

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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
- 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 August 2023

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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

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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.