

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

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	

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.

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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.

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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.