in southern Iraq for most of the year and undertakes administration and monitoring of our interests.

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Building a network of health care professionals, ophthalmic surgeons and community workers in Southern Iraq who are enthusiastic and appreciative of the help we have been able to give with our limited funds.
- Creating a viable research programme that we hope will raise awareness and generate interest for future funding of the project.
- Shipping 30 boxes of ophthalmic equipment at minimum cost through a contact with DHL to Basra and free distribution undertaken by our chairman in Southern Iraq.
- Through our presentations and the events in the UK, showing that despite the security problems in Iraq positive action can be accomplished with the goodwill of the local communities.
- Setting up a temporary facility for local surgeons to update their skills using up-to-date surgical equipment. Unfortunately, we are at present limited by lack of funds in being able to set up a fully operational clinical facility.
- Establishing contact and partnership with the Lady Fatamah Trust, the Norman Rowe Educational Trust and other organisations to coordinate efforts to provide medical help and equipment to Iraq.
- In July 07 the Trustees submitted a Proposal with the World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities to fund a permanent clinic in Najaf and await their agreement.
- The Trustees have submitted a further Proposal to the Lady Fatamah Trust for funding cataract operations.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of approx. £6,000, of which £4,000 is earmarked for further shipments of donated equipment, analysis of research and presentation.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have no deficit.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of income have been official bodies. We have been approached by the Lady Fatemah Trust and the World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities who have offered to help with funding a specific major project.

We have received over £3,000 donations from individuals.

Our expenditure has primarily been to supply basic medical equipment to help the ophthalmologists undertaking surgical procedures and research in Najaf, Iraq.

## Other optional information

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## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		