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Chair's Foreword

When I founded Moroccan Youth UK in 2007, I did not think that eight years later I would still be writing a Chairman's foreword! To be honest, I did not give much thought to the future of the Charity. Instead, I was eager to raise money for the projects there and then. Today, I look back on the last few years and I am full of awe for all that has been achieved.

Preparing an Annual Report allows an Organisation to reflect on what it has achieved in the past year. Doing so, I am proud to say we have stayed true to our initial aims and continue to help those in need on a one to one basis. How we do so has certainly evolved as we develop the ways in which we meet the needs of our beneficiaries.

My role allows me to overlook the work that is taking place and how our team in Morocco have spent this last year, effectively and strategically putting in place long term projects to support those in need and the vulnerable. As a result, I believe the donations we receive go further than feeding someone for one day. Instead, we aim to provide communities with the tools to empower them by supporting their everyday needs.

Our presence online is stronger than ever and the best way to keep up-to-date with what we do is our [facebook page](#) and [twitter page](#) for updates. We encourage people to get in touch with us and receive many phone calls and emails on a weekly basis asking about the charity and what we do. We are always happy to engage in such communication and believe it is necessary to ensure we continue to be transparent in our efforts.

My heartfelt thanks goes to all those who have donated in the past year either monetarily or by attending our events and our wonderful group of volunteers who help out at events in one way or another, tirelessly working behind the scenes and making sure we are always on track.

Thank you all and I look forward to the years ahead.

Sahar Zahid
Chairperson of Moroccan Youth UK



Moroccan Youth UK's aims

Moroccan Youth UK (MY UK) was set up in 2007 as an independent charitable organisation to benefit vulnerable people living in poverty in Morocco. The fundraising charity has two projects; the Shelter Project and the Bright Future Project.

The charity is governed by a board of Trustees and is a completely volunteer led organisation.

MY UK Shelter Project

The Shelter Project currently works in four cities in Morocco; Sefrou, Fes, Meknes and Larache. The project aims to improve quality of life and help alleviate some of the social issues affecting vulnerable people in Morocco.

The outputs from this project are funded through MY UK fundraising events and donations from individual sponsors.

The project's aims are to:

- provide monthly food parcels to sponsored families,
- ensure orphaned and children in need are able to receive basic education through school equipment and tuition,
- assist with any medical costs that those in need may be liable to,
- donate clothes to those most in need of them,
- provide Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha in different cities in Morocco and
- provide financial aid to the building of wells in impoverished areas, where water is inaccessible and limited.



MY UK Bright Future Project

The Bright Future Project enables the charity to benefit young people living in the UK. Our aim is to empower young people with confidence and skills that will support them to play a constructive role in British society. Increasingly, our focus has been towards the Shelter Project, however Moroccan Youth UK Trustees have been able to personally contribute towards the fulfilment of these aims through the following:

- Trusteeship within the organisation [Nida Trust](#), an educational charity that aims to raise aspirations in young people. Nida Trust has a key focus in empowering and supporting Teaching leadership to benefit young people.
- Co-presenting a TV series called 'Education Matters' on Islam Channel, addressing the educational concerns of parents and students such as supporting children and young people with autism and dyslexia.
- Supplementary School Teaching to support 20, 8-10 years olds with maths and English tuition.
- Supporting young people with university personal statements and CV writing.
- Supplementary School Teacher Training to 40 volunteers.

Treasurer's report

Below is a breakdown of the year's accounts as agreed by the Trustees.

Statement of financial activity for the year ended March 2015.

Income	£
Afternoon tea party (10/05/2014)	1,820.00
Charity dinner at Hilton (17/01/2015)	9,248.00
Donations via bank (01/04/14-31/03/15)	16,379.47
Total Income	<u>27,447.47</u>
Expenses	<u>5,069.32</u>
Net	<u>22,378.15</u>
Outgoings in Morocco:	
Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha	4,705.96
Medication	3,191.93
Food parcels	2,652.65
Ramadan packages	3,652.57
Rent	704.82
Education	1,077.53
Clothes	529.68
Quranic lessons (as part of will request)	2135.83
Donation to elderly home	118.46
Orphans' care	1005.04
Water well	1431.01
Refreshments	53.40
Total Expenditure	21,258.88

Events 2014 – 2015

Ladies Afternoon Tea Party (10/05/2014)

MY UK held a special afternoon tea party aimed at our female supporters. The event was attended by c.70 people and included an afternoon of tea, cakes, fashion shows and dancing.



Annual Fundraising Dinner (17/01/2015)

100 people attended MY UK's flagship Annual Fundraising Dinner at Hilton Olympia on 17th January 2015. The event raised £9,248.00 and was a wonderful and intimate evening that provided an informative platform for guests to find out more about the work of MY UK and to meet friends, old and new.



Distribution of donations

Donations are distributed on a needs by basis as decided by the board of Trustees. MY UK uphold a transparent and efficient monitoring system whereby vulnerable individuals and families are identified and their needs and circumstances assessed.

MY UK's Treasurer makes frequent trips to Morocco to visit sponsored families to ensure there have been no changes to circumstances. The Treasurer also regularly meets with the providers such as food wholesalers and pharmacies who supply aid like medication and food packages to ensure they continue to work in keeping with our agreements.

The cultural and social context of Morocco is very important when deciding how to distribute the funds raised. Ramadan and Eid Al-Adha are key events in the year that most Moroccans partake in. In order to ensure that identified families in need are also able to celebrate and commemorate these annual occasions, the provision of Ramadan food packages and Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha is a significant and essential output provided by MY UK.

For the financial year 2014-2015, money raised from the fundraising events and sponsored donations have been used to:

- benefit more than 30 families with monthly food packages consisting of sugar, flour, oil and other necessities
- provide up to 400 families in Larache, Fes, Meknes and Sefrou with Ramadan food packages
- provide rent for 4 widows and their children
- provide Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha for over 100 families in Larache, Meknes, Fes and Sefrou
- provide regular medication for over 10 terminally ill patients
- provide A-level tuition for 12 students
- provide Quranic classes to over 40 children (as part of a late woman's request in her will)
- provide regular tuition for ten 10-11 year old children
- provide nursery care for 12 children to enable their mothers to work
- provide school equipment for over 20 school children
- provide warm clothing to remote villages in Morocco
- build 2 water wells in 2 different villages in the Dar Hamra region in Morocco.

MY UK members have made a number of visits to Morocco this year to ensure that all money being spent is in line with our constitution. The charity continues to welcome interested sponsors to visit the families that benefit from donations and fundraising efforts.

The next page showcases some of the work that donations have paid towards such as water wells, clothing donations, school equipment, food packages, Udhiyat Eid ul Adha and tuition classes.

