

BANSANG HOSPITAL APPEAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1064469

Details

Other names BANGANG HOSPITAL APPEAL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-09-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS IN BANSANG, THE GAMBIA

Activities: The object of the Bansang Hospital Appeal is to provide support to Bansang Hospital and the people of the surrounding area in The Gambia by supplying medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and other humanitarian aid. In particular the Appeal has built an 80 bed Children's Ward, a 48 bed Female Ward, upgraded staff accommodation blocks and built operating theatre suites for obstetrics and general use.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BANSANG, THE GAMBIA
- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£108,899	£108,089	-	-
2024-06-30	£129,318	£129,286	-	-
2023-06-30	£118,540	£119,311	-	-
2022-06-30	£97,494	£106,877	-	-
2021-06-30	£105,378	£97,058	-	-
2020-06-30	£151,154	£146,884	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANITA JANE SMITH MBE MRG	Chair	
RICHARD WILLIAM HYDE HARVEY BSC FCA		

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BANSANG HOSPITAL APPEAL
Registered Charity No 1064469

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025

The Bansang Hospital Appeal is constituted by Deed of Trust and registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (No 1064469). Its address is 4 The Leys, Orlingbury, Northamptonshire NN14 1JE. The Trustees during the year were:

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Richard Harvey	Treasurer
Grant Hamilton Smith	

The objective of the charity is to provide support to Bansang Hospital and the people of the surrounding area in The Gambia through the supply of medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and other humanitarian aid.

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The accounts for the year to 30 June 2025, show that donations totalled £87,892 compared to £85,906 in the previous year. Our extremely generous benefactors have, as ever, continued to support us with many increasing their monthly donations. I would like to thank all our benefactors most sincerely. Without them we would not have been able to support the hospital to the extent that we have done.

Rental income from our investment property totalled £16,415 and together with fundraising events contributing £3,852 and with interest of £655, total receipts for the year were £108,899. Overall, this was a decrease of 16% over the previous year, caused primarily by the receipt of one-off legacies in 2024 of £28,365.

Total expenditure in the year under report was £108,089. The main expenditure was on building work (£23k). This expenditure was highlighted in detail in last year's report and predominantly covered the conversion of two toilet blocks into accommodation for two doctors and the final costs of the refurbishment of a 7-unit accommodation block for nursing staff. The other main expenditure was on the ongoing funding of wages for sponsored staff members and initiatives to retain and motivate staff (£23k), welfare payments to fund the prison apprenticeship scheme, pay allowances and replenish the Form Feeding Fund (£16k), salaries (£18k), pharmaceutical products and medical equipment (£16k) and plant, equipment and furniture (£4k).

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

The accounts continue to show that the Appeal is an organisation with great financial strength and long-term financial stability.

The main project completed during the period since our last report in April 2025 has been the construction of a purpose built 6 bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU). A small, temporary 3 bed ICU was set up in the outpatients department last year which served as a stopgap, highlighting the urgent need for a larger, permanent and well-equipped ICU. Funding for the basic construction has been provided by Power Up Gambia (PUG) from the proceeds of selling solar panels no longer needed by the hospital and the construction work was completed by the hospital's maintenance department. The British Plumbing Employees' Council (BPEC) provided funding towards the required plumbing materials.

The Appeal has funded the hospital-grade fit-out stage. This involves the completion of the main ward, nurses' station, sluice room, shower and toilet facilities, office and storeroom. The funding will cover all aspects of the fit-out including six beds, air conditioning, oxygen cylinders, aluminium windows, doors, joinery, plasterwork, electrics, plumbing and sanitary fittings, floor and wall tiling plus exterior rendering. At the same time, we are sourcing sustainable, low-resource medical equipment to ensure the ICU operates efficiently and responsibly for many years to come.

The Senior Nursing Officer has completed intensive care training, and with the hospital team will deliver high-quality ICU care adapted to rural needs. A partnership with the Teaching Hospital in Banjul, 250 miles away, has also enabled further staff to receive critical-care training.

This is only the second fully equipped ICU in the Country and will finally allow patients to receive round-the-clock expert care in a calm, dedicated environment.

For years, our commitment to refurbishing and providing decent accommodation has been the cornerstone of our success in attracting and retaining skilled medical personnel in the area. None of this would have been possible without the 99 accommodation units we've renovated and repurposed over the years. These modern, comfortable living spaces have encouraged medical professionals to leave the conveniences of the coast and serve in Bansang, confident they can live in conditions that match their expertise. Because of this collective effort, patients no longer have to endure the gruelling 500-mile round trip to coastal hospitals. Specialists are now right here in Bansang bringing life-saving care within reach for families who could never have afforded such journeys.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

The Form Feeding Fund (FFF) has profoundly changed the lives of so many vulnerable infants and their families. The FFF continues to be funded by Form Nutrition, a plant based protein and natural supplement food products business and we are most grateful for their ongoing support. Every three months the company send funds to the hospital. The FFF continues to provide medical, food and financial support to patients and their families, many of whom have travelled long distances to the hospital. This enables the family members to stay in Bansang until their loved ones have been discharged from the hospital. Previously families were under unbearable pressure to leave the hospital early due to financial hardship. The fund has been a lifeline, turning uncertainty into hope and compassion.

Last year I mentioned that we had funded an apprenticeship scheme at the local Janjangbureh prison. The scheme provides inmates, most of whom are only in prison for what are poverty related "crimes", with skills training to enable them to find gainful employment when they leave prison. The funding covers the costs of 4 trainers for a period of 9 months. Skills covered include electrical and solar installation, plumbing, entrepreneurship and English. The scheme has been successful. One inmate has even returned to be employed by the scheme as a lecturer. In view of the success of the scheme the Appeal has agreed to continue funding for another year.

The fish farm and chicken house in the hospital grounds have continued to provide essential protein and nutrients for patients, although there have been some teething problems in getting them properly established. The fish are not growing as quickly as expected and while the new chicken layers started off with a good yield of eggs this has dropped off recently. These problems may be due to changes in weather or other environmental factors and will be monitored to see if they will be overcome.

Other notable highlights during the year include:

- CEO Dr Njie is also an obstetric surgeon and identified the need for a new adjustable operating theatre light to improve visibility during deep pelvic surgery. The Appeal was happy to provide this to help ensure the best possible patient outcomes.
- New, more practical delivery beds for the Labour Ward have been purchased. These are more comfortable and the design allows for easier sanitation between deliveries.
- The Appeal purchased a new engine for the hospital's only car to enable them to continue travelling back and forth to the coast.
- The Appeal provides pharmaceutical drugs and reagents whenever there is an urgent need to replenish depleted stocks. In particular, we purchased emergency anaesthetic drugs to allow vital operations to continue.

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Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

- We purchased a biomedical immunoassay analyser. This advanced diagnostic tool supports testing of blood and urine across many functions. Reagents were also purchased. These are the essential chemicals required to obtain accurate results from the analyser. It is expected that ongoing costs of reagents will be able to be funded by the hospital.
- The Appeal purchased a new battery for the Glostavent anaesthetics machine and a monitor to use with a new ventilator which has been provided free of charge by the supplier.

I visited the hospital again in November 2025 and January 2026. I was joined in January by Specialist Neonatal Nurse Jeannette Payne for what was her fifteenth year training staff and ensuring good practice in the treatment of the sick newborn. She emphasizes the importance of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) resuscitation techniques and general newborn care. Jeanette's husband Chris always helps with practical projects and this time helped to get the volunteers' house ship shape after the prolonged renovation by the World Bank. He also plays guitar and sings in the wards in the evening. There are smiles all round from the staff and patients. Often the best medicine is music and making people happy.

Future plans for the Appeal will concentrate on supporting the CEO's mission to improve clinical outcomes by recruiting more specialist medical personnel and utilising more advanced medical equipment. It also almost goes without saying that we will continue to support the hospital and the local community as we have done for the past thirty-four years.

Specific future plans include an extension and upgrading of the laboratories and relevant departments within the facility. The improvements and redevelopment are essential as we need to bring them in line with the high standards expected by the World Health Organisation. With ever increasing demands on the department, it will provide the staff with a conducive environment and alleviate the severe congestion of hundreds of patients waiting for blood/urine tests. The Analyser that we purchased in 2025 ensures the departments results can be delivered within minutes for certain tests.

As each year passes the hospital develops and expands, and this has attracted charitable groups from Europe who now feel able to come to the hospital to carry out multiple operations and in so doing train the hospital staff. The charities offer specialist orthopaedic and urology teams and are happy to return to Bansang year on year. They see the benefits of training local staff and return trips are scheduled for 2027.

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Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

STAND is another charity that has been attracted to work at the hospital. It is a UK registered charity and has recently opened a prosthetic limb centre at the hospital within a building that was renovated some time ago by BHA with funds from MITIE Engineering. The shared vision by 2028 is that no patient pays for a prosthesis. This vital service is giving hope for the future of so many amputees.

The past thirty-four years supporting Bansang General Hospital has been the most extraordinary, the most rewarding, and at times it was quite overwhelming, but what an honour to be able to serve the dear people of Bansang and beyond. My family, friends and supporters of BHA have endorsed and approved the many initiatives taken in consultation with the staff. Together we have and will continue to make a significant difference on what has been the most unexpected journey of my life. We have met the challenges head on and have been rewarded tenfold. Staff, or family as we all prefer to be known, are dedicated and committed to delivering exemplary health care to every patient, no matter what their circumstances, no matter how far they have travelled to seek help.

My most sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your loyalty and invaluable support to the Appeal. You have made the impossible possible.

Anita Smith MBE MRG
Chair of the Trustees

30 April 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bansang Hospital Appeal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

E Robertson BA FCCA
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30 April 2026

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Voluntary sources:		
Donations	87,892	85,906
Legacies	85	28,365
Fundraising	3,852	908
Rental income	16,415	13,500
Interest	655	639
	<u>108,899</u>	<u>129,318</u>
Payments		
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Medical equipment	11,214	2,713
Pharmaceutical products	5,273	1,300
Building work	23,485	56,591
Plant, equipment and furniture	3,671	7,428
Nursing, SEN and staff support	23,880	21,268
Salary costs	18,147	18,007
Welfare and farming projects	16,090	17,630
Travel and subsistence	3,149	499
Property rental costs	2,358	2,547
Bank charges and other costs	822	1,303
	<u>108,089</u>	<u>129,286</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)	810	32
Add: Cash balances b/fwd	<u>13,010</u>	<u>12,978</u>
Cash balances c/fwd	<u>13,820</u>	<u>13,010</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

R W H Harvey BSc FCA Trustee
30 April 2026

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (General Purposes Fund)

As at 30 June 2025

	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Monetary Assets				
Cash Balances				
Cash at Bank in the UK	7,526		7,215	
Cash held and Cash at Bank in The Gambia	<u>6,294</u>		<u>5,794</u>	
		13,820		13,010
Freehold Property		<u>240,643</u>		<u>240,643</u>
		<u>254,463</u>		<u>253,653</u>

The value of Freehold Property is shown at cost
in December 2019

Other Assets

The Appeal has no other assets (2024 - £nil)

Liabilities now due for payment

Building work	-		2,651	
Welfare payments	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>-</u>		<u>2,651</u>

Future and contingent liabilities

The Appeal has no future or contingent liabilities.

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BANSANG HOSPITAL APPEAL
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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Bansang Hospital Appeal

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The accounts for the year to 30 June 2024, show that donations and legacies totalled £114,271, compared to £101,379 in the previous year. Our extremely generous regular benefactors have, as ever, continued to support us with many increasing their monthly donations. We have also again benefited from many individual one-off donations. I would like to thank all our benefactors most sincerely. Without them we would not have been able to support the hospital to the extent that we have done.

Rental income from our investment property totalled £13,500 and together with a fundraising event contributing £908 and with interest of £639, total receipts for the year were up 9% to £129,318.

Total expenditure in the year under report was £129,286. The main expenditure was on building work (£56k). This expenditure was highlighted in detail in last year's report and predominantly covered the removal of bats from the admin block roof, the refurbishment of a second 7-unit accommodation block for nursing staff and the construction of a safety wall around the oxygen plant. The other main expenditure was on the ongoing funding for the payment of wages for sponsored staff members and payments for initiatives to retain and motivate staff (£21k), welfare payments to provide rice to all staff members, fund farming projects and replenish the Form Feeding Fund (£18k), salaries (£18k), pharmaceutical products and medical equipment (£4k) and plant, equipment and furniture (£7k).

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

The accounts continue to show an organisation with great financial strength and long-term financial security.

One of the main projects completed during the period since our last report in May 2024 has been the refurbishment of a 7-unit accommodation block for nursing staff. The block was opened in January 2025 when I was able to meet the nurses who had been allocated accommodation. Without exception they were thrilled with the accommodation which comprised a lounge, bedroom, bathroom and outside cooking area, with locally made furniture included. From speaking with the nurses, it was evident that the availability of such accommodation was one of the principal factors in them deciding to come to Bansang Hospital.

The completion of the accommodation blocks with individual bathrooms for each unit has meant that three existing toilet blocks are no longer required. The opportunity has therefore been taken to convert each of the blocks into individual accommodation units for doctors. One of the units was financed by the hospital from the proceeds of the sale of 500 solar panels donated by Power Up Gambia (PUG) a Philadelphia based non-profit health care and environmental group. The solar panels were no longer needed by the hospital as it now receives 24/7 electricity from a Hydro Electricity plant in neighbouring Senegal. The Appeal has funded the renovation of the other two accommodation units.

The Appeal has now renovated and extended 90 accommodation units as part of its policy to improve the living conditions for staff and thus attracting quality medical personnel to work in such a hostile environment.

The hospital continues to develop the "farming" projects, often working with local communities to provide nutritious food for the patients. The fish farm and chicken house in the hospital grounds have provided essential protein. Some changes have recently been made to the projects. The fish used in the farm is being changed from tilapia to catfish which will provide a larger harvest in a quicker time. And the use of the chicken house is being changed from rearing broiler chickens to keeping chicken layers to provide the patients with a ready supply of eggs. Staff are also encouraged to use land set aside within the grounds for vegetable and fruit production.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

The main community farming project in the past year has been the donation by a local village of a rice field for the hospital's use. The production of rice is very labour intensive, but the villagers provide help alongside hospital staff, including the Chief Executive. Planting the rice seedlings is done by hand as is the harvesting when the crop reaches maturity after about 3 months. The rice is then left to dry before being threshed and the hospital kitchen staff remove the husks. The rice is pounded and stored before being used to feed the patients. The husks are shredded and used to cover the floor of the chicken house so everything is used. The Appeal paid for the rice seedlings, fertiliser and fuel for the generator that was used to constantly pump water from the river to the rice field.

The Form Feeding Fund (FFF) has profoundly changed the lives of so many vulnerable infants and their families. The FFF continues to be funded by Form Nutrition, a plant based natural food products business and we are most grateful for their ongoing support. The fund continues to provide medical, food and financial support to patients and their families, who have travelled long distances to the hospital, to enable them to stay in Bansang until their loved ones have been discharged from the hospital. For families who once felt the unbearable pressure to leave the hospital due to financial hardship, the fund has been a lifeline, turning uncertainty into hope and compassion.

The Hospital has established its first Intensive Care Unit (ICU) comprising 3 beds, each with its own monitor, to enable seriously ill patients to be cared for in the best possible way. The cost of these 3 monitors was funded from the sale of the PUG solar panels with the Appeal funding the cost of aluminium screens to partition the area. This is the first time that monitors have been used in the hospital and is an important step in improving the medical care provided. The ICU has been temporarily sited in the outpatients department, but the hospital is now building a separate permanent ICU building which will have 6 units, each with its own monitor. The Appeal is funding the cost of 10 additional monitors, 3 of which will go in the expanded ICU. The remaining 7 monitors will be placed across the wards so that each ward will have at least one high dependency bed. The Appeal is also funding the purchase of an ultrasound scanner. These important developments are all part of the hospital's plan to enhance the medical services provided so that more testing, treatments and surgery will be available at Bansang rather than patients having to travel to the coast for these services.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

The Global Fund has provided the Hospital with some state-of-the-art equipment. These are digital x-ray equipment, bio-chemistry testing equipment and an oxygen producing plant. The oxygen plant is the only one in the country and Bansang now supplies oxygen to other clinics and hospitals. Oxygen pipes are also currently being installed across the hospital so that every bed will have access to oxygen. Priority is given to Bansang Hospital to receive this equipment by The Global Fund because of its standing as the "Best Hospital in the Country for Performance and Outcomes". The Appeal pays for many of the reagents used for the bio-chemistry testing and also pays allowances to the 3 staff who assist in running the oxygen plant

As part of our ongoing relationship with the local Janjangbureh prison we have provided funds to set up an apprenticeship scheme whereby inmates will be provided with skills training. This should enable the inmates to find gainful employment when they leave prison. Most of the inmates are only in prison for what are poverty related "crimes". The funding will cover the costs of 4 trainers for a period of 9 months. Skills covered include electrical and solar installation, plumbing, entrepreneurship and English.

Other notable highlights during the year include:

- The Appeal provided pharmaceutical drugs and reagents whenever there was an urgent need to replenish depleted stocks. In particular, we purchased emergency anaesthetic drugs to allow vital operations to continue.
- We provided 5 mobile cleaning trolleys and mops for the hard-working ward orderlies. These help them keep the wards "sparkling clean" and have passed the quality control inspection by the Infection Control Officer.
- We purchased 5 electronic blood pressure machines and 10 delivery sets for the labour ward.
- We provided furniture and fittings to 3 houses that the hospital maintenance department had refurbished.

Many of these items were directly sponsored by long standing benefactors of the Appeal and we thank them for their continued generosity.

I visited the hospital again in January 2025 together with the Appeal's Treasurer and fellow Trustee Richard Harvey. We were joined by Specialist Neonatal Nurse Jeannette Payne for what was her fourteenth year training staff and ensuring good practice in the treatment of the sick newborn. Jeanette's husband Chris always helps with practical projects and this time converted redundant shelving into nesting boxes for the chicken layers. He also plays guitar and sings in the wards in the evening. There are smiles all round from the staff and patients. Often the best medicine is music and making people happy.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

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Another extraordinary year for this very small charity. Year on year we have helped to support the transformation of a hospital that was going to close its doors in 1997. This would have left over 600,000 people with no health facility. Today the staff provide exemplary health care for their patients. With a 97% staff retention rate, this speaks volumes, where every member of staff is respected and treated equally regardless of their position. As a result of our very generous donors, we have extended, refurbished, and provided furniture for 90 homes over the years. This has resulted in skilled medical personnel leaving the comforts of family life and all the amenities that are available on the coast to work in a very challenging environment 250 miles inland.

I would like to pay a special tribute to our loyal band of supporters who have trusted us to use their donations in a way that has greatly benefitted both the staff and patients. In the next phase of the hospital's development we will be concentrating on clinical outcomes. For this I will be getting advice from all the relevant parties ensuring that the friends of BHA will be able to witness the outcomes and developments in what is a very unique hospital that still retains the accolade of the best hospital for care and services in the country.

I feel privileged to be able to work alongside such dedicated staff; together we serve.

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30 April 2025

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(General Purposes Fund)

Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Voluntary sources:		
Donations	85,906	101,379
Legacies	28,365	-
Fundraising	908	3,781
Rental income	13,500	13,200
Interest	639	180
	<u>129,318</u>	<u>118,540</u>
Payments		
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Medical equipment	2,713	-
Pharmaceutical products	1,300	6,201
Building work	56,591	37,704
Plant, equipment and furniture	7,428	6,911
Freight and transportation	-	-
Nursing, SEN and staff support	21,268	25,354
Salary costs	18,007	20,238
Welfare and farming projects	17,630	18,142
Travel and subsistence	499	1,238
Property rental costs	2,547	2,173
Bank charges and other costs	1,303	1,350
	<u>129,286</u>	<u>119,311</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)	32	(771)
Add: Cash balances b/fwd	<u>12,978</u>	<u>13,749</u>
Cash balances c/fwd	<u>13,010</u>	<u>12,978</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

R W H Harvey BSc FCA Trustee
30 April 2025

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (General Purposes Fund)

As at 30 June 2024

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	£	£
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	<u>253,653</u>	<u>253,621</u>

The value of Freehold Property is shown at cost
in December 2019

Other Assets

The Appeal has no other assets (2023 - £nil)

Liabilities now due for payment

Building work	2,651	5,754
Welfare payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,651</u>	<u>5,754</u>

Future and contingent liabilities

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Registered Charity No 1064469

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

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The primary focus of the Appeal remains to raise funds that can be used to continually update and improve the structure and facilities of the hospital whilst providing urgently required medical equipment and pharmaceutical products, working to motivate and retain staff and facilitating help and support from skilled volunteers and other organisations. The Appeal has been transforming healthcare delivery in Bansang since 1992.

I began my report last year with the sad news that the Hospital's Chief Executive Officer Baba Jeng had passed away after a short illness. There then followed a short period when the Hospital operated without a CEO but in December 2023 Dr Masirending Njie was appointed CEO. Dr Njie is a gynaecologist / obstetric surgeon and will be spending one or two days a week in that role, in particular carrying out obstetric and gynaecological procedures. This will be a welcome addition to the treatment that the hospital can offer as previously patients would have had to be transferred 250 miles to Banjul for such surgery.

Turning now to the accounts, donations and legacies for the year to 30 June 2023 totalled £101,379, which is a welcome return to pre covid levels. Our extremely generous regular benefactors have, as ever, continued to support us with many increasing their monthly donations. We have also benefited from many individual one off donations. I would like to thank all our benefactors most sincerely. Without them we would not have been able to support the hospital to the extent that we have done.

Two very successful fundraising evenings contributed £3,781 and rental income from our investment property totalled £13,200. With interest of £180 total receipts for the year were up 25% to £118,540.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

Total expenditure in the year under report was £119,311. The main expenditure was on building work (£38k). This expenditure was highlighted in detail in last year's report and predominantly covered the refurbishment of one of the last staff accommodation blocks, the construction of a Broiler Chicken House to work alongside the Fish Farm to provide patients with essential protein and materials for the rebuilding of the toilet block in the local prison. The other main expenditure was on the ongoing funding for the sponsorship of staff members and payments for initiatives to retain and motivate staff (£25k), welfare payments to provide rice to all staff members and to replenish the Form Feeding Fund (£18k), salaries (£20k), pharmaceutical products (£6k) and plant equipment and furniture (£7k).

The accounts continue to show an organisation with great financial strength and long-term financial security.

One of the main projects completed during the period since our last report in August 2023 has been to clear bats from the Admin Block roof. The bats had gained access to the roof void and were congregating in great numbers. Bat droppings were accumulating on the floor and the smell was becoming unbearable and a possible health risk. The problem was affecting work in the admin area and was becoming an extreme embarrassment when visitors were on site. The project comprised the removal of the bats, cleaning the area of bat droppings, filling all bat access points, replacing spoiled timbers on the ceilings, replastering the ceiling and replacing damaged windows and nets. The work has been completed and activity in the Admin Block returned to normal.

January 2024 saw the completion of a low maintenance, fully renovated and extended block of seven new homes for senior medical staff. The works included a new Aluzinc roof, new fully tiled en suite bathrooms, rewired to include LED lighting, ceiling fans, aluminium windows/doors and tiled throughout. Sitting room furniture was made locally in the town; this helps to support the local economy. By providing quality accommodation we retain skilled staff, and the staff are happy and motivated to be provided with comfortable homes to return home to.

We are presently working on a similar housing project to provide additional accommodation. It is reaping rewards as the hospital now attracts quality medical personnel who are prepared to work in such a harsh environment.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

We have mentioned in the last two reports that we have constructed a fish farm and a broiler chicken house within the hospital grounds to provide fish and meat protein for the patients. These are fully sustainable projects which are designed to deliver low-cost nutrition to aid the patients recovery. Protein is the main building block in a diet that will help to aid a patient's recovery.

The first fish harvest took place in December 2023 and a larger harvest is scheduled to take place in June 2024. The first 250 chicks in the Broiler House were successfully reared to maturity in February 2024. Following this success 500-day old chicks have been collected and settled into their new surroundings. These will be fully grown by June 2024.

The Form Feeding Fund, first established in 2017, has continued to provide medical, food and financial support to patients and their families to enable them to stay in Bansang until their loved ones have been discharged from the hospital. The FFF continues to be funded by Form Nutrition, a plant based natural food products business. We are most grateful for their ongoing support. One recent example of support given by the FFF to the most vulnerable patients is when an orphaned child, found abandoned and close to death, was brought into the hospital by a kind and caring lady. The lady said that if the child survived, she would care for him together with her own children. The necessary medical management was given to the child with 100% funding from FFF. The child received clothing, milk formula, medications and love from the amazing staff who cared for him. It was a happy day for all concerned when the child left the hospital in the arms of that special lady.

Other notable highlights during the year include:

- We again provided a 25Kg bag of rice to all 557 staff. One bag will feed an average family for 2 weeks, so it is a substantial gift. This is the fourth time we have done this and is part of the Appeal's policy to improve staff morale.
- The Appeal provided pharmaceutical drugs and other medical supplies when there was an urgent need to replenish depleted stocks.
- We provided replacement tractor tyres for the two tractors that we had previously provided to the hospital.
- We purchased a diathermy machine for use in gynaecological operations to be carried out by Dr Njie.
- We funded the construction of a safety wall around the oxygen plant that had been provided to the hospital and also relocated the escorts washing area away from the plant.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

Many of these items were directly sponsored by long standing benefactors of the Appeal and we thank them for their continued generosity. It is with great sadness, however, that I have to report that one of our long-term benefactors, Mathilde Keller, recently passed away. Together with her husband, Theo and Mathilde Keller were regular visitors to Bansang from their home in Switzerland and built up a special relationship with the staff at the hospital. They were also regular annual donors providing lifesaving drugs for the patients in the hospital. May Mathilde rest in peace.

I visited the hospital again in January 2024 together with Specialist Neonatal Nurse Jeannette Payne who joined me for what was her thirteenth year ensuring good practice in the treatment of the sick newborn. This year Jeanette also implemented lifesaving training to all members of staff.

Future plans for the Appeal include the construction of a new Female Ward, but this is a considerable undertaking and will be reliant on the necessary funds being raised. In the meantime, we will continue to support the hospital and the local community as we have done for the past thirty-two years.

I was a little apprehensive on my return visit to Bansang Hospital, after the sad demise of our beloved, caring and dynamic CEO, Mr Baba Jeng. I had worked alongside him for many fruitful years before his sudden death on the 22nd of June 2023. Last year Baba Jeng wrote to me saying "It has been a wonderful, truthful and genuine 30 years partnership, I would like to thank all those who support the BHA by donating either in cash or kind and implementing all those important projects undertaken in Bansang Hospital". I will never forget the man who worked tirelessly to ensure that he left a legacy for the poor people that the hospital serves.

My fears of meeting the newly appointed CEO Dr Masirending Njie were cast aside upon our first meeting. Dr Njie is a man who shares my vision, and I am confident that the hospital will go from strength to strength. I have nicknamed him "Action Man". I'm filled with renewed enthusiasm as I see the impact that he has had already. Dr Njie wishes to see more skilled medical personnel. This will impact greatly on the care of patients as they will no longer have to contemplate what is for many an impossible round trip of some 500 miles to receive help at the Teaching Hospital in Banjul. In Bansang the staff have taken ownership of THEIR hospital. It is a very inspiring feeling after all the struggles that we have been confronted with in past years.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

After thirty-two years of family and loyal friends support for Bansang Hospital, I thank most sincerely, everyone for having the trust and faith in how we have handled their hard-earned donations. Because of everyone's support the hospital has been declared as the "Best Hospital in the Country for Performance and Outcomes". I have been told on numerous occasions that being such a small charity and receiving feedback on how all donations are used for projects is what makes BHA different.

I must give special thanks to ALL the amazing staff in Bansang Hospital. To witness their skills, hard work and happiness at serving their people is truly commendable. If ever you need to see a hospital in action that retains near to 97% of its staff, then Bansang is the place to learn from.

Thank you to everyone for being the catalyst that has led to the success of the hospital. Thank you for caring and for being on such an amazing journey with me.

Anita Smith MBE MRG
Chair of the Trustees

31 May 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bansang Hospital Appeal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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31 May 2024

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund) Year Ended 30 June 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Receipts				
Voluntary sources:				
Donations	101,379		77,424	
Legacies	-		2,000	
Fundraising	3,781		-	
Rental income	13,200		15,525	
Interest	180		45	
		118,540		94,994
Payments				
Direct charitable expenditure:				
Medical equipment	-		-	
Pharmaceutical products	6,201		9,660	
Building work	37,704		40,196	
Plant, equipment and furniture	6,911		2,477	
Freight and transportation	-		-	
Nursing, SEN and staff support	25,354		21,285	
Salary costs	20,238		15,382	
Welfare and farming projects	18,142		14,908	
Travel and subsistence	1,238		211	
Property rental costs	2,173		1,659	
Bank charges and other costs	1,350		1,099	
	119,311		106,877	
Investments - Freehold Property				
Proceeds of furniture disposal	-		(2,500)	
Costs of acquisition	-		-	
Net payments	-	119,311	(2,500)	104,377
Net Receipts / (Payments)		(771)		(9,383)
Add: Cash balances b/fwd		13,749		23,132
Cash balances c/fwd		12,978		13,749

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

R W H Harvey BSc FCA Trustee
31 May 2024

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (General Purposes Fund)

As at 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Cash Balances		
Cash at Bank in the UK	3,267	5,427
Cash held and Cash at Bank in The Gambia	<u>9,711</u>	<u>8,322</u>
	12,978	13,749
Freehold Property	<u>240,643</u>	<u>240,643</u>
	<u>253,621</u>	<u>254,392</u>

The value of Freehold Property is shown at cost
in December 2019

Other Assets

The Appeal has no other assets (2022 - £nil)

Liabilities now due for payment

Building work	5,754	2,611
Welfare payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,754</u>	<u>2,611</u>

Future and contingent liabilities

The Appeal has no future or contingent liabilities.

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BANSANG HOSPITAL APPEAL
Registered Charity No 1064469

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022

The Bansang Hospital Appeal is constituted by Deed of Trust and registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (No 1064469). Its address is 4 The Leys, Orlingbury, Northamptonshire NN14 1JE. The Trustees during the year were:

Anita Smith	Chair
Richard Harvey	Treasurer
Linda Nicholson	(Resigned 24 June 2023)
Grant Hamilton Smith	(Appointed 31 August 2023)

It was with great regret that I received the resignation of Linda Nicholson as a Trustee. Linda has worked tirelessly over many years, with support from her family and friends, to raise substantial funds both while she was living in Northamptonshire and then later when she retired to live in France. On behalf of the Appeal I would like to thank Linda for her loyal support as a valued Trustee.

Linda's place as a Trustee will be taken by my eldest son Grant. Grant has been to Bansang many times where he has been involved in a number of projects. He is fully conversant with the work of the Appeal and I am sure will make an excellent Trustee.

The objective of the charity is to provide support to Bansang Hospital and the people of the surrounding area in The Gambia through the supply of medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and other humanitarian aid.

The primary focus of the Appeal remains to raise funds that can be used to continually update and improve the structure and facilities of the hospital whilst providing urgently required medical equipment and pharmaceutical products, working to motivate and retain staff and facilitating help and support from skilled volunteers and other organisations. The Appeal has been transforming healthcare delivery in Bansang since 1992.

These accounts have been filed late because of continued personal family health issues of one of the Trustees. The Charity Commission have been informed of the reasons for the delay.

I must begin this report with the saddest news that, after returning the day before from having treatment in India, the Hospital's CEO Mr Baba Jeng passed away in the early hours of 20th June 2023.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 (continued)

Baba Jeng and I had a pact that, as long as I kept supporting the hospital, he would work alongside me beyond his retirement years. He knew me well though and, like he himself, I will also continue to the end. We shared many happy years together, always excited at planning our next project, always thinking of how we could make long term sustainable plans that would improve the healthcare system for the people that we serve. He cared deeply about leaving a legacy behind for these poor people and he turned down many employment offers from other institutions seeking to pay him much more money in return for his expertise.

I personally have learned so many valuable lessons from this influential, calm, gentle and most considerate of men. I will miss hearing his infectious laugh and his guidance when I hesitated to understand a situation. He cared for everyone, his door was always open.

I know that his family, the BHA family, his Management Team, the entire staff of the hospital, the people of Bansang and his country will be hurting right now. Knowing him he would wish us not to cry but to carry on making a difference. We will do that.

Donations and legacies for the year totalled £79,424, which is one of the lowest amounts that we have received and is a direct result of the pandemic and its impact on fundraising opportunities. Our extremely generous regular benefactors have, as ever, continued to support us and I would like to thank them all most sincerely. Without them we would not have been able to support the hospital to the extent that we have done.

Rental income from our investment property totalled £15,525 and, with interest of £45, total receipts for the year were £94,994.

The accounts continue to show an organisation with great financial strength and long-term financial security.

Total expenditure in the year under report was £106,877. The main expenditure was on building work (£40k). This expenditure was highlighted in detail in last year's report and predominantly covered the construction of a Fish Farm to provide patients with essential fish protein, the refurbishment of the Maternity Ward, the tiling of the external verandah that joins all the wards and major departments and the refurbishment of one staff house. The other main expenditure was on the ongoing funding for the sponsorship of 47 staff members and payments for initiatives to retain and motivate staff (£21k), welfare payments to provide rice to all staff members and to replenish the Form Feeding Fund (£15k), salaries (£15k) and pharmaceutical products (£10k). These payments were also detailed in last year's report.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 (continued)

One of the main projects during the period since our last report in October 2022 has been to renovate and extend the last remaining block of staff accommodation units. To date we have renovated 67 homes for staff, and this is a major factor in retaining a near 96% staff retention rate since 2014. This has been achieved as we have been able to offer a good standard of accommodation for the wonderful staff, and as a result we have an exceptional team that offer outstanding levels of patient care. Decent accommodation is a key factor in the success of the hospital and unquestionably this has helped to reduce levels of morbidity and mortality.

The living conditions in this last block are pitiful. 7 members of staff and 4 children live in a block of seven small, two roomed units. They share two outside toilets that also double as a shower when they fill their buckets with water. The sewage soakaway has collapsed, and this poses a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of all the occupants.

Each unit will now have a fully tiled en suite bathroom, to include a shower, toilet and wash hand basin and a new soakaway. The roof on the entire block has been replaced and there are new ceilings and floor tiles throughout, new aluminium windows and locally made metal security doors. The units have been re-wired with ceiling fans and LED lighting fitted. A tiled veranda will make for a relaxing environment after a hard day's work, with two mango trees offering additional shade as well as providing delicious fruit in April.

The Fish Farm detailed in last year's report is now complete and is scheduled to have its first full harvest in December to provide much needed fish protein for the patients. Following this initiative, we have now constructed a Broiler House alongside the Fish Farm for the raising of chickens specifically for meat production to provide further protein for the patients. These are fully sustainable projects which are designed to deliver low cost nutrition to aid the patients recovery. This is very important given the increased cost of food and other essential items.

The Form Feeding Fund, first established in 2017, has continued to provide food and financial support to patients' families to enable them to stay in Bansang until their loved ones have been discharged from the hospital. This support is crucial as previously the families would often travel back to their villages before they'd been given the medical clearance to do so as they didn't have the financial resources to stay on in Bansang. The FFF continues to be funded by Form Nutrition, a plant based natural food products business. We are most grateful for their ongoing support. The difference in suffering since 2017 is truly heart-warming and life saving.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 (continued)

I visited Bansang in January 2023 and was joined again by Jeannette and her husband Chris. Jeannette, a Specialist Neo Natal Nurse, has been going to Bansang for the past fourteen years to provide sustainable, lifesaving training on the low tech sustainable equipment that the Appeal has provided. This time she took the opportunity to train Community Nurses, who were gaining experience in the hospital, on resuscitation of the newborn baby. Jeannette continues to promote good practice with new members of staff who care for the premature and sick babies. Chris has been kept busy in previous years installing the important tension wires that support the privacy curtains and mosquito nets around the beds in all the hospital wards. One of his jobs this year was to train the Fish Keepers to monitor and check the water conditions in the newly developed Fish Farm. He also took the opportunity to take his guitar into the wards in the evening for the patients' enjoyment. He was an instant hit with patients, staff and visiting family members who took to the corridors to dance.

Other notable highlights during the year include:

- We again provided a 25Kg bag of rice to all 557 staff. One bag will feed an average family for 2 weeks so it is a substantial gift. This is the third time we have done this and is part of the Appeal's policy to improve staff morale.
- The Appeal provided pharmaceutical drugs and other medical supplies when there was an urgent need to replenish depleted stocks.
- We paid for the repair of the generator at the hospital so that the electricity supply could be maintained.
- Other actions to maintain staff morale included sponsoring the Annual Staff Awards Ceremony and Staff Member of the Year Award, sponsoring the Hospital Medical Football Team and funding an operation required by the Pharmacist following a car crash.
- The Maintenance Department received a selection of Trade Aid Boxes from Rotary in order to maintain the high standards throughout the hospital. Each box contains tools for a specific trade – electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry and needlework. Several boxes were also provided to the local prison to aid the skills training of the prisoners prior to their release.
- As part of our ongoing relationship with the local prison we also provided the funds for the materials required for the prison toilet block to be rebuilt.
- Many of these items were directly sponsored by long standing benefactors of the Appeal and we thank them for their continued generosity.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 (continued)

Future plans for the Appeal include the construction of a new Female Ward, but this is a considerable undertaking and will be reliant on the necessary funds being raised. In the meantime we will continue to support the hospital and the local community as we have done for the past thirty years.

Bansang Hospital was a place that I feared, a place that gave me nightmares, it consumed every waking hour with overwhelming grief and tears for those many patients that had suffered and died in the insufferable living conditions. I could not turn my back and walk away from the daily horrors of a hospital in a most inhospitable region, but what could I do?

After 30 years I still pinch myself as I now know that dreams do come true as I bear witness to the continuing transformation of Bansang Hospital. This would never have happened without the loyal friends of BHA and the inspirational partnership that we have with the Management Team and staff. We are all part of a very special unique hospital that goes over and above the call of duty with happy staff and enterprising projects. Health Care does not stand still, health care is expensive and is heavily subsidised by the Government. But with your continued support the hospital provides the love and care that we would all wish for their loved ones.

My most sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for being with me on this remarkable life-changing journey.

Anita Smith MBE MRG
Chair of the Trustees

31 August 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bansang Hospital Appeal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2022, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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31 August 2023

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund) Year Ended 30 June 2022

	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Receipts				
Voluntary sources:				
Donations	77,424		90,040	
Legacies	2,000		-	
Rental income	15,525		15,300	
Interest	45		38	
		94,994		105,378
Payments				
Direct charitable expenditure:				
Medical equipment	0		7,195	
Pharmaceutical products	9,660		8,032	
Building work	40,196		31,576	
Plant, equipment and furniture	2,477		94	
Freight and transportation	0		5,862	
Nursing, SEN and staff support	21,285		21,347	
Salary costs	15,382		6,179	
Welfare and farming projects	14,908		15,407	
Travel and subsistence	211		536	
Property rental costs	1,659		-	
Bank charges and other costs	1,099		830	
	106,877		97,058	
Investments - Freehold Property				
Proceeds of furniture disposal	(2,500)		-	
Costs of acquisition	-		-	
Net payments	(2,500)	104,377	-	97,058
Net Receipts / (Payments)		(9,383)		8,320
Add: Cash balances b/fwd		23,132		14,812
Cash balances c/fwd		13,749		23,132

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

R W H Harvey BSc FCA Trustee
31 August 2023

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (General Purposes Fund)

As at 30 June 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets				
Cash Balances				
Cash at Bank in the UK	5,427		14,225	
Cash held and Cash at Bank in The Gambia	<u>8,322</u>		<u>8,907</u>	
		13,749		23,132
Freehold Property		<u>240,643</u>		<u>240,643</u>
		<u>254,392</u>		<u>263,775</u>

The value of Freehold Property is shown at cost
in December 2019

Other Assets

The Appeal has no other assets (2021 - £nil)

Liabilities now due for payment

Building work	2,611	5,807
Welfare payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,611</u>	<u>5,807</u>

Future and contingent liabilities

The Appeal has no future or contingent liabilities.

Accounts

BANSANG HOSPITAL APPEAL
Registered Charity No 1064469

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021

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Anita Smith	Chair
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Linda Nicholson	

The objective of the charity is to provide support to Bansang Hospital and the people of the surrounding area in The Gambia through the supply of medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and other humanitarian aid.

The primary focus of the Appeal remains to raise funds that can be used to continually update and improve the structure and facilities of the hospital whilst providing urgently required medical equipment and pharmaceutical products, working to motivate and retain staff and facilitating help and support from skilled volunteers and other organisations. The Appeal has been transforming healthcare delivery in Bansang since 1992.

These accounts have been filed late because of personal family health issues of one of the Trustees. The Charity Commission have been informed of the reasons for the delay.

Donations for the year totalled £90,040, which is lower than normal reflecting the reduction in new fundraising opportunities during the pandemic. Our extremely generous regular benefactors have, however, continued to support us and I would like to thank them all most sincerely. Without them we would not have been able to support the hospital to the extent that we have done.

Rental income from our investment property totalled £15,300 and, with interest of £38, total receipts for the year were £105,378. As mentioned last year, the leaseback agreement on the show home investment property purchased in December 2019 expired at the end of December 2021. As no further show home leaseback agreements were available the property has now been let on the retail market.

The accounts continue to show an organisation with great financial strength and long-term financial security.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 (continued)

Total expenditure in the year under report was £97,058. The main expenditure was on building work (£32k). This expenditure was highlighted in detail in last year's report and predominantly covered the major refurbishment of four dilapidated staff houses to be used by Gambian doctors moving to work in Bansang. The other main expenditure was on the ongoing funding for the sponsorship of 47 staff members and payments for initiatives to retain and motivate staff (£21k), welfare payments to provide rice to all staff members and to replenish the Form Feeding Fund (£15k), pharmaceutical products (£8k) and medical equipment (£7k). These payments were also detailed in last year's report.

The main project commencing during the period since our last report in December 2021 has been the construction of a Fish Farm. This innovative and sustainable project is in response to the destruction of fish stocks in The Gambia as a result of fleets of Chinese fishing trawlers raping the seas of fish off the coast of West Africa. They turn the fish into protein powder for their own aquaculture back in China and this is depriving not only patients in the hospital but all the people of the Gambia. The Fish Farm is being constructed within the grounds of the hospital and is desperately needed as it will provide a sustainable source of fish protein for all the patients. Fish protein is the main building block in aiding a patient's recovery.

The project is based on a similar project at a school 30kms from the hospital, where they harvest between 1200-1500 kilos of fish every 6-9 months. The project manager from the school is advising and monitoring the development at the hospital. Special farm bred Talapia fingerlings will be supplied ensuring that no predators are introduced into the 3 ponds. Two of the hospital's environmental team will be manufacturing fish food and monitoring the water quality. A fence is being constructed around the deep ponds to ensure the safety of the staff's children who live within the grounds of the hospital. Construction is at an advanced stage and should be completed by the end of December.

The Maternity Ward has also been refurbished. Previously mothers had to endure the unbearable and unrelenting heat after giving birth, with high temperatures and humidity that reached dangerous levels, making it a potential breeding ground for infectious diseases. Accomplished tradesmen have skilfully made plaster ceiling panels that trap the hot air in the roof void that is radiated by the Aluzinc roof. This method of controlling the temperature has been implemented in every ward that we have renovated, greatly reducing the insufferable temperatures. Air conditioning units have also been installed together with aluminium windows and mosquito screening. This now gives a tranquil, safe, temperature controlled environment for mothers to bond with their newly born babies.

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 (continued)

Other projects completed include the tiling of the exterior verandah that joins all the wards and major departments, the refurbishment of one staff house in bad need of repair and the installation of 15 solar lamp posts providing safe passage for staff, their families and patients.

The Form Feeding Fund, first established in 2017, has continued to provide food and financial support to patients' families to enable them to stay in Bansang until their loved ones have been discharged from the hospital. This support is becoming more and more crucial as the rural, poor subsistence farmers are increasingly impacted by climate change and the effect on their harvests. The FFF continues to be funded by Form Nutrition, a plant based natural food products business. We are most grateful for their ongoing support. The difference in suffering since 2017 is truly heart-warming and life saving.

My visit to Bansang in January 2022 was, because of the pandemic, my first since January 2020. I was joined by Jeannette and Chris and my son Grant. Jeannette is a Specialist Neo Natal Nurse and has been part of the Bansang Family for the past thirteen years. What I love about this indomitable woman is that she can adapt from using high tech all singing and dancing equipment that we have in the West and is happy to conform, using sustainable equipment that is more suited to challenging environments in The Gambia. Jeannette continues to promote good practice with new members of staff who care for the premature and sick babies. Her husband Chris installed the important tension wires that support the privacy curtains around the beds in the new Maternity Ward. This allows mothers to have private time bonding with their precious babies. More tension wires have been installed to hold the mosquito nets during the Malaria season in the Children's Unit. All the wards have now been wired, allowing the nursing staff to carry out procedures with the privacy that is essential for all patients.

Future plans for the Appeal include further staff property improvements. To date we have renovated 67 staff homes. This is one of the major factors in achieving and maintaining a near 96% staff retention rate since 2014. Good accommodation is a key factor to our success, and unquestionably this has helped to reduce levels of morbidity and mortality. Presently seven members of staff and four children live in a block of seven two roomed units. The dedicated staff share two toilets, one shower and a standpipe and the sewage soakaway has collapsed deeming the entire block a severe health hazard. The renovation will include the provision of seven new build en-suite fully tiled bathrooms for each unit to include a shower, toilet, and sink, new soakaways, tiled floors throughout the living quarters, new windows and doors and renovation of the veranda. Each unit cost is £2,000.

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We also intend to provide each of the 557 members of staff with a 25kg bag of rice. This should feed a family for one to two weeks and is a significant gift when you realise that a Nurse Attendant's gross weekly wage of £12 doesn't even cover the cost of a 25kg sack of rice which has now increased to £16! This is the third time we have provided rice for the staff and it is very gratefully received by all concerned and is another factor in maintaining staff morale.

As a very small charity, our impact over the past 30 years has been incalculable. From those early days, a rat-infested hospital where feral dogs and cats roamed wards that were often devoid of staff, the hospital is now a blueprint for others to replicate and a beacon of hope and care for everyone seeking medical attention.

The biggest lesson that I have learnt, and I strongly believe this should be adopted worldwide, is that staff are the most important element in a hospital's success. Respecting and treating every member of staff equally regardless of position is vital. In Bansang every person has a vital role to play within the hospital; this in turn raises morale, making for happy and caring staff. Today they prefer to be known as part of the extended Bansang family. The staff are proud of their hospital and have taken ownership, forming voluntary groups and generating funds so that they themselves can help support patients. Farming communities have donated land to the hospital for farming, the villagers also harvest the crops to support patient feeding. We in turn loan the hospital's tractors to help support the village farming communities.

An important element of the success of the Appeal is by listening to the people on the ground - not what we in the West think is needed. Staff accommodation was and still is our priority. By providing comfortable homes we now have Gambian doctors and skilled staff who are willing and happy to work in the harsh and challenging environment in the interior of the country.

It has been an amazing journey. Family, friends, individuals, organisations, and groups have all been central to the success and transformation over the years to the Award winning Bansang Hospital. My most sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for being with me on this remarkable life-changing journey.

Anita Smith MBE MRG
Chair of the Trustees

31 October 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bansang Hospital Appeal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2021, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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31 October 2022

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Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

Year Ended 30 June 2021

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Receipts				
Voluntary sources:				
Donations	90,040		143,421	
Legacies	-		-	
Rental income	15,300		7,650	
Interest	38		83	
		105,378		151,154
Payments				
Direct charitable expenditure:				
Medical equipment	7,195		7,165	
Pharmaceutical products	8,032		5,482	
Building work	31,576		65,046	
Plant, equipment and furniture	94		303	
Freight and transportation	5,862		3,204	
Nursing, SEN and staff support	21,347		22,524	
Salary costs	6,179		16,913	
Welfare and farming projects	15,407		16,831	
Travel and subsistence	536		2,029	
Property rental costs	-		1,142	
Bank charges and other costs	830		1,747	
	97,058		142,386	
Investments - Freehold Property				
Proceeds of disposal	-		(236,145)	
Costs of acquisition	-		240,643	
Net payments	-	97,058	4,498	146,884
Net Receipts / (Payments)		8,320		4,270
Add: Cash balances b/fwd		14,812		10,542
Cash balances c/fwd		23,132		14,812

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

R W H Harvey BSc FCA Trustee
31 October 2022

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (General Purposes Fund)

As at 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Cash Balances		
Cash at Bank in the UK	14,225	8,053
Cash held and Cash at Bank in The Gambia	<u>8,907</u>	<u>6,759</u>
	23,132	14,812
Freehold Property	<u>240,643</u>	<u>240,643</u>
	<u>263,775</u>	<u>255,455</u>

The value of Freehold Property is shown at cost

Other Assets

The Appeal has no other assets (2020 - £nil)

Liabilities now due for payment

Building work	5,807	2,044
Welfare payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,807</u>	<u>2,044</u>

Future and contingent liabilities

The Appeal has no future or contingent liabilities.