



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	1 st	April	2007		31 st	March

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
Postcode NW3 3RE
UK

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	N/A	N/A
2	Dr Haidar Al Hakim		N/A	N/A
3	Sharon Ridsdale	Treasurer	N/A	N/A
4	Philippa Jackson	Secretary	N/A	N/A
5	Mark	Hollis	March 2008 onwards	N/A
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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)	Elected by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>The 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.</p> <p>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 report on their actions, events attended and any contacts they have made to further the aims of the charity. Chairman, Dr A W Al Hakim has established a network of distribution and supply to surgeons treating patients that the charity recommends to them, free of charge.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman, Dr Haidar Al Hakim has secured certification from the Iraq Ministry of Health to perform ophthalmic surgical procedures during his visits to Iraq. He has also built a network of local surgeons who are willing to help provide treatments free of charge to those in need.</p> <p>Treasurer, Sharon Ridsdale deals with administration, accounts and communications.</p> <p>Secretary, Philippa Jackson, deals with networking with major suppliers of medical equipment and other organisations to request donations of funding and equipment for Dr Haidar Al Hakim to take with him on each occasion that he visits Iraq.</p> <p>All Trustees have built networks with University Medical Schools, Student bodies, professional organisations, mosques and other charities in the UK. Our Risk Assessment and Monitoring schedule is reviewed on a three monthly basis. During the past year communication and mobility has improved considerably in Iraq. Visiting Universities and clinics to gather information for research has been easier and with better electricity supplies, photocopying and using IT, has eased the speed of communication.</p>
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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

Contacting and building networks with University Medical Schools, professional organisations and suppliers of equipment to request donations of funding and equipment for Iraq hospitals.
Giving presentations of our work at, Mosques, Medical Schools and Ophthalmic conferences, in London, Leicester, Birmingham and Sweden.
Attending events at the Iraqi Embassy, Swedish Embassy, Iraqi Medical Association, Lady Fatamah Trust, Islamic Relief.

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 have a programme for investment. However, the trustees have decided that the lack of modern surgical equipment and surgical skills requires urgent action to fund and support Dr Haidar Al Hakim in providing equipment that he can demonstrate in surgical procedures to surgeons in Iraq when visiting the Najaf Hospital and Al-forat Hospital in Kufa.

We have received support and donations from a number of mosques, doctors and medical students in London. Also donations of medical equipment from manufacturers in London.

We have been contacted by a number of students who wish to contribute with fund raising.

Achievements and performance

Review of Activities

August 2007 – March 2008

Premises

Dr Haidar Al Hakim has managed to obtain certification from the Iraq Ministry of Health to undertake ophthalmic surgery in Iraq. With the help of his father, Dr A W Al Hakim, who now resides in Najaf, he found premises in the hope of setting up a community eye clinic. However, raising £200,000 to provide a modern theatre with all facilities and equipment was beyond the scope of our charity. Haidar also found that local surgeons were not willing to leave their positions in private clinics to work for us. This too, is quite understandable considering the local state hospital has an eye clinic but no surgical facility or modern equipment.

Achievements and performance

Equipment

During his visits, Haidar was able to establish good relationships with some of the local surgeons and the owner of a private clinic in Najaf. He was also invited to assist with cataract operations and was able to offer them updated equipment, surgical instruments, flexible lens, etc; that our charity donated.

Dr Haidar Al Hakim and the charity offered equipment and expertise in exchange for treating patients referred by our charity, free of charge.

Training

More importantly, he was able to demonstrate the skills needed to use the latest equipment, for example, a Phaco machine for cataract surgery. The benefits of using laser machines for diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. At that time laser surgery was only obtainable outside of Iraq or at very expensive private clinics.

During his visits Dr Haidar Al Hakim was invited to assist surgeons at the Al Sadr Teaching Hospital in Najaf and Al-furat al-awsut Hospital in Kufa. He saw approx. 70 patients but due to lack of equipment, particularly, laser machines, he was unable to help 30% of those he saw.

He was able to undertake cataract surgery for 7 non-fee paying patients. Named as follows:

Hasan musa Mohammad
Basima musa Mohammad
Um Mohammed Twaij
Mohammad Ali
Um Sadiq Hakim
Abu Haidar Hadi Jawad
Jabir Ali Jair

He was also able to demonstrate cataract surgery using the Phaco method to a number of visiting surgeons.

Research

Research findings from both hospitals named, show a very high incident of diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. Dr Haidar Al Hakim and the trustees therefore decided to concentrate their efforts to raise funding for laser correction units that Dr Al Hakim could take with him to Najaf and demonstrate their use to surgeons. In return we negotiated the free treatment for 50 of the charities referrals per month. It is expected to take 2 weeks to train the surgeons at the hospitals named in the use of the laser machines.

Current Activities

We have launched a campaign to fund laser machines that Dr Haidar Al Hakim will take with him on his next visit.

We have continued to supply ophthalmic surgical equipment to surgeons in Najaf. We have also secured donated equipment and shipped to Dr A W Al Hakim for distribution.

Needs assessments are still being sent electronically to Dr Haidar Al Hakim for our research programme.

Our website is under construction and we hope to publish all our work and frequently update our progress.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Through our presentations in the UK and Sweden, we have shown that despite many problems in Iraq, positive action can be accomplished with the goodwill of the local communities.
- Dr A W Al Hakim, residing in Najaf, has helped considerably in fostering good relationships with the local governance. Also the distribution of equipment sent to Najaf.
- Dr Haidar Al Hakim's visits have been appreciated by local surgeons.
- Although our Proposal to the World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities, was not accepted, due to the prohibitive costs of setting up a fully equipped surgical facility. Dr Haidar Al Hakim has been invited to use the surgical facilities at a local private clinic in Najaf, for non-fee paying patients.
- The Trustees have built a network of individuals here in the UK to help with fund raising for the laser machines and other equipment.
- Bart's Hospital in London have offered to donate a laser machine and Alcon surgical equipment supplier has also donated equipment.
- Launching our 'Bringing Sight to Sore Eye's' campaign with Justgiving.com
- Producing a printed Brochure and electronic version giving details of our work.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of approx. £8,000, earmarked for laser machine/s and surgical equipment.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We do not have a 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 representatives of professional organisations and individuals.

Our expenditure has primarily been to supply ophthalmic surgical equipment and laser correction units that Dr Haidar Al Hakim will take to Najaf.

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sharon Ridsdale	Dr Haidar Al Hakim
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)	Treasurer	Vice-Chairman
Date		