

## **Report of the BAFUNCS Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 December 2022**

An abridged version of the Fund's certified accounts is attached to this report.

During the year 2022, our investments with the CCLA/COIF Investment Fund declined in line with global markets and with the sale of £55,000 units to meet calls on disbursement. We acknowledge with thanks donations amounting to £191, with the associated Gift Aid claim paid in 2022 by HMRC.

2022 was an active year with two Zoom meetings and email consideration of grants totaling £85,342, providing grants to meet living costs for Afghan students and one other recipient. The Coronavirus has limited the capacity of BAFUNCS Regions to take full advantage of their Petty Cash Funds. The BBF Guide and grant/loan application form are being revised and will be available by download from the BAFUNCS web site in due course.

Our grants to Afghan students represented a significant departure from past practice but one which the trustees felt was fully justified by the circumstances. When we had our regular autumn meeting in 2021 we realized that there must have been a number of UN Afghan staff involved in the massive airlift of vulnerable Afghans out of Kabul, as the Taliban took over the country. We therefore set about trying to find Afghan refugees who had worked for the UN and had now been airlifted to the UK for safety. It was a slow, convoluted process to find such individuals. It took a long time and it was a chance conversation with a family member of one of the Trustees that finally led to Sussex University.

The Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University had previously accepted a number of Afghans to take up their Chevening Scholarships for the year 2021-22. The British Home Office then expedited their exit from Kabul ensuring they had a place on one of the planes coming to UK.

In total the Fund held in-depth interviews with 14 Afghan applicants, as well as verifying their documentation to ensure they met the Fund's requirements of previously working for the UN and were now in need/distress. We had to decline two applicants as they could not provide adequate documentation.

**Geoffrey Ward**, *Clerk/Treasurer March 2023*

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>		
Donations and legacies	160	160
Investment income	4	4
Total income	164	164
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Charitable activities	(85,342)	(85,342)
Total expenditure	(85,342)	(85,342)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(2,826)	(2,826)
Net expenditure	(88,004)	(88,004)
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>		
Other gains/(losses)	(88,829)	(88,829)
Net movement in funds	(176,833)	(176,833)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	969,547	969,547
Total funds carried forward	792,714	792,714
	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>		
Donations and legacies	232	232
Total income	232	232
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Charitable activities	(29,796)	(29,796)
Total expenditure	(29,796)	(29,796)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	3,361	3,361
Net expenditure	(26,203)	(26,203)
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>		
Other gains/(losses)	143,997	143,997
Net movement in funds	117,794	117,794
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	851,753	851,753
Total funds carried forward	969,547	969,547

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**(Registration number: 297524)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	-	3,200
Investments	770,616	937,271
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>22,998</u>	<u>29,976</u>
	793,614	970,447
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>(900)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>792,714</u>	<u>969,547</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>792,714</u>	<u>969,547</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>792,714</u>	<u>969,547</u>

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