# **Annual Report 2022/23**

"Perseverance and change"



#### **Our purposes:**

- 1. Supporting the formally established twinning partnership with NHS Borders to improve education, service delivery and patient experience at St Francis Hospital (SFH), Zambia
- 2. Promoting the value of voluntary engagement in global health for NHS Borders staff and partners in bringing knowledge, skills and ideas back to the UK
- 3. Raising income and monitoring expenditure in the support of the above

#### **Summary**

Our long standing partnership with SFH withstood another year without any visits to Zambia from volunteers due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and yet we were determined to persevere and do all we could from a distance. It hasn't been easy and yet we worked hard to ensure we kept connections up with the hospital management through emails, a WhatsApp group and facilitating Zoom meetings with other partners across the UK and Europe. An initially promising application to the Japanese Embassy for funding the Sanitation Project disappointingly came to nothing leaving us considering next steps.

Brian Magowan decided to step down as Chair of the charity in preparation for his retirement. We are indebted to him for the many years he has provided his leadership and clinical skills. He visited several times along with colleagues to run emergency lifesaving skills courses — each time teaching midwives, clinical officers, doctors and students. Training manuals were developed which ensured a lasting impact as Zambian staff then passed on their knowledge and skills to others. We were delighted to have Dr Niall Campbell, Consultant Psychiatrist take over from Brian. Niall has extensive global health experience in various countries. His background provides a unique opportunity to build on the successes of the past and help to embed the learning we gained from the work undertaken last year as a result of the CORRA foundation grant. This was specifically aimed at strengthening our partnership through capacity building and modernising our approach towards development.

## Highlights

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May 2022	Scottish Government International Development Programme - Minister for International Development, Mr Gray, MSP hosted a roundtable meeting with Zambia grant-holders
May 2022	Chaired Zoom meeting with Zambian, UK & European Partners
July 2022	Published SFH Annual Report. Gratitude expressed to Logie Legacy for on-going support to water programme, TB treatment volunteers and COVID-19 response
July 2022	Contributed data to MSc study Global Health Policy (Scottish Global Health Coordination Unit). Main finding - small charities not having Project Manager overseas struggle to monitor work. Echoes our experience
Aug 2022	Director Public Health (Dr Tim Patterson) requested his retirement gifts went to us
Sept 2022	Global Citizenship in a Challenging World: Alliance Annual Conference 2022.
Nov 2022	Invited to do a presentation on 'Sustaining Partnerships'. Hosted by Scottish Government International Development Health Programme.
Nov 2022	Logie Legacy AGM. Dr Niall Campbell takes over the Chair from Dr Brian Magowan
Dec 2022	Assisted SFH hospital to make successful BMA funding application - educational materials
Jan 2023	400 pairs of used spectacles sent to hospital. A very welcome donation (see overleaf)
Mar 2023	Met with Scottish Government International Development [Health]. Invited to apply for funding to strengthen our partnership with SFH

## **Financial summary**

Receipts		
22/23	JustGiving	778
	Bank Interest	30
	Cash	77
	Donations	931
	Gift Aid	58
		£1874

Payments		
22/23	Website	85
	Zoom License	144
	SIDA Membership	90
	Printing	120
		£439

Funds	WASH	15,492
Current	ТВ	500
	Obstetrics	4,487
	Sexual Health	4,385
	Physio/OT	500
	Reserves	9,334
	CORRA	2,359
		£37,057





A worker receives examination after an injury

All donated spectacles are lens tested and matched to patients needs

## ...and finally

Encouraging throughout a difficult year has been the firm belief in the value of our work by officials of Scottish Government International Development Programme. We buy lock, stock and barrel into the NHS Scotland Global Citizenship Programme which aims to increase NHS Scotland's global health contribution, by making it easier for all NHS staff to participate in global citizenship. Of vital importance therefore is the need to find ways to raise awareness at all levels of NHS Borders and further afield on the impact of our work. Why? Because there is fantastic evidence of the value global health work brings to Scottish health workers, the Scottish health system, and improved benefit to partners abroad. We therefore persevere through these difficult times and embrace the changes that offer opportunities to strengthen our impact. We are confident that there will be much to celebrate in the year ahead.