



Ending Torture. Seeking Justice for Survivors

Stichting REDRESS Nederland

Annual Report and Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

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About REDRESS Nederland

Stichting REDRESS Nederland was formally established on 7 September 2016. It is registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce, registration number: 66793319. The RSIN number is 856699846. REDRESS Nederland is an independent foundation under Dutch law. It has links to the Redress Trust (registered in The United Kingdom). It is recognised as an ANBI (not for profit) under Dutch regulations.

The objectives of REDRESS Nederland are to promote throughout the world justice for victims of torture and related international crimes and to support victims in their efforts to secure reparation for the harm they suffered. REDRESS Nederland is working to eradicate the practice of torture worldwide, support victims of torture and end impunity for the perpetrators.

REDRESS Nederland is a victim-centred organisation; it works to support, empower and give voice to victims' concerns, interests and perspectives in all aspects of its work.

REDRESS Nederland does not have a profit objective.

Management structure

The Board is comprised of:

- **Paul Lomas (Chair)**, Former Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- **Willa Maria Geertsema (Honorary Treasurer)**, Consultant, Business owner and Former Director of Finance and Administration at United World Colleges (UWC)
- **Rianne Letschert (Secretary)**, Rector Magnificus, Maastricht University

The members of the Board are not remunerated for their services on the Board (although reasonable expenses may be reimbursed).

The employees are:

- Mr Juergen Schurr (Head of REDRESS Nederland)
- Mr Nader Diab (Legal Officer)

Both employees were seconded to REDRESS Nederland in the financial year ended 31 March 2017, by REDRESS (London). In the financial year commencing 1 April 2017, they have subsequently been hired directly by REDRESS Nederland.

Fundraising strategy

REDRESS Nederland can raise funds by collecting subsidies and other contributions; gifts, bequests and legacies; and all other acquisitions and gains. In particular, it raises funds from other charitable foundations and trusts, international and regional organizations and public administrations, governments, companies and members of the public. It may also carry out services for other organizations, receive income from the sale of merchandise produced by the organisation or through charity events. Any income received is integrated into the Foundation's accounts and used to fulfil the Foundation's charitable purposes.

The Foundation may also receive funds from the Redress Trust (registered in the United Kingdom) in accordance with any stipulations set by The Redress Trust.

Management of funds

Funds and assets are managed by REDRESS Nederland with the oversight of its Board of Directors. REDRESS Nederland may solicit and receive administrative, financial management and/or other support from the Redress Trust (United Kingdom) to assist it in managing any funds and assets received by the Foundation. However, the ultimate responsibility for the management of any funds and assets received by the Foundation lies with its Board of Directors. Funds and assets are allocated/spent in accordance with the objectives of REDRESS Nederland.

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for ensuring that any funds and assets received by the Foundation which are earmarked for a specific purpose or project, align with the objectives of the Foundation.

The Foundation publishes its Annual Accounts at the end of each financial year (which runs 1 April – 30 March) and these are available for inspection by the public.

The Foundation is committed to complying with any and all audit and transparency requirements under Dutch law as well as any further reporting requirements stipulated by its donors.

The Activities of REDRESS Nederland

General activities:

REDRESS Nederland makes every effort to attain and accomplish its objectives by:

- Promoting legal assistance to individuals and communities in securing their rights;
- Carrying out research and sharing information;
- Advocating with governments, parliaments, international organizations and the media;
- Working in partnership with like-minded organizations around the world.

Owing to its principal place of business in The Hague, the Netherlands – the international City of Peace and Justice - REDRESS Nederland places emphasis in its work, as relevant and appropriate, on:

- collaboration with international justice institutions, international organizations, civil society organizations, academic and policy centres as appropriate present in The Hague;
- pan-European work, including collaborations with the Secretariat of the European Network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes based in The Hague, and with justice officials, lawyers, civil society groups and victims of torture and related international crimes throughout Europe;
- targeted work in countries around the world where torture is endemic, in partnership with local justice actors, civil society organizations and victims and other groups which share REDRESS Nederland's values and objectives.

In the financial year ending 31 March 2017, REDRESS Nederland's focus was on establishing itself in The Hague, opening offices and raising awareness about its presence in The Hague amongst international organizations and courts, civil society, academics, lawyers, government and the diplomatic community in The Hague.

REDRESS Nederland hosted two international conferences during, and immediately following, this period.

1. ***Justice for Victims and Accountability for Torturers: Past, Present and Future Strategies.*** This meeting took place at the Carlton Ambassador Hotel, The Hague, on 29 September 2016. The meeting focused on national, ad hoc, specialised and international courts and tribunals that had been established or are under consideration to pursue accountability for torture and related crimes under international law. The meeting considered accountability strategies adopted or in development for crimes which occurred in a range of countries, including Cambodia, Chad, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Serbia, Syria, Uganda, USA
2. ***Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: the absolute prohibition of torture under threat.*** This meeting took place at the Peace Palace, Historic Reading Room on 9 June 2017. The meeting brought together international and Dutch experts on human rights and international criminal law to discuss the challenges associated with securing justice for victims of torture, whether that torture occurs in a conflict context or in relative peacetime. The conference also explored themes relating to the current threats to the absolute prohibition of torture associated with the implementation of national security paradigms and as a result of an increase in racism and xenophobia in many countries.

REDRESS Nederland staff also engaged with the International Criminal Court and the EU Genocide Network on accountability for victims of torture and related crimes. It also provided detailed input to the Extraordinary African Chambers on the options to afford reparations for Chadian victims.

In the coming year, REDRESS Nederland will extend those activities and also introduce new components to the work, including a new pan-European project with Fair Trials Europe, focusing on victims of torture and related abuse in detention.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Lomas

Chair of the Board of Trustees, 28 June 2017

1. **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

		31 March 2017
	Notes	
Current assets		
Receivables and prepayments		
Other receivables	1	383
Cash and bank balances	2	966
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		1,349
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Net assets		
Unrestricted reserves		1,349
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		1,349
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2. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	31 March 2017
Income		
Unrestricted income	3	10,747
Total Income		<u>10,747</u>
Expenses		
Management and administration		
Strategic management and governance	4	6,364
Office and communications	5	2,076
General expenses	6	958
Employee expenses	7	-
Total Expenses		<u>9,398</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditure		1,349

3. GENERAL NOTES

1. Accounting year

The accounting period is from 7 September 2016 through 31 March 2017. The next financial year will be from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

2. Principal activities

REDRESS Nederland seeks justice and reparation for survivors of torture and related international crimes. It carries out litigation, research-based advocacy and capacity building, designed to strengthen the conditions necessary to end impunity for torture and afford survivors redress.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Income and expenditure

Income represents donations in the fiscal year they are received. Costs and expenses represent expenses related to the year in which these occurred.

4. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS

1. Receivables and prepayments

31
March
2017

Prepayments

383

383

2. Cash and bank balances

ING current account

966

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5. NOTES TO PROFIT AND LOSS

31
March
2017

3. Unrestricted income

City of The Hague Dept Int'l Affairs	2,500
UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office	1,681
REDRESS TRUST UK	6,566
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	<u>10,747</u>

4. Strategic management and governance

Legal	2,305
Conference	4,060
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	<u>6,365</u>

5. Office expenses

Rent	1,916
Communications	159
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	<u>2,075</u>

6. General expenses

Travel	632
Staff recruitment	326
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	<u>958</u>

7. Employee expenses

Stichting REDRESS Nederland employed no staff during the reporting period.

No members of the Board of Trustees received any salaries or benefits.

