

**BANSANG HOSPITAL APPEAL**  
**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

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
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.

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.

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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.



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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.



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### 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.

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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



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## 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

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (General Purposes Fund)

As at 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
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.