

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1024627

Details

Other names A O J A

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-08-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1.1 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH IN THE GAMBIA THROUGH THE PROVISION OF LOCAL HEALTH CENTRE FACILITIES (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 2.2 OF THE CONSTITUTION) 2.3 ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE GAMBIA 2.4 RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE GAMBIA.

Activities: To relieve sickness and to promote the preservation of good health in the Gambia through the provision of health centre facilities and the establishment of primary health care programmes.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GAMBIA
- The Gambia
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£36,628	£25,256	-	-
2024-06-30	£24,951	£17,767	-	-
2023-06-30	£55,085	£18,373	-	-
2022-06-30	£26,554	£20,862	-	-
2021-06-30	£26,056	£22,782	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID OGILVIE		
Ken Monk		2023-03-15
LYNN WILSON		

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Annual Report : July 2024 – June 2025

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Finance

This year, as a direct result of the generous support of our regular sponsors, in addition to several large one-off donations, we have been able to commence work on the much-needed extension to the Clinic which, in addition to adding an second Delivery Suite, will also refurbish the original Suite. Once competitive tenders were received, a contract was signed with a local builder with work on site commencing almost immediately. Completion is expected in the latter part of 2025.

At the time of this writing, we are sourcing, arranging purchasing and, where necessary, shipping up-to-date equipment and furnishings so that both Suites will offer the best possible service outcomes in the near future. Our cash reserves have increased over the period and therefore we are in discussion with General Administrator, Cherno Yaddeh and his team at

the Clinic to ascertain their immediate, medium and longer term additional needs so that we may provide the right level of funds at the right time. This includes an extension and further equipping of the Path. Lab. and updating the Dentistry Unit.

Activities:

A major development has been an initiative to provide a Community Outreach Clinic, the first of which was held at the local school.

The Outreach Clinic ran from 9.00am until 5.00pm with those attending registered and basic demographic information collected after which blood pressure and blood sugar levels were measured. On hand were Clinic staff, Doctors, nurses and pharmacists including laboratory technicians with appropriate medical testing equipment, together with IT support to ensure data was efficiently collated.

The primary objectives of this initiative were to:

- detect early signs of diabetes and hypertension
- provide necessary medications
- offer follow-up care at the Clinic

The Outreach Clinic served as a way to give back to the residents of Old Jeshwang.

At the first of these Outreach Clinics a total of 167 patients were seen, 51 male and 116 female with ages ranging from 2 to 87 years old.

Cherno Yaddeh's comments, contained in his Situation Report after the first event , are worth quoting here:

"The outreach programme has not only provided vital health services but has also raised awareness, empowered individuals and strengthened community engagement. By detecting chronic conditions early, providing access to medications and offering follow-up care, we have taken proactive steps toward improving health outcomes and enhancing the quality of life for our residents"

Risk Assessment

The Trustees of AOJA have identified and are aware of potential risks to which the charity might be exposed and will keep these under constant review to establish procedures to mitigate them.

Lynn C. Wilson, Chairman

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Receipt and Payments Account

1st July, 2024 to 30th June, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Individual Donations	2540	2333
Gift-Aided Donations	24673	16824
HMRC Gift-Aid recovered during the period	6877	3594
St. Peter's Church (Ardingly) Donations		250
Donations for Sponsored Education and oncosts	1393	1135
Fundraising Income	110	43
Bank Interest	1035	772
Donations for Travel Costs		
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>36628</u>	<u>24951</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
<u>Charitable Activity Costs</u>		
Furlough Grants		
Sponsored Education and Oncosts	1766	1419
General Operating Expenses	7045	8795
Generator and Oncosts	190	752
Equipment purchases (Path. Lab)	692	5754
Freight Costs		492
Insurance – Clinic		
Ambulance Repair	682	
Extension payments to Builders (2 stage payments)	10461	
<u>Total Activity Costs</u>	<u>20836</u>	<u>17212</u>

Administration Costs

Computer and Accounts Package Annual maintenance and related costs	482	401
Travel Costs	2432	
Stationery, Printing and Postage	108	
Website Maintenance	61	
Bank charges for overseas payments		25
Professional Fees	1113	
Training		84
Trustee Insurance	176	
Hall Hire	48	45
Total Administrative Costs	4420	555
TOTAL PAYMENTS	25256	17767
Balance of Receipts over Payments for the year	11372	7184

Capital

Cash Funds at 1 st July, 2024	£ 73668
Balance of Receipts over Payments 24-25	£ 11372
	<u>£ 85040</u>

Represented by

Barclays Bank PLC Current Account	£ 6840
Deposit Account	£ 78200
	<u>£85040</u>

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4. Professional Services are donated free of charge wherever possible.
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
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Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2025

**Charity no
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**Responsibilities and
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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

05 September 2025

Name:

Andrew Richard Cook

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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Lindfield

West Sussex RH16 2QA

Section B

Disclosure

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Finance

The attached Receipts and Payments Account for our financial year ended 30th June, 2022 show our cash funds, without charge, stand at £36712. Our dedicated sponsors have continued to strengthen our finances added to which we have this year received a substantial individual donation. While it is always possible and desirable that new sponsors might be attracted, the Trustees are conscious that sponsorship may naturally reduce over time. While maintaining our support of the Clinic, we are moving towards more self-sufficiency so that, in time, the Clinic may be independent, which is in line with the original precept – that of a 'Tesito' (self-help) project. The current, healthier cash position has encouraged us to consider more capital projects which we may be able to finance.

Activities

With the resumption of direct flights to and from The Gambia and following the easing of COVID pandemic travel restrictions, we were able to have a site visit in early March, 2022. Although we had of course received regular reports from the General Administrator, Cherno Yaddeh and his team and were therefore well aware of their progress during the long period when no visit was possible, it was good, once again, to see for ourselves how well the Clinic is being utilised and is greatly respected by the surrounding community and indeed further afield. A new bespoke computer system now registers every new patient individually and thereafter records every visit, treatment, medication and follow-up. In addition, the system handles all the accounting processes, Human Resources requirements and a host of other administrative functions so that relevant data is available at all times.

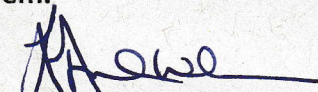
While there, we received reports from each department of their successes and, where applicable, their requirements either to expand or improve services they could provide. Of these, we, in consultation with Cherno Yaddeh, agreed that the priorities for the near future, should finances allow, are:

1. The provision of a second Delivery Suite (requiring an extension to the existing building.)
2. Two vital additional pieces of laboratory equipment for the Path. Lab. (enabling them to provide more extensive testing which currently they have to transport to a third party for processing, causing unnecessary delay and additional expense.)
3. Updating the current water supply, possibly to install a modern, solar-heated system, modify the existing water storage and, at the same time, update some of the bathroom facilities.

The Committee hopes that items 1 and 2 above will be achieved this year. We have already drawn up plans for the possible extension and are awaiting competitive quotations for the work to be carried out while the two items of laboratory testing equipment items have been sourced and delivery to the Clinic is in process.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees of AOJA have identified and are aware of potential risks to which the charity might be exposed and will keep these under constant review to establish procedures to mitigate them.


Lynn C. Wilson, Chairman

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Charity account number 1024627

Receipts and Payments Account

1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

	2023	2022
<u>Receipts</u>		
Individual donations	290	290
Gift aided donations 2023	39097	
Gift aided donations 2022 with gift aid recovered		23755 *
HMRC Gift Aid recovered for 15 months 2022/23	11736	-
St. Peters Church donations	250	-
Donations for Sponsored Education and oncosts	1842	1522
Fundraising income – book sales	275	90
Bank Interest	58	2
Stephen Doerr Memorial Fund	-	895
Donations for Travel Costs	1537	-
Total Receipts	55085	26554
<u>Charitable Activity Costs</u>		
Furlough Grants	150	-
Sponsored Education and oncosts	2060	1763
General Operating Expenses	10298	12897
Generator and oncosts	2279	570
Equipment purchase - Ultrasound	-	4720
Ultrasound – freight	71	-
Insurance – Clinic	336	338
	15194	20288

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<u>Administrative Costs</u>		
Computer and accounts package annual maintenance and related costs	730	198
Travel costs	2167	-
Stationery, printing and postage	16	288
Website maintenance	58	50
Bank Charges for overseas payments	-	38
Training	208	-
	<u>3179</u>	<u>574</u>
Total Payments	18373	20862
	<u>£36712</u>	<u>£5692</u>
<u>Balance of Receipts over Payments for the year</u>		

Capital

Cash Funds as at 1 st July 2022	29772
Balance of receipts over payments	36712
	<u>£66484</u>

Represented by

Barclays Bank plc Current Account	10091
Deposit Account	56393
	<u>£66484</u>

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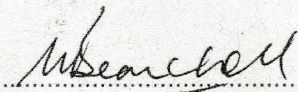


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Finance

The attached Receipts and Payments Account for our financial year ended 30th June, 2022 show our cash funds, without charge, stand at £29772. Fundraising has of course been severely restricted due to COVID but our strong sponsorship base helps maintain our financial stability. While maintaining our support of the Clinic, we are moving towards more self-sufficiency so that, in time, the Clinic may be independent, which is in line with the original precept – that of a 'Tesito' (self-help) project. Currently, we have individual sponsors who contribute regular sums each calendar month, added to which we have a number of individual sponsors who make regular, annual contributions. Those sponsors who qualify under the Gift Aid scheme generate additional payments from HMRC. With a current outgoing payment commitment to cover some salaries, this means that we are able to

maintain a healthy savings account to be used for any extraordinary payments which the committee feels fall either within our remit or are otherwise justified, in addition to providing funds towards any authorised future capital expenditure. While it is always possible and desirable that new sponsors might be attracted, the Trustees are conscious that sponsorship may naturally reduce over time.

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Activities

Due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has not been possible for a representative of our committee to travel to The Gambia in recent years. Fortunately, the new administration which took effect in August, 2021 has materially changed our lines of communication and regular reporting so that we are now much better informed of the Clinic's activities, successes or difficulties and therefore able to respond more effectively. While this will not deter us from re-activating timely visits (indeed a visit by members of our committee is provisionally planned in early 2023), we are much encouraged by these changes.

This year one major development has been the provision to the Clinic of a modern, colour, portable Ultrasound Machine, funded partly from the memorial funds arising from the passing of our former Chairmen, Stephen Doerr and Dr. John Dale and also from our own accrued savings. Immediately shipped to The Gambia, this machine has greatly enhanced our maternity services on site.

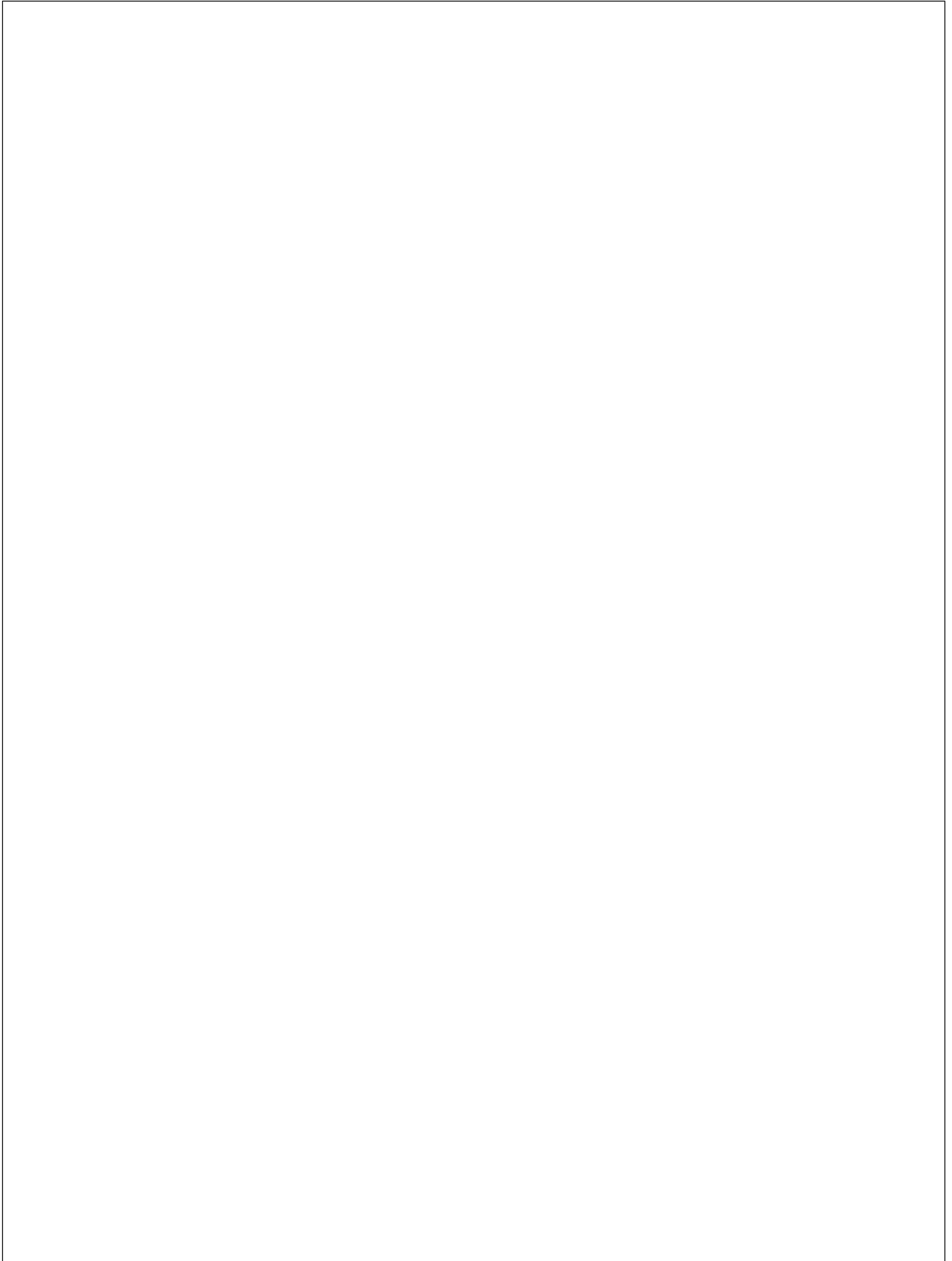
In addition, our website WWW.AOJA.ORG has been refreshed over the past year and now contains much more up-to-date information, delivery and attendance data together with periodical newsletters and situation reports from our General Administrator.

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Lynn C. Wilson, Chairman

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Individual donations	290	170
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St. Peters Church donations	-	1000
Donations for Sponsored Education and oncosts	1522	1844
Fundraising income – book sales	240	-
Bank Interest	2	10
Stephen Doerr Memorial Fund	895	-
Total Receipts	26554	26056
<u>Charitable Activity Costs</u>		
Furlough Grants	-	316
Repairs, Building and redecorations	-	3031
Sponsored Education and oncosts	1763	1866
General Operating Expenses	12897	15580
Generator and oncosts	570	987
Equipment purchase - Ultrasound	4720	-
Buildings Insurance – Clinic		338
	20288	21780

Administrative Costs

Computer and accounts package annual maintenance and related costs	198	304
Telephones and internet	-	480
Stationery, printing and postage	288	218
Website maintenance	50	-
Bank Charges for overseas payments	38	-
	<u>574</u>	<u>1002</u>
Total Payments	20862	22782

<u>Balance of Receipts over Payments for the year</u>	<u>£5692</u>	<u>£3274</u>
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Capital

Cash Funds as at 1 st July 2021	24080
Balance of receipts over payments	5692
	<u>£29772</u>

Represented by

Barclays Bank plc Current Account	13437
Deposit Account	16335
	<u>£29772</u>

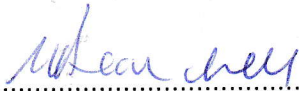
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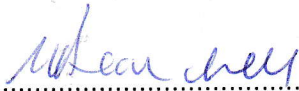
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6. Payments for staff and materials made by the Ministry of Health, The Gambia have been omitted as these are received directly by the Old Jeshwang Management Committee (The Gambia)
7. Exchange rates have fluctuated during the year
8. Redcoat Express Ltd ship equipment for the Association without charge
9. Funds from the Stephen Doerr Memorial Fund, together with the final balance of the Dr. John Dale Memorial Fund and gift aid received were used towards the purchase of an Ultrasound machine for the Clinic

**Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association
Charity No. 1024627**

Period: 1st July 2021 - 30th June 2022

I have examined the Cash Book, Receipts and Payments Accounts, together with the bank statements from Barclays Bank plc, and have found that the Receipts and Payments Account is correct.



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W. Bearchell, Hon. Examiner.
26 August 2022

ARDINGLY OLD JESHWANG ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1024627

Accounts



Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association

Annual Report - July 2020 – June 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 30th June, 2021

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Health Centre is a community-based health facility located in Old Jeshwang Village in the Kanifing Municipality, The Gambia. AOJA was formed in 1993. Its aim is to provide affordable healthcare for the community of Old Jeshwang. To this end, in 2000, we financed, designed and built a modern health centre to which we now contribute the majority of staff salaries and other funds as deemed necessary. Although as yet unable to support it financially, The Gambian government accepts our facility as an integral part of its health care system and it is the permanent home of the Area Public Health Officer, overseeing immunisation and blood donation programmes. It has a well-established local administration responsible for the day-to-day operation of the facility. Following the untimely demise of the original Administrator, a new administration was appointed in August, 2021, ably led by Chernoh Yaddeh. Extracts below (in italics) are taken from his most recent report to our committee.

This unit today comprises officially appointed personnel who were entrusted with managerial positions in the health facility. Considering the remarkable work done in the initial era which included maintaining the Centre and providing basic clinical and technical services, there were still some prominent gaps and liabilities which hindered the development process of the facility. The primary engagement of the incoming administration was to invite all prominent and influential personalities of Old Jeshwang Community to initiate a new functional and active executive committee that will represent the local community while also being responsible for the external affairs of the association and development programmes. The nominated individuals of the executive committee are respected members of the community which include the village Imam, the Alkalo, the co-founder of the association, current and former ward councilors, active members of the former executive committee and other prominent members of the community. Please note these people are representatives of different cultural, social, religious and political spheres of the community of Old Jeshwang.

The Charity Registration No. is 1024627 and is governed by its constitution dated July, 1993 as amended Nov, 2006.

Until December, 2021, the registered office was at Avins Bridge Cottage, College Road, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6SH and the officers were:-

Chairman – Mr. Stephen Doerr

Vice Chairman/Secretary – Mr. Lynn Wilson

Treasurer – Mrs. Peggy Guggenheim

Assistant Treasurer – Mrs. Barbara Monk

The Trustees were Stephen Doerr, Lynn Wilson, Barbara Monk and David Ogilvie

The charity's bankers are Barclays with three of the four officers as signatories

Sadly, in December, 2021 our Chairman, Stephen Doerr passed away suddenly and therefore a meeting was convened to elect new officers so that, as of 4th March, 2022, our officers are now:-

Chairman – Mr. Lynn Wilson

Vice Chairman/Secretary – Mr. Peter Tomlin

Treasurer – Mrs. Peggy Guggenheim

Assistant Treasurer – Mrs. Barbara Monk

The Trustees are Lynn Wilson, Barbara Monk and David Ogilvie

The registered office is now : 35, College Road, Ardingly, HAYWARDS HEATH, West Sussex RH17 6TU

Finance

The attached Receipts and Payments Account for our financial year ended 30th June, 2021 show our cash funds, without charge, stand at £24080. Fundraising has of course been severely restricted due to COVID but our strong sponsorship base helps maintain our financial stability. While maintaining our support of the Clinic, we are moving towards more self-sufficiency so that, in time, the Clinic may be independent, which is in line with the original precept – that of a 'Tesito' (self-help) project.

Sponsorship

Currently, we have 113 individual sponsors who contribute a total of £1460 per calendar month (£17520 per annum) and an additional two sponsors who contribute a total of £236 annually. Those sponsors who qualify under the Gift Aid scheme generate an additional annual payment from HMRC of around £4500 per annum. With a current outgoing payment commitment of £1040 per month (subject to currency fluctuations) to cover salaries, this means that we are able to maintain a healthy savings account available to be used for any extraordinary payments which the committee feels fall either within our remit or are

otherwise justified, in addition to providing funds towards any authorised future capital expenditure. While it is possible that new sponsors might be attracted, the Trustees are conscious that sponsorship will naturally reduce over time.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees of AOJA have identified and are aware of potential risks to which the charity might be exposed and will keep these under constant review to establish procedures to mitigate them.

Activities

Due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic it has not been possible for a representative of our committee to travel to The Gambia in recent years. Fortunately, the new administration which took effect in August, 2021 has materially changed our lines of communication and regular reporting so that we are now much better informed of the Clinic's activities, successes or difficulties and therefore able to respond more effectively. While this will not deter us from re-activating timely visits, we are much encouraged by these changes.

The most recent report from our Administrator has therefore provided us with the following summary of activities:

The following services are currently offered to the community by the Health Centre.

1. *Maternity (mother and child health clinic).*
2. *Medical outpatient (Emergency consultation, diabetes and hypertension management, and other).*
3. *Laboratory/Pathology (haematology, serological screening. Haemoglobin testing, HIV screening, malaria testing, hepatitis screening, covid19 screening, urine testing and others).*
4. *Dental clinic*
5. *Pharmacy services*
6. *Birth registration*
7. *Vaccination (covid19, tuberculosis, hepatitis, polio, HPV, meningitis, rota virus etc.).*

Health Information System

- v *The current management also ensured the implementation of an Integrated Healthcare Management Solution, called T-Care. The system is modular in design with core functions such as Maternal and Child Health Clinic; medical outpatient; Accident and Emergency Clinic; Laboratory Management Module, Pharmacy Management Module, Dental Services emergency, public health services, etc., integrated with an*

accrual-based accounting system with automated billing. This integration ensures the Centre's different services do not bill clients but focus on core functions such as health service delivery. Support modules such as Human Capital Management (HR and Payroll), procurement and stock management, and biometric authentication interfaces ensure transparent, efficient, accurate and real-time operations with the attendant reduction in the costs of stationery and consumables. The implementation of the system has brought about renewed vigor in the staff, improved client perception of the health facility and enough revenue for the facility to hire a resident doctor and do a makeover of the facility in terms of furniture, fittings and painting. The system was indeed a landmark achievement of the current administration and assists us make informed decisions based on accurate, complete and up-to-date information.

MAINTENANCE

- v Structures, resources and facilities are an integral aspect of any functional institution. Maintenance of these service inputs is greatly essential for the continuous operation of the health facility.*
- V In general, there has been a significant amount of repair and maintenance of valuable items and structures within our disposal in order to create a convenient working environment. The walls of the Centre were in need of maintenance. The Management contracted Sarr Construction Company to repair and paint the walls and other areas and agreed to a payment plan.*
 - V One of the most prominent challenges in this regard was the successful relocation of the main water supply pipe with the meter from a low to high pressure source at the Kanifing estate zone. This initiative came into effect following a consultation with NAWEC (National Water and Electricity Company) to ensure smooth and rapid flow of continuous water supply as required by the Centre. Currently, the entire operational units of the facility, including toilets and shower rooms, have free rapidly-flowing tap water without the need for a pumping machine even though a new one has already been installed. This has saved the facility a lot of money as an amount of GMD25, 000 was regularly spent on this particular issue, through purchasing of the water pump and other plumbing materials.*

Laboratory expansion

- V Laboratory investigations were significantly increased through introduction of new technical services and procurement of valuable consumables utilized and processed by highly qualified personnel to meet the needs of the people.*

- v *This included buying a standard microscope, centrifuge, two haematocrit machines for haemoglobin, a hot plate for proper drying of slides and fixing of 18000btu air conditioner. The scope of test was increased to meet the standard of the community i.e. Hepatitis A, B, and C, covid19 test and stool analysis.*

Maternal and child health clinic

- v *Antenatal routine and follow-up services have also been extended across the week from Monday to Friday which was initially Monday and Tuesday only, with additional screening protocols that will enhance quality assessment and management of pregnant mothers of the community and beyond. These above-outlined processes are therefore available at our disposal which is enhanced by the current administration.*
- v *Management, in collaboration with the internal clinical department, established a profound emergency intervention unit for observation and clinical management of all critical cases.*
- v *Fully functional labor ward provided with relevant inputs and medications required for all normal deliveries.*

Dental department

- v *The Dental department has also been upgraded with supplementary services by providing useful tools and consumables for better quality outcome required by the general public.*
- v *Management was also involved in negotiation with the available dentist by providing him with additional incentives in order to secure his services.*

Introduction of 24 hours services

- v *The health centre management also recently introduced night duty services across all clinical and technical departments including laboratory, pharmacy, finance and maintenance departments. This initiative is geared towards providing accessible and continuous quality services round the clock which enhances life expectancy and well-being of people within the community and the surrounding areas at all times.*

Proper referral system

- V *A meeting was held with the administration of Kanifing General Hospital administration for agreement terms to effectively complement our services*

through referral of all critical cases beyond our mandate and capacity. This was a successful meeting where all matters regarding our referrals were tabled.

- v The management has worked hard to repair the current ambulance and as a result there is a functional ambulance available in the facility.*
- v Official agreement has been reached with the National Blood Transfusion Service through the NPHL to initiate blood banking and transfusion services in AOJHC for emergency needs.*
- v A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the regional health directorate for providing basic resources required for services in return for delivery of quality data that is used to generate reliable information required for decision makers.*
- v Agreement was reached with NAS for provision of PMTCT allowances for most of our clinical and technical staff as a form of motivation and risk cover.*
- v Collaboration with AGA (Altogether Giving Africa) who provided technical support through Sister Isatou Lovelace and Sister Angela Rose made the transition possible and enabled Health Awareness Day to take place. This is a promotion campaign which also involved donations of many valuable medical and other items to the Health Centre.*
- v We also received a number of valuable materials from individuals and small-scale organisations through donations of useful equipment such as electric washing machines, hospital beds, Autoclaves for sterilization, printers, flat screen televisions etc.*

It is to be hoped that travel restrictions may make it possible for a site visit in the very near future.

Signed, on behalf of the Trustees.....

Lynn C. Wilson, Chairman

Date: 24th March, 2022

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