



Trustees' Annual Report

1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Scot Aid

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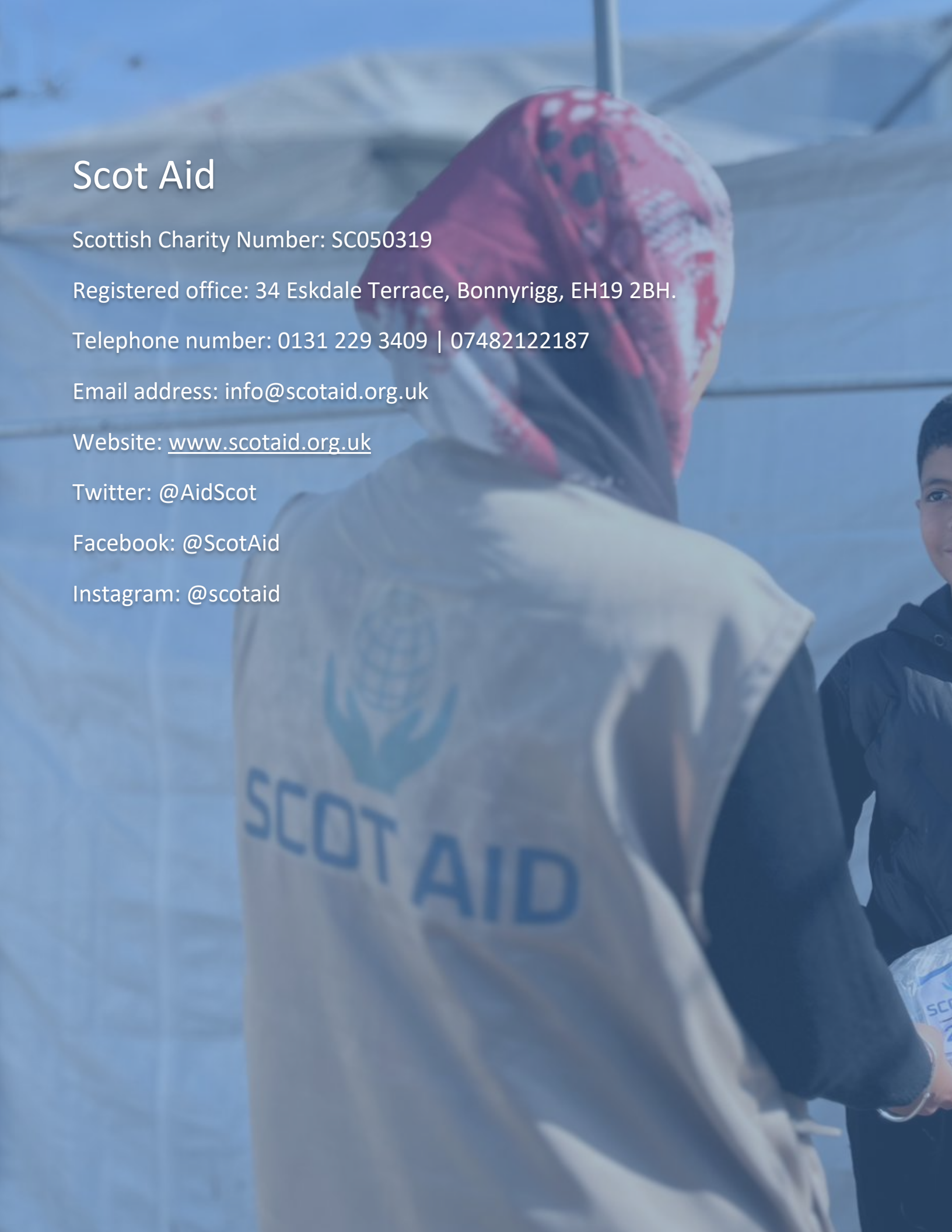
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A person wearing a white Scot Aid vest with a blue logo and text, standing next to a child in a dark jacket. The vest features a blue logo of a globe with hands and the text "SCOT AID". The child is holding a white bag with the Scot Aid logo. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

SCOT AID

Charity Trustees

- Tasneem Ali
- Husam Freikh
- Mostafa Ezzat M Rateb
- Walid Wahba
- Asmaa Ibrahim

Objectives and Activities

Scot Aid is a humanitarian aid and development organisation established in July 2020, committed to preventing and alleviating poverty.

The charity achieves its mission by delivering essential support—including food, clean water, shelter, medical supplies, and financial assistance—to vulnerable families both internationally and within Scotland.

2025 Highlights

In 2025, humanitarian needs across the Middle East remained severe. Scot Aid responded by continuing and expanding its relief programmes in Palestine, Yemen, and Lebanon.

- Palestine: The Gaza Strip endured ongoing devastation due to conflict. Scot Aid prioritised emergency relief for displaced families, providing food parcels, water aid, medical support, and winter relief packages.
- Yemen: With famine still a major threat, Scot Aid scaled up its seasonal aid efforts, including expanded Ramadan and Eid distribution projects.

Beyond its international work, 2025 was a year of growth and development for Scot Aid. The organisation:

- Recruited new employees and volunteers,
- Formed strategic partnerships to enhance its impact,
- Upgraded its online donation platforms to improve accessibility and support its growing base of donors.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

Scot Aid is governed by a Board of Trustees, which oversees the strategic direction and ensures compliance with the charity's objectives. The organisation operates as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), incorporated on 23 July 2020, and is governed by its constitution, which outlines its objectives and powers.

Governing Document

The charity's governing document is its constitution, which sets out the legal framework, operational structure, and charitable purposes of the SCIO.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Trustees of the SCIO also serve as its members. Nominations to the Board are considered and approved during board meetings. New trustees are invited to attend an introductory meeting to familiarise themselves with the organisation and its operating context. This meeting covers:

- The legal and ethical obligations of trustees,
- Key governance documents, including the constitution and its objectives,
- The charity's current financial position, resourcing, and future plans.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has identified and assessed the major risks facing the organisation. Appropriate procedures and internal controls have been implemented to mitigate these risks and ensure the charity's resilience and sustainability.

Organisational Structure

Scot Aid's Board of Trustees meets quarterly and is responsible for setting strategic direction and policy. Board members bring a diverse range of professional expertise relevant to the charity's mission and operations.



Achievements and Performance

During the reporting period, Scot Aid delivered a wide range of projects in Lebanon, Yemen, and Palestine.

Food Security

Throughout 2025, Scot Aid deepened its commitment to communities facing severe crises. Across Palestine, Yemen, and Lebanon, our teams delivered life-sustaining food packages, warm meals, and vital provisions to ensure families didn't have to worry about where their next meal was coming from. These efforts went beyond basic nourishment—they brought stability, restored self-worth, and lifted the constant weight of hunger from thousands of homes.

Water Relief

Clean, safe water was at the heart of Scot Aid's mission in 2025. Through our Clean Water distribution project in Gaza, thousands of families gained a dependable source of safe drinking water, while upgraded storage and delivery systems provided critical relief to refugee households in Lebanon. By distributing clean and drinkable water, we helped protect communities from waterborne diseases and brought lasting improvements to their daily lives.



Sponsorship

Throughout 2025, the Child Sponsorship Programme served as a vital lifeline for orphans and vulnerable children facing extreme hardship. By covering essential needs—including quality education, medical care, and secure housing—the programme provided much more than physical relief. It brought steady reassurance, nurtured emotional resilience, and gave children the confidence to look toward the future with hope.

Emergency Humanitarian Aid

Throughout 2025, Scot Aid acted swiftly at the front lines of emergency response in areas devastated by conflict and disaster. By delivering emergency shelter, vital medical supplies, and urgent food assistance, our teams reached displaced families when they needed it most. These rapid interventions provided critical relief during moments of acute crisis, reaffirming our commitment to standing with vulnerable communities when it matters most.

Health and Hygiene Assistance

Health interventions focused directly on those requiring specialised, life-saving care—infants, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Severe maternal malnutrition and trauma left many mothers unable to nurse, creating an urgent, critical need for specialised infant nutrition. In response, our teams delivered essential formula directly to high-risk babies, providing immediate sustenance and a crucial lifeline for survival.

Educational Support

The 2025 educational strategy focused on mitigating the impact of two years of lost schooling and the widespread destruction of learning facilities in Gaza. As traditional classrooms remained unsafe, our teams supported alternative educational environments through the establishment of tent schools. To keep the learning process alive, complete stationery sets were distributed to students, ensuring children had the basic tools needed to continue their education.



Financial Review

Statement of Financial Activities & Income and Expenditure Account

For the year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Section A Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account						
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	292,740	146,504	-	439,244	483,724
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		292,740	146,504	-	439,244	483,724
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	30,655	-	-	30,655	20,377
Charitable activities	4	202,611	146,504	-	349,115	313,370
Separate material item of expense:		-	-	-	-	-
Salaries and wages	5	33,288			33,288	30,514
Other expenses - see note	4	49,156	-	-	49,156	30,986
Total		315,710	146,504	-	462,214	395,247
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-	22,970	-	-	- 22,970	88,477
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		- 22,970	-	-	- 22,970	88,477
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 22,970	-	-	- 22,970	88,477
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		454,837	-	-	454,837	366,360
Total funds carried forward		431,867	-	-	431,867	454,837

Balance sheet

For the year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Section B		Balance sheet				
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total £ F05 2024
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	6	1,009	-	-	1,009	1,599
Heritage assets		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,009	-	-	1,009	1,599
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	737,938	-	-	737,938	674,629
Total current assets		737,938	-	-	737,938	674,629
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	307,080		-	307,080	221,391
Net current assets/(liabilities)		430,858	-	-	430,858	453,238
Total assets less current liabilities		431,867	-	-	431,867	454,837
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	8	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		431,867	-	-	431,867	454,837
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			-		-	-
Unrestricted funds		431,867	-	-	431,867	454,837
Revaluation reserve					-	
Total funds		431,867	-	-	431,867	454,837
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Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The organisation aims to maintain sufficient reserves to fund projects that can prevent and/or relieve poverty.

Details of any deficit

There was no deficit in any of Scot Aid's funds during this period.

Donated facilities and services

No facilities or services were donated to Scot Aid during this period.

Future Plans

- Looking ahead, Scot Aid will continue to strengthen and expand its humanitarian programmes. Planned priorities for 2025 include:
- To secure funding and grants to address the cost-of-living crisis in Scotland, with a focus on supporting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our communities. We aim to direct this support to low-income individuals and families who are hardest hit by rising living costs.
- Expanding food security projects in Yemen to reach more families at risk of famine.
- Continuing to provide emergency relief in Palestine, with a focus on medical support, shelter, and water access.
- Increasing community engagement and awareness in Scotland through events and campaigns.
- Further upgrading digital platforms to support fundraising, transparency, and donor engagement.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Husam Freikh

Designation

Chairperson

Date

11/09/2026