

# Annual Report 2022



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**Rights for Peace** is a human rights organisation working to prevent mass atrocity crimes in fragile states, by supporting and collaborating with local organisations.

In times of conflict or transition, human rights organisations overwhelmingly report violations and seek accountability, with little attention on preventing or mitigating patterns of violations.

**A new approach is needed.**



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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



I am pleased to present Rights for Peace's Annual Report for the year 2022. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our activities, achievements, and impact in our mission to prevent mass atrocity crimes through two key programme areas: countering identity violence and pursuing post-conflict justice and reparation for survivors

In 2021 a record 100 million people fled violence and conflict - one almost every second.

Yet, there is insufficient coordination and next to no investment in atrocity prevention. Unspeakable and widespread human rights abuses are committed in armed conflicts every day - devastating lives and communities.

At Rights for Peace, 2022 was an action-packed year. We helped survivors to articulate their priorities in seeking justice and reparations in Sudan and South Sudan.

In South Sudan we supported national consultations on the establishment of a Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing, providing sensitisation and information materials that were extensively used by the government-appointed consultation committee who were delighted to have these resources. These included a large A3 size pictorial flip book and a small pocket A5 size Citizens' Guide to the processes, that was printed in Arabic and English and disseminated widely. As part of this Technical Support, we also delivered two trainings for the Government-appointed Technical Committee that undertook the consultations across 10 States. We also ensured and supported survivors to be officially consulted in two States.

In terms of support to survivors, we facilitated the launch of SUNSS, the Survivors' Network South Sudan. We provided three important forums in which survivors were able to be heard by policymakers and duty-bearers. These included Ministers at the 'Stand with



Us' Event at the Swiss Embassy in Juba, a round table with Pramila Patten, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict and a Hearing with Parliamentarians, held at the EU Compound in Juba.

When we started our work in South Sudan in 2020, the notion of CRSV was not known, and when we brought a few survivors to meet with UN policymakers and officials in Juba in January 2022, it was ground-breaking. In 2022, during the 16 days of activism on CRSV, there was so much demand for CRSV survivors' participation in events, that their own National Survivors Network workshop was almost jeopardised!

In Sudan, we strengthened partnerships with organisations supporting survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Darfur, South Kordofan and Khartoum, where we conducted focus group discussions and interviews for our Study on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Opportunities for Reparation to be launched in 2023. We facilitated the creation of the CRSV

Reparations network in Sudan – a group of 22 organisations and experts mainstreaming these issues into work on violence against women as well as the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

Rights for Peace also delivered important training and advocacy to counter identity-based violence in Darfur and South Kordofan, with a particular focus on women human rights defenders in Khartoum, where conflict-related violence has become a weapon in the political conflict against pro-democracy supporters and women's rights defenders. These trainings resulted in another acclaimed Report: 'Can we Prevent the Spread of Renewed Atrocities? Addressing Structural Discrimination in Sudan'. Given the outbreak of conflict in April 2023 and the widespread violence with ethnic overtones that has ensued, we can only regret that the warning signs were not headed to by the international community.

We also began scoping hate narratives in Ethiopia.








Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

Technical Committee on the Establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Accountability (CTRHA)

*This Pictorial Guide and the support to the Technical Committee on the Establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Accountability made possible with support of Rights for Peace and the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. The views expressed here are solely of the Technical Committee.*

 **Rights for Peace**

## OUR MISSION

To **prevent** mass atrocity crimes through the pursuit of justice and human rights

To **address** the drivers of mass atrocities particularly prejudiced or hate based ideology

To **strengthen** local capacities and resilience for long term prevention.

# STRATEGIC FOCUS

Countering **Identity Violence** through training, research and advocacy.



RESEARCH



ADVOCACY



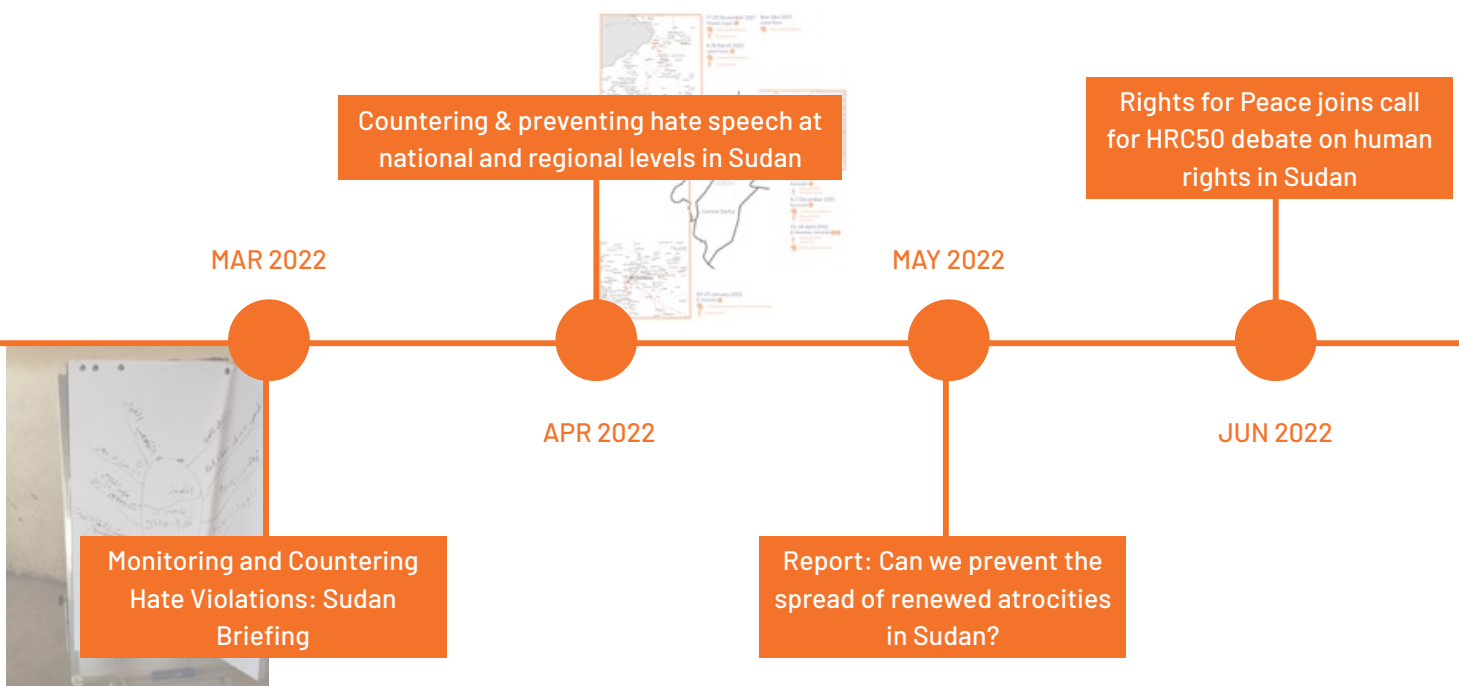
TRAINING

# COUNTERING IDENTITY VIOLENCE

## ESCALATION OF ETHNIC DISPUTES IN DARFUR

In 2022 we saw the escalation of violence on interconnected fronts, with the Rapid Support Forces (former Janjaweed) backing of ethnic 'Arab' disputes over the ethnic 'black' communities such as the Fur, Massalit and Zaghawa, reminiscent of the 2003 genocide. The following clashes along ethnic lines is just a snapshot, occurring during the months of our KAICIID grant that involved training and data gathering

with partners in South Kordofan, Darfur and Khartoum, leading to the publication of the Report "Can we Prevent the Spread of Renewed Atrocities in Sudan" in May 2022. Partners called out for much more training to raise awareness of hate speech and incitement to violence as well as skills and strategies to reverse negative trends given the animosity between groups easily flaring up into mass violence incidents.











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Training on survivor-centred approaches helps prepare national consultations on TJ in South Sudan

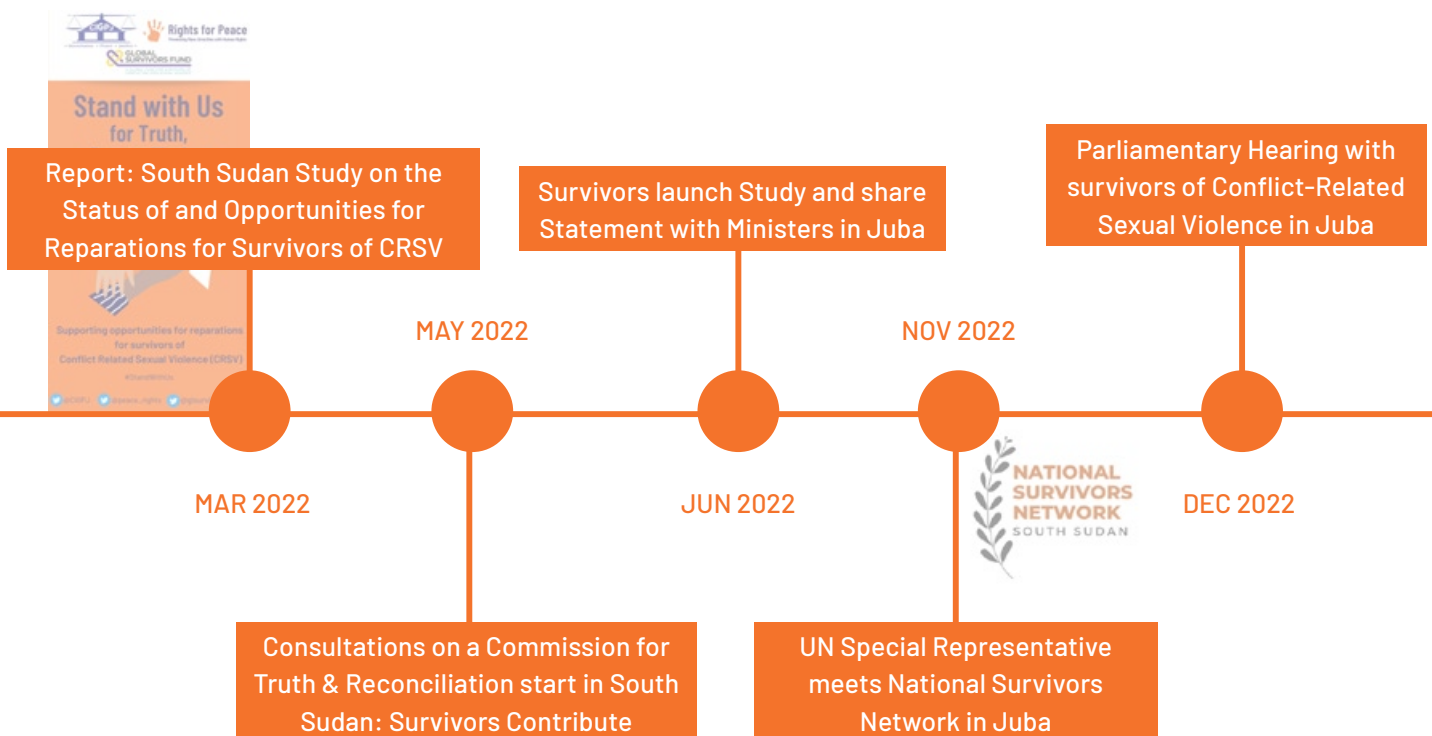


# VICTIM'S JUSTICE

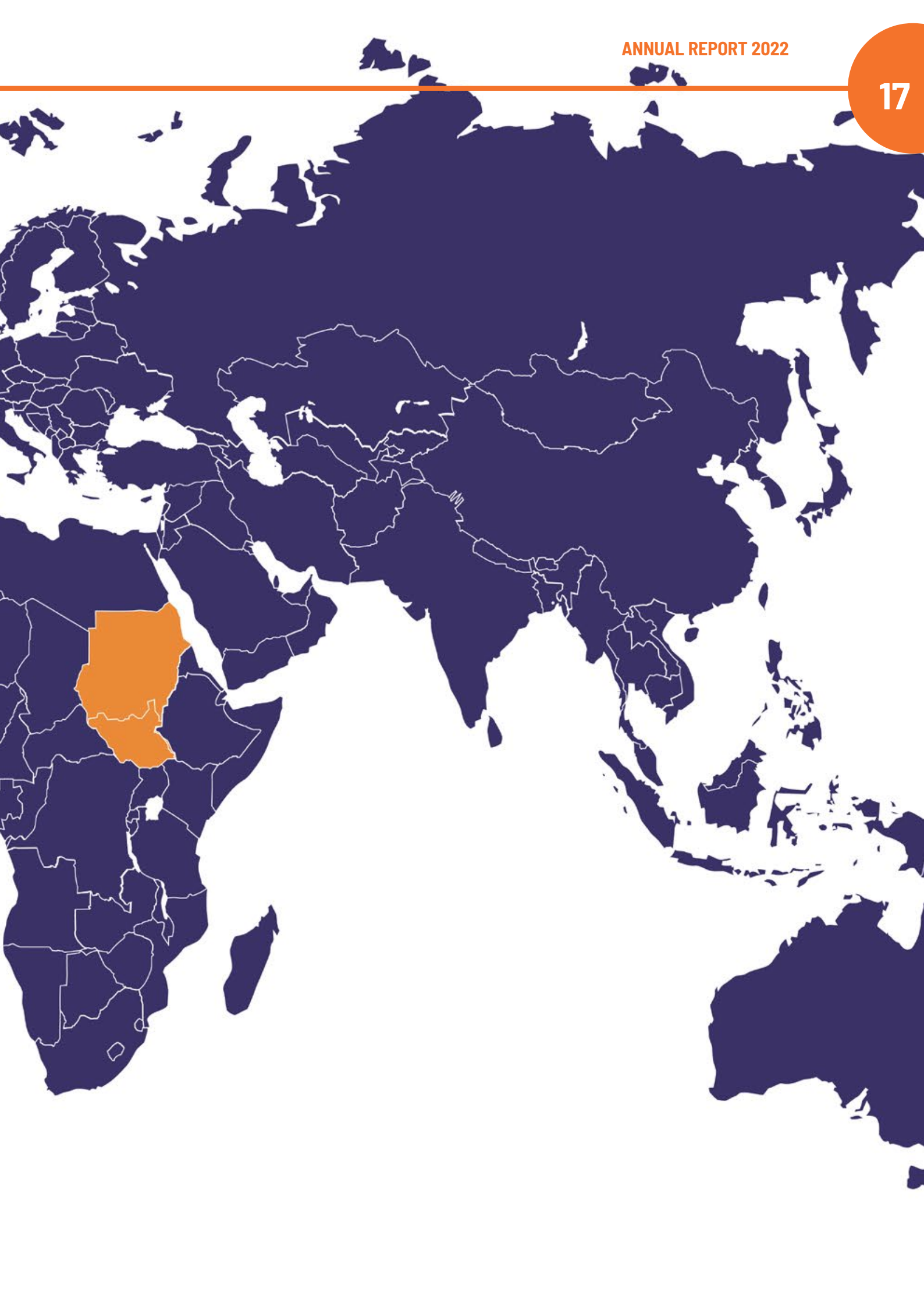
## STAND WITH US FOR TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

During 2022 we saw a real shift in South Sudan. Where victims' and their rights were voiceless and invisible, we facilitated the formation of SUNSS, the Survivors Network South Sudan and their engagement with policymakers and duty-bearers in numerous settings. Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) told us: "if you want

to stand with us, then Stand With Us". This became a slogan used for events where survivors presented their views about the establishment of the Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing in South Sudan and raised issues around children born of CRSV, including challenges obtaining identity documents.







# INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

## RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SOUTH SUDAN IN GENEVA

At the 49th Session of the Human Rights Council in March 2022, we launched the Study on the Status and Opportunities of Reparation for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in South Sudan. The international launch was timed to raise the profile of sexual violence crimes in South Sudan at the time of voting on the renewal of the mandate of the UN Human Rights Commission for South Sudan (UNCHRSS) – which was successfully renewed for a further year.



## WHY A UK MASS ATROCITY PREVENTION STRATEGY MATTERS

Rights for Peace is a member of the UK Atrocity Prevention Working Group, which has advocated effectively for the need for a UK National Atrocity Prevention Strategy. As we know, in 2021 a record 100 million people fled violence and conflict – one almost every second. While governments have a duty to prevent and punish genocide, there is widely insufficient funding going into effective strategies. Early warning has been raised repeatedly since the Rwandan genocide – but responses continue to be

wholly inadequate. Atrocity prevention is still in its infancy in terms of diagnosis and timely treatment.

In 2022, the UK Parliamentary Committee on International Development conducted an Inquiry into how the government responds to mass atrocities.

The Working Group, composed of some 35 organisations and individual experts, made a Joint Submission to the Inquiry, drawing conclusions from Myanmar and Bosnia,

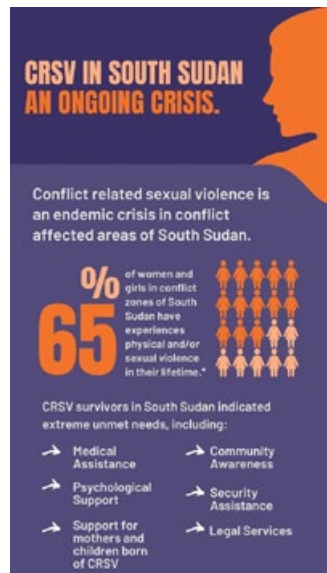
showing that if we want to prevent mass atrocities:

Mass atrocity prevention needs to be a policy priority;

- There needs to be a joined-up strategy that monitors, identifies, communicates and clearly responds to warning signs with high-level engagements or long-term interventions, addressing the issues with a range of tools across government;
- There needs to be adequate funding needs to fund the strategy.



CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT



JOINT CALLS FROM CIVIL SOCIETY THAT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF SUDAN AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SHOULD NOT LEGITIMIZE THE MILITARY REGIME

Following the October 2021 coup. Rights for Peace joined over 50 organizations in a campaign to raise awareness of the military

coups that ended the transition period that followed the hard-fought revolution in 2020.



# SUDAN



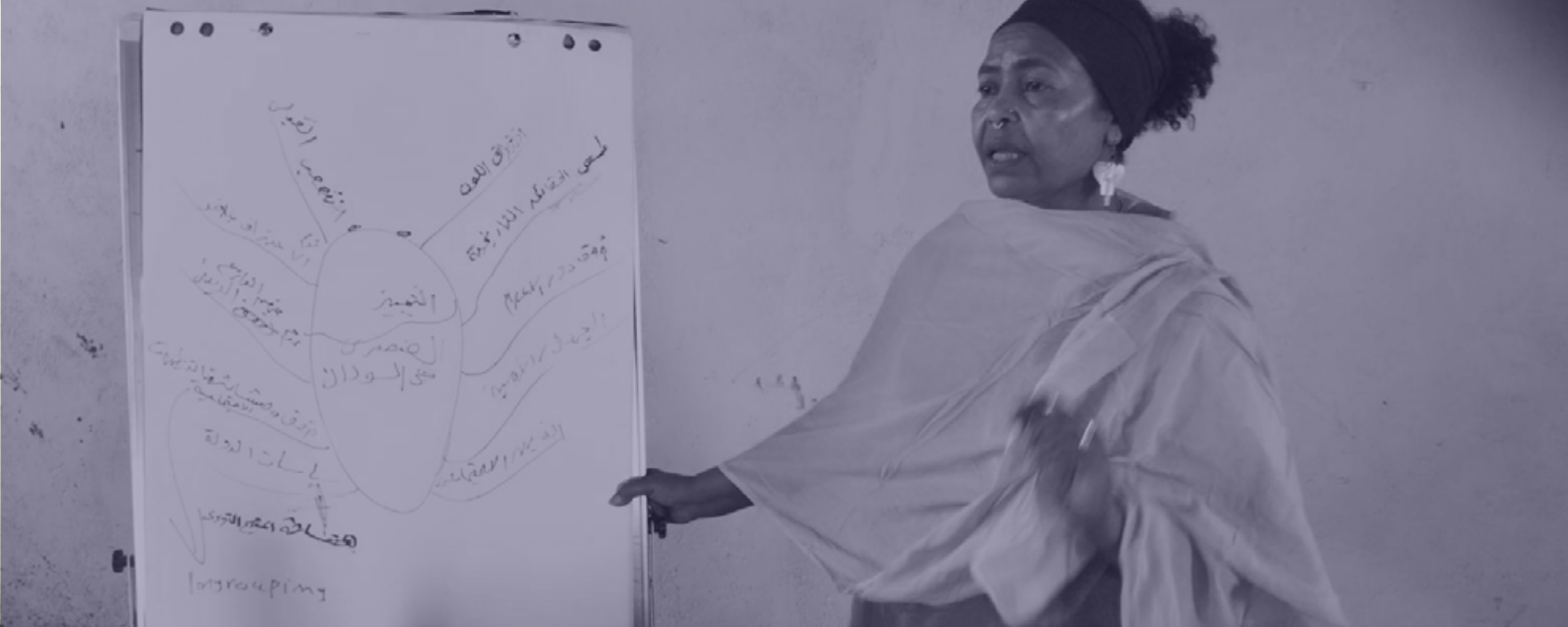
## COUNTERING HATE SPEECH AND DISCRIMINATION

- In March 2022, we held in-person Training of Training workshops with partners in Darfur, South Kordofan and Khartoum on countering hate speech and structural discrimination.
- In May 2022, Advocacy report: Can We Prevent the Spread of Renewed Atrocities? Structural Discrimination in Sudan – May 2022

This report looks at the ongoing Sudan crisis as it develops on several interconnected fronts and the ongoing impact of racism and structural discrimination on communities in Sudan. It addresses both the repression of the pro-democracy movement in the wake of the coup and the recent escalations in violence in the Darfur region.







Rights for Peace Legal Adviser, North Darfur, March 2022

## BUILDING SUPPORT FOR REPARATIONS FOR CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- In April, we held Focus Group Discussions in Darfur, South Kordofan and interviews in Khartoum gathering data for the Global Survivor's Fund Global Reparation Study on the Status and Opportunities for Reparation for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Sudan.
- In connection with the same Study, we organized a 3-day Round Table in Khartoum in August 2022, to bring together leading women's rights and sexual violence experts in Sudan. The round-table included training on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Reparations, a panel on enabling context of CRSV in Sudan (led by an academic from Khartoum University), as well as the opportunity to brainstorm together on the recommendations for the Study.
- Establishing the CRSV Reparations Network. As a result of the 3-day workshop on CRSV and Reparations in Khartoum, a CRSV Reparations Network was established at a further 1-day seminar. The group is committed to mainstreaming prevention and justice (including reparation) for conflict-related sexual violence into policy agendas on peacebuilding, including the Women Peace and Security agenda, as well as political discussions on transitions to democracy and transitional justice. The group has a vibrant discussion forum on private social media and has shown its effectiveness in seeing CRSV now raised in a range of policy forums where previously the concept was not known in Sudan.

# SOUTH SUDAN



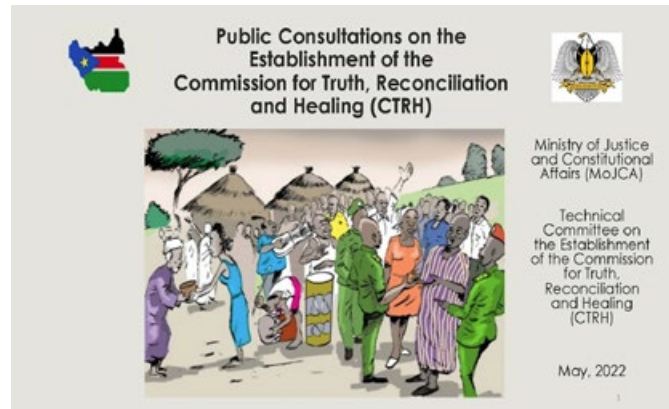
2022 was an action-packed year focused on supporting effective consultations on the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH). The Government of South Sudan, through the Ministry of Justice, appointed a Technical Committee composed of 33 members from civil society, faith-based organisations, academia and government, responsible for leading public and stakeholder consultations on the CTRH. The Executive Director of our partner organization the Centre for Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice (CIGPJ) was appointed as one of the Technical Committee members and called upon Rights for Peace to support their work.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Rights for Peace supported the Technical Committee established to undertake public consultations on the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing, providing training sessions and sensitisation materials to inform the public about the CTRH's mandate, so as to ensure informed consultations. Amongst the activities,

Rights for Peace supported:

- 2-day Technical Training for members of the Technical Committee on Survivor-centered Approaches to Consultations on Transitional Justice. In February
- 2022, Rights for Peace organized a Training workshop for members of the Ministry of Justice-appointed Technical Committee on the establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing.
- Public Consultations with survivors on the establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) in Bor and Pibor. In April-June 2023, Rights for Peace supported the Technical Committee in the production of sensitization materials and consultations with CRSV survivors, as



#### What is transitional justice?

- Transitional justice refers to the set of judicial and non-judicial measures available to address the legacies of massive human rights abuses.
- Transitional justice includes, amongst others, prosecutions, truth seeking processes, reconciliation, compensation and reparation, memorialization initiatives, institutional reform, and education.
- Transitional justice are mechanisms that exercises justice, promotes reconciliation and offer compensation during a transitional period and in response to a specific time abuses committed during period conflict.

well as other stakeholder groups such as youth, women's groups, students and community leaders in Bor and Pibor.

- Citizen's Handbook and Pictorial Guide to Transitional Justice Processes in the 2018 Peace Agreement focusing on the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing Rights for Peace supported the Technical Committee in the

conceptualization, drafting, design and printing of an A4 pocket handbook on the processes, as well as a large A2 pictorial flipbook to explain the processes through illustrations as part of the consultations.

- Technical Training workshop for the Technical Committee on producing a final report of the Consultations on the CTRH



## SURVIVOR-LED ADVOCACY

At the same time, Rights for Peace supported survivors as well as their voices being heard before policymakers including government ministers, the UN Special Representative on the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, parliamentarians, UN agency staff as well as Foreign Embassy missions in Juba.

- Parallel consultations with Survivors on the establishment of the CTRH in Yei and Juba Protection of Civilian Camp (PoC) – early June 2022
- Mid-June 2022, we supported the formation of “Survivors Network South Sudan” (SUNSS) at a survivors’ workshop Juba, where we brought survivors together from Bor, Bentiu, Mundri, Yei, Juba town, Juba POC and refugee camps in Northern Uganda, each representing local level networks. The workshop served as a validation of the Study drafted the previous year in

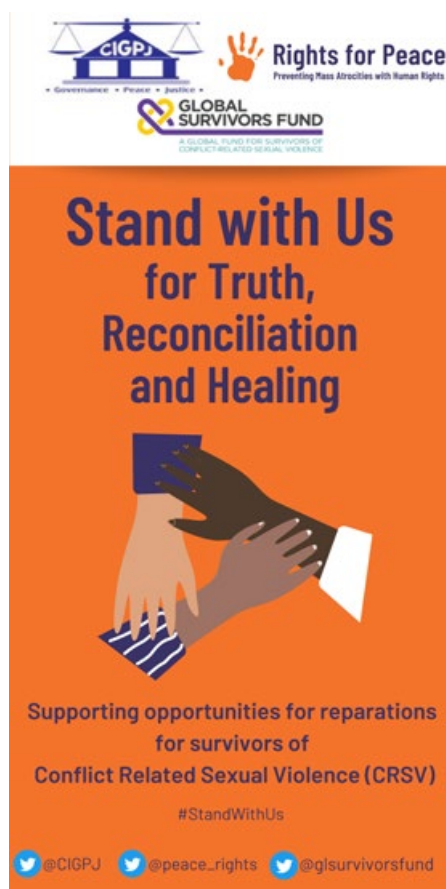
which survivors from these locations participated in Focus Group Discussions, and also allowed survivors to work on a Statement on the Establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing.

- On 15 June 2022 we launched of Study on the Status and Opportunities of Reparation for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in South Sudan at the Swiss Embassy Compound in Juba, where also survivors of the Survivor Network South Sudan (SUNSS) presented their Statement on the Establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing to Ministers in Juba
- In October 2022, we published a joint Civil Society paper “How to Ensure Victims’ Rights in the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing?”
- In November 2022, at the invitation



of UNMISS, we facilitated a SUNSS survivors' meeting in Juba, bringing survivors from across the country to meet with Pramila Patten. Survivors raised the issue of children born of CRSV and Ms. Patten suggested they produce a short film about this issue.

- In December 2022, as part of the 16 Days of Activism, we organized a Parliamentary Hearing, where survivors of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) from across South Sudan and refugee camps in Northern Uganda came to Juba and shared their recommendations on the Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing with parliamentarians.

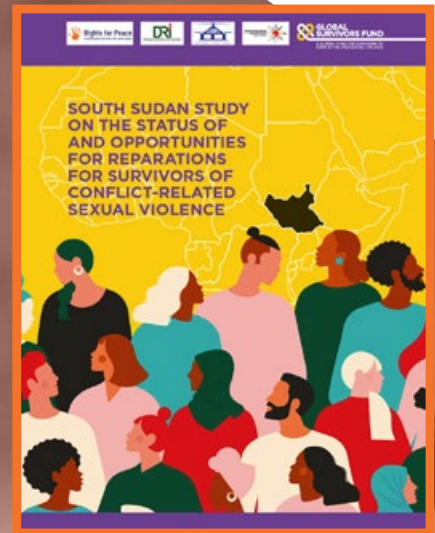


In December 2022, Rights for Peace and CIGPJ organized a parliamentary hearing with the Parliamentary Gender Committee that raised awareness of survivors' experiences and their right to remedies and reparation, including the need for the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) to be established in accordance with Chapter V of the 2018 Peace Agreement. Members of the Survivors Network South Sudan (SUNSS) raised issues related to children born of CRSV. Members coming from refugee camps in Uganda raised the need for consultations to also extend to the large refugee populations along the border of Sudan.



SUNSS survivors participate in advocacy meeting with Minister of Health in Juba to discuss impact of conflict-related sexual violence

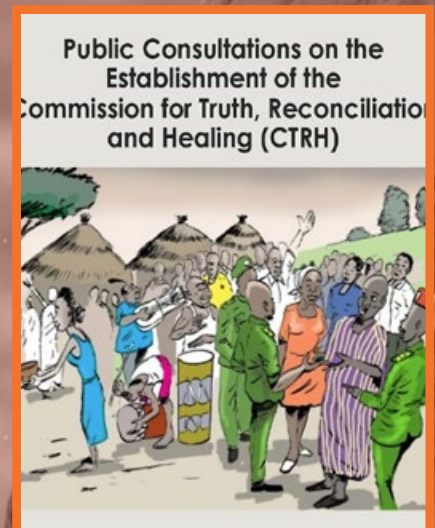




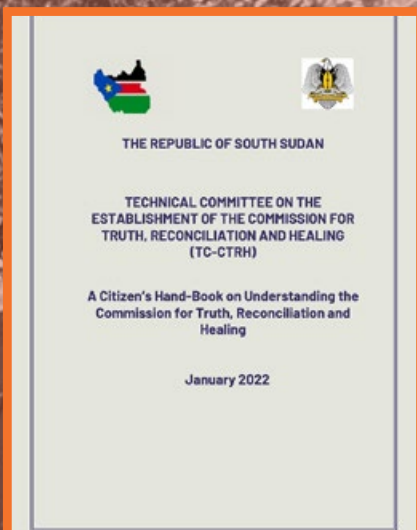
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# FINANCIAL REVIEW

Members of the management committee meet regularly to review the financial position of the charity. As a result of this information, they have confidence in realistically reviewing and adjusting budgets. During the year funding continued to increase with the support of the Global Survivors Partnership and KAICIID.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted reserves held by the charity should be at least £5,000. At this level, the trustees consider that they would be able to accommodate any fundamental funding changes as core costs are minimal.

As at the balance sheet date the charity's unrestricted reserves were £5,601.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as both a company limited by guarantee and as a registered charity. The directors of the company serve also as the trustees of the charity. Reference and administrative details are shown in the company information page. The directors have the power to appoint additional trustees.

The charity also relies on a number of volunteers and supporters. Those involved in 2022 are:

Swiss Embassy South Sudan, Google Non-profits, LSE ProBono Matters.

## VOLUNTEERS & COLLABORATORS

Najlaa Ahmed Sudan *Legal Adviser*  
 Temelso Getahun *Ethiopia Researcher*  
 Clara Giaminardi *Communication Assistant*  
 Mariana Goetz *Director*  
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 Cara Priestley *Advocacy Officer*  
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## OUR SUPPORTERS

KAICIID, Danish Human Rights Institute, Matrix Causes Fund, Interim Spaces, Global Survivor's Fund, UK Embassy South Sudan,

## ADVISORY BOARD

Najlaa Ahmed  
 Dr. Sejal Parmar  
 Dr. Lutz Oette  
 Prof. Clara Sandoval-Villalba

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Rights for Peace for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

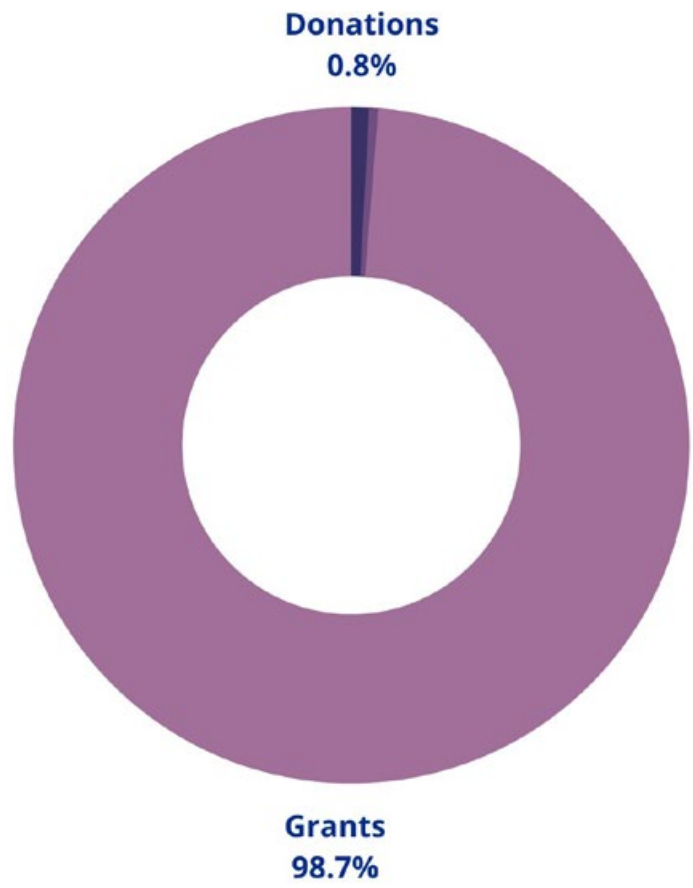
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

- In so far as the trustees are aware:
- there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

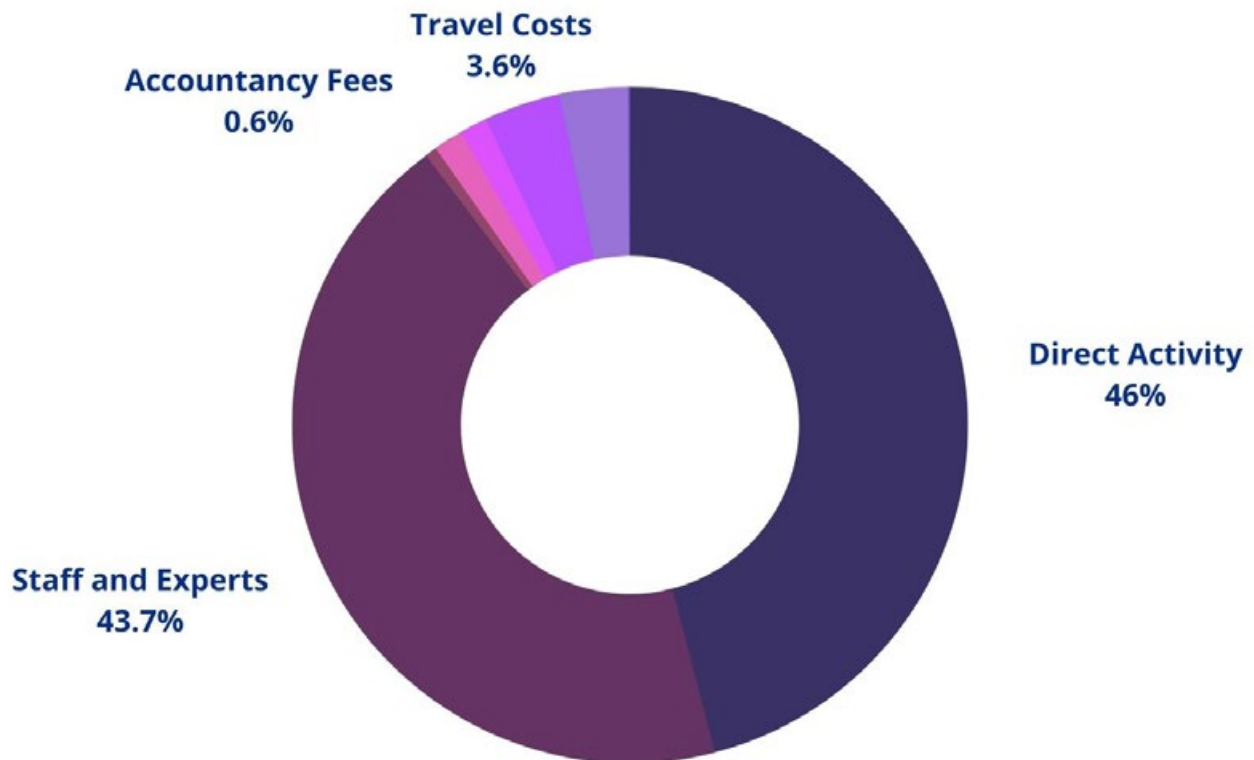
Approval by order of the board of trustees.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME	
Donations	£ 1409
Fundraising Events	£ 736
Grants	£ 166291
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 167,700</b>







## EXPENSES

Field Activities	£ 79233
Staff & Experts	£ 75391
Travel Costs - Overseas	£ 6265
Translation & Interpretation Costs	£ 5580
Office Expenses	£ 2299
Premises Costs	£ 2400
Accountancy Fees	£ 975
Fundraising Costs	£ 172
Volunteer Travel	£ 80
Other	£ 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 172,408</b>



# CHARITY INFORMATION

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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