# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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#### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Candiga Patrick Chairman
Mr. Benson Khenis Soro Lako Secretary
Mrs. Oleru Teopista Pamela Treasurer
Ms. Ayoo Irene Heleen Member
Mr. Luate Emmanuel Member

# **REGISTERED OFFICE**

Gbukutu Village, Arua road Koboko Municipal Council P.o Box 158 Koboko

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

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ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION INTRODUCTION

Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI) is a non profit refugee led Organization founded in 2017, to promote peace, self reliance and dignity among the refugee comminities in Northern uganda. Through motivative programs focused on peace building

#### **BACKGROUND**

CECI was founded by a group of South Sudanese refugees, including students, teachers evangelists and social activists, in response to and prevention of violence in refugee led communities it was registered as a Community based organisation in Koboko District Local Government in Aug 2017 with Reg No 563/124 and later incorporated as limited company by Guarantee in Sept 2020 (Reg No 80020002697777)

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# ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Activities	Achievements
Project: Bridge (War Child)	
led and civil society organizations to implement national and localized education policy related initiatives.	<ul> <li>Increased advocacy to the community and parents on some of the challenges that affect learners especially the girl child advance ways together with the community on how the challenges can be solved, parents now support their children in school for example the number of learners accessing the feeding at school has increased.</li> </ul>
establish school-based STEM and entrepreneurship skills beyond the class rooms (Including for BTVET)	Increased enrollment of AEP learners at the AEP centers /schools • Promoted talent development, inclusion and peaceful coexistence in the government aided primary schools in Koboko Municipality through organizing and supporting sports and games events for both girls and boys, persons with disability, refugees and host communities.
Activity 3-Facilitate 2 Mother Mother support group sessions conducted to advocate for girl child	Increased community awareness on the BRIDGE project and the AEP through the various awareness programs conducted by the community structures ( Community Education Committees, Youth Education Committees and Mother-Mother clubs
Project: Peace Building Innitia	ative (OXFAM)
Result o: Startup & close out	t activities:
Activity -1 Conduct rountable stakeholders meeting of peace and climate	<ul> <li>They are able to carry out awareness's in the communities on the topics such as cultural norms, negative attitude towards girl child education</li> </ul>
Activity- 2 Cash grant for Women led groups	More than 80 percent of the women and girls forum members were able to succeed in the Refugee Welfare Council Leaderships in the 2024/2025 election conducted by the office of the Prime Minister in different levels of RWCs 123 in the zone three

Activity-	3	Facilitate exchange			
learning	for	and	among	peace	
builders.					

 Increased awareness on Gender based violence through community sensitizations and trainings of a women led forum and the male champions. Formed Religious and Cultural Alliance and they were trained on their roles and responsibilities

# Project Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (European Union)

#### Activity 1. Organize refresher training for women on micro small businesses.

- Improve capacity of women and girls on micro/small business management through trainings on financial group savings and group dynamics management and the groups now take their own financial records.
- Women groups were sub granted which empower them in terms of finance and are able to support their families and the school children in terms of school fees payments

#### Activity -2 Organize and primary support school debates on protection human rights, peaceful coexistence and other developmental concerns.

**Improved** English Grammar and public speaking confidence of pupils through debates organized to cover 10 government aided primary schools in koboko District...

 Increased enrollment of AEP learners at the AEP centers/ schools.

# Activity-3 Organize and support sports events promote across Koboko

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to Promoted talent development, inclusion and peaceful talent coexistence in the government aided primary schools in developmental, inclusion and Koboko Municipality through organizing and supporting peaceful co-existence among sports and games events for both girls and boys, persons learners in primary schols with disability, refugees and host communities.

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submitted their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023, which disclose the state of affairs of the organization.

## **Related Party**

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report are set out as below

Mr.Candiga Patrick

Chairman

Mr. Benson Khenis Soro Lako

Secretary

Mrs.Oleru Teopista Pamela

Treasurer

Ms. Ayoo Irene Heleen

Member

Mr, Luate Emmanuel

Member

2023

2022

**RESULTS** 

Surplus/Deficit

302,288,821

60,539,097

302,288,821

60,539,097

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

Maab & Associates. continued in office in accordance with the company's Act and NGO Act 2016 as Amended.

The directors monitor the effectiveness, objectivity and 'independence of the auditor.

The directors also approve the annual audit engagement contract 'which sets ' out the terms of the auditor's appointment and the related fees.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**Chairperson Board of Directors** 

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## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The NGO Act 2016, requires the board of trustees to prepare financial statements for 'each 'financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organization 'as at the end of 'the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year. It also requires the 'directors to ensure that 'the organization keeps proper accounting records that are sufficient 'to show and explain the 'transactions of the organization; and that disclose, with reasonable 'accuracy, the financial position of 'the company and that enables them to prepare financial 'statements of the company that comply 'with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the , requirements of the Companies Act 2012 and NGO Act 2016.

The directors accept responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2012.

They also 'accept responsibility for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- ii. Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- iii. Making accounting estimates and judgements that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Having made an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern, the directors are not aware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast doubt upon the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors acknowledge that the independent audit of the financial statements does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

Approved by the board of directors on 191224 and signed on its behalf by:

**Chairperson Board** 

**Executive Director** 

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR CREATIVE INNOVATION (CECI)
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Community Empowerment for creative Innovation (CECI) an NGO as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which comprises of Fund accountability statement, statement of financial position, Statement of changes in members equity and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies and explanatory.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI) which gives a true and fair view of the Fund Accountability statement and its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs for SMEs) and NGO Act 2016 (Amended).

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Guidelines issued by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's

Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standards

Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

FIRM No. AFO301

PRACTIONERS:

ISMAIL A MAMBO

**PARTNER** 

STEPHEN ABIZU

PARTNER

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# Responsibilities of Management and those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs for SMEs and in a manner required by the NGO Act 2016, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

□ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, 'misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
$\hfill \Box$ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of
accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
$\hfill\square$ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of
accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty
exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's
ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists,
we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the
financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our
conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's
report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to
continue as a going concern.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the guidit in order to design

□ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

# Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the NGO Act, 2016, we report to you based on our audit, that as Maab & Associates

- 1. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- 2. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the organization so far as appears from our examination of those books
- 3. The organization's statement of fund accountability statement and statement of financial position are a regreement with the books of account.

The Engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is

Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (FM0301)

CPA Ismail A Mambo - P0446.

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Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note (19a)	2023 Ushs	2022 Ushs
Opening Balance			
INCOMES	4		
Opening Balance		60,539,097	14,635,401
Donations		663,042,042	204,894,143
Local Incomes	ii	-	3,530,946
Total Income		723,581,139	223,060,490
EXPENDITURES	5		
BRIDGE Project	i - i - i	148,132,673	50,764,470
CRRF Project	ii	27,236,295	35,005,473
PBI Project	iii	228,787,350	76,751,450
ASK NET	IV	17,136,000	0
Total Expenditure		421,292,318	162,521,393
Surplus/Deficit for the year		302,288,821	60,539,097
Represented by			
Cash and Cash Equivalent			
Bank Balance		302,288,821	58,181,017
Cash at Hand			2,358,080
Cash and Bank Reconciliation		302,288,821	60,539,097

The financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 1.2.1.2.4.... and were signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson Board Executive Director

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement	of	Financial	position	26	at 31et	t December	2022
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Assets NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property and Equipment	Note 6	31-12-23 Ushs	31-12-22 Ushs
			_
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank	6a	302,288,821	58,181,017
Cash at hand			2,358,080
		302,288,821	60,539,097
Total Assets		302,288,821	60,539,097
Equity & Liabilities			
Members equity			
Surplus/Deficit for the year	SCE	302,288,821	60,039,097
		302,288,821	60,039,097
Liabilities			
Accruals			_
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Total Equity & Liabilities	302,288,821	CO 000 007
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**Chairperson Board** 

**Executive Director** 

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Statement of Changes in Equity

<b>S</b>	urplus/Deficit for	
Member's Equity	the year	Total
At 1 Jan 2023		
Surplus During the Year -	302,288,821	302,288,821
At 31st December 2023	302,288,821	302,288,821

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Board of Directors on 19.1.2.1.2.4... and were signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson Board

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**Executive Director** 

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**Chairperson Board** 

**Executive Director** 



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NOTES

#### 1. General Information

# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR CREATIVE INNOVATION

Is a private company limited by quarantee, and is domiciled in Uganda. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is as shown on page 1.

The Principle activity is to promote peace, self reliance and dignity among the refugee comminities In Northern uganda. Through motivative programs focused on peace building

# 2. Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The 2015 Amendments to the Standard were applied (early) in 2016.

The financial statements are presented in Ugandan shillings. The measurement basis used is the historical cost basis except where otherwise stated in the accounting policies below.

### Going concern

The related parties have agreed to support the company and on this basis, the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis

### a) Revenue recognition

Revenue from Donors is recognised when its received (cash basis)
Interest income is accounted on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.
and is included in 'other income'.

#### b) Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

#### c) Income tax

Tax expense represents the aggregate amount included in profit or loss for the period in respect of current tax and deferred tax.

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable or refundable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the current and prior periods, determined in accordance with the Ugandan Income Tax Act.

Deferred tax is determined on differences arising between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and their corresponding tax bases (known as temporary differences), using tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date and expected to apply when the asset is recovered or the liability is settled.

NB Being an NGO, the organization needs to apply for Income tax exemption

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### NOTES (CONTINUED)

### d) Translation of foreign currencies

All transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in dollars, using the spot rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items at the reporting date are translated using the closing rate. All exchange differences arising on settlement or translations are recognised in profit or loss.

### e) Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of property and equipment:

	Rate %
Computer and Accessories	33%
Equipment	25%
Office Furniture	13%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in the useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item sold is recognised in profit or loss.

# f) Intangible assets

Intangible assets comprise purchased computer software and are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. They are amortised over their estimated life of five years using the straight-line method. If there is an in indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectivelyto reflect the new expectations.

NB all the above is applicable to owner based assets otherwise all other donor funded Assets are expensed and only the list is maintanained in the asset register when still in use

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## g) Employee benefit - post employment benefit obligation

The company and the employees contribute to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), a national defined contribution scheme. Contributions are determined by local statute and the company's contributions are charged to Income and Expenditure statement in the year to which they relate.

#### h) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

# 3. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The directors make estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accountingestimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are disclosed on page 17.

 Useful lives of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets - Management reviews the useful lives and residual values of the items of property and equipment and intangible assets on a regular basis. During the financial year, the directors determined no significant changes in the useful lives and residual values.

# b Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

# (i) New and amended standards adopted by the Company

The organization did not adopt any new standards in the year ended 31st December 2023, any new amendments that have happened during the period, have no material impact on the financial statements presented herein.

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NO	TES (CONTINUED)		
		2023	2022
4	INCOMES	Ushs	Ushs
	Opening Balance	60,539,097	14,635,401
i	Donations and Grants		1 1,000,401
	OXFAM Denmark (PBI)	207,250,657	113,171,029
	War Child Canada (BRIDGE)	125,886,675	47,029,600
	European Union (CRRF)	26,687,000	44,693,514
	OXFAM (Geard for Success - G4S)	198,574,110	44,000,014
	Rog -Agency (#Asknet)	17,283,600.41	
	Global Whole Being (S4D)	87,360,000	
	Total Donations/Grants	663,042,042	204,894,143
ii	Locally raised funds		
	Members Contribution		_
	Total Local Funds	-	_
	Total Income	723,581,139	219,529,544
5	EXPENDITURES		
i	BRIDGE Project		
	Staff costs	74,334,900	_
	Direct Activities	38,550,000	35,714,470
	Travels Pardiem and Accomondation	8,453,000	
	Rent Contributions	5,142,000	-
	Operations(utilities, stationary, repairs, fuel, bank etc)	10,144,773	9,000,000
	Equipments and maitanace	11,508,000	
	Capital expenditure	-	6,050,000
	Total	148,132,673	50,764,470
ii	European Union (CRRF) Project		
	Staff salaries/ NSSF /PAYE	4,055,000	-
	Direct activities	20,631,600	30,939,450
	Operations (Utilities, stationary, repairs, fuel, bank charges e	2,549,695	4,066,023
	Total	27,236,295	35,005,473
	PBI Project		
	Staff salaries/ NSSF /PAYE	42,020,920	33,889,450
	Direct activities	149,148,350	42,862,000
	Travels, per diem and accomodations	8,445,000	-
	Rent contributions	4,584,000	-
	Operations (Utilities, stationary, repairs, fuel, bank charges e	12,857,151	-
₹÷	Manager 1 (100, 5		
•	Management (ICR, Forex Gain,)	11,731,929	_
•	Total	228,787,350	76,751,450

# iv Rog Agency (Asknet) Project

Total	17,136,000	
Direct activities (Cultural Gala)	8,925,000	_
Procurement of media equipmements	5,355,000	-
Facilitation of monthly steering committee members	1,071,000	_
Communication & coordination support	1,785,000	-

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NOTES (CONTINUED)		
	2023	2022
	Ushs	Ushs
6 (a) CLOSING BALANCES AS AT 31st December 2023		
	2023	2022
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	Ushs	Shs
Cash at Hand	<u>.</u>	2,358,080
DFCU Bank-01041116571049	79,819	7,895,438
DFCU Bank-01041118825007	34,350	6,534,483
Centenary Bank -3100085922	87,588,430	459,650
Centenary Bank-3100085921	202,010,099	12,283,879
Centenary Bank-3100094911	12,576,123	31,007,567
Sub Total	302,288,821	60,539,097
42.0		
(b) General Fund		
Current Year Balance	302,288,821	60,539,097
	302,288,821	60,539,097