

# UGANDA CHILDBIRTH INJURY FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1099135

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2003-08-26

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AMONGST WOMEN WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM CHILDBIRTH RELATED INJURIES, IN PARTICULAR THOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

**Activities:** The Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund provides skilled resources and funding to cure by surgery and free of charge, young women made incontinent through obstructed labour because no facilities were available for emergency help.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Uganda
- Zambia

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-03	£114,603	£76,436	-	-
2024-09-03	£82,735	£91,759	-	-
2023-09-03	£90,485	£77,236	-	-
2022-09-03	£86,391	£77,300	-	-
2021-09-03	£63,170	£65,870	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DR MHAIRI COLLIE MD FRCS</b>	Chair	
Christine Wood		2018-02-03
<b>DR BRIAN HANCOCK MD FRCS</b>		
ISHBEL CAMPBELL		2016-10-08
Kate Darlow		2018-02-03
SARAH FRASER		2017-11-18

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report 2025**

Since the last report in Oct 2024, UCIF has run or supported seven surgical camps, with further support provided to the fistula units working in Sierra Leone and in Madagascar, leading to 256 operations undertaken.

In Uganda, our senior colleagues Dr Asiimwe and Prof Baragaine continue to undertake much of the surgery. The next tier of senior trainees, Dr Fiston, Dr Tinka, Dr Tino and Dr Paul Muwanguzi continue to develop their skills, attending various camps during the year. Dr Esther joined the team in Kyangwali, and Dr Leni Okwoye from Mozambique came to Uganda for 2 weeks in October 2025 to receive basic fistula training and an understanding of how to run a camp.

Dr Collie and Dr Darlow have visited Sierra Leone, and Madagascar to support work there, including cover for absence, and Dr Collie has also spent 2 weeks with Dr Paolo in Angola doing camps in Luanda. Dr Asiimwe was sponsored to attend a huge surgical camp in Angola in May also, where 150 women were treated by 5 surgeons over 2 weeks. (These numbers are not included in our totals.)

Nurse training programs have been run by Ishbel Campbell in Angola and by her Ugandan team in Kamuli, Kyangwali, Tororo and Mbale and Arua in Uganda. In total 31 nurses received training in fistula nursing care.

The second edition of the textbook 'Nursing Care for Women with Childbirth Injuries' has just been completed and we are awaiting printed copies by FIGO. It has also been translated in Portuguese and will be available soon in print. The French version is in the pipeline to reach a larger audience.

Ishbel is also working with Stephen Katumo from Gynocare, Eldoret in Kenya to produce a 4 part online nursing series on fistula nursing care in collaboration with Fistula Foundation.

Christine Wood is planning to continue her clinical training, implementing the RCOG OASI (obstetric anal sphincter injury) teaching package. She also plans to introduce the use of scissors for episiotomy rather than razor blades.

## **Month by Month activity:**

### **November 2024 Sierra Leone**

Dr Collie and Dr Darlow travelled to Sierra Leone to work with Dr Awol and the obstetric team at the Aberdeen fistula centre. They contributed to 18 cases.

### **November 2024 Torora, Uganda**

UCIF sponsored 2 local surgeons (Dr Justus Baragaine and Dr Fiston) in running a camp.

### **January 2025 Kitovu**

UCIF again sponsored 30 patients at this camp, which was attended by Dr Ian Asiimwe, Dr Fiston and Dr Michael Breen from Madagascar and the visiting American surgeon Dr Larry.

### **February 2024 Kyangwali**

Dr Asiimwe, Dr Darlow, Dr Tinka and Dr Esther spent a week in Kyangwali, successfully treating 21 women, including 8 with VVF. Christine Wood (senior Midwife tutor) and Cara Wood (midwife) came to assist in the labour ward and to run further training on the prevention of childbirth injury.

### **February 2025**

Dr Collie spent one week in Luanda with Dr Paolo, where 40 patients were treated, all with complex vvf. Outcomes were excellent.

### **May 2025**

Dr Collie returned to Madagascar for 2 weeks, Dr Darlow joining for one week with 40 cases undertaken, all with excellent outcomes. This was to cover Dr Breen while he attended the large Angolan camp along with Dr Asiimwe and Dr Paolo.

### **June 2025 Kamuli**

Prof Baragaine, Dr Asiimwe and Dr Tinka did a camp of 31 patients including 8 vvf in Kamuli.

## **August 2025**

Ishbel Campbell visited Vangalula house in Luanda, Angola to run a nurse training program for 12 nurses.

## **Oct 25 Kyangwali, Kamuli.**

Dr Darlow, Dr Asimwe, Dr Fiston, Dr Esther and Dr Leni Okwoye from Mozambique travelled to Kyangwali for a successful camp of 25 patients of which 9 were wv. Christine Wood came to assist in the labour ward and to run further training on the prevention of childbirth injury, particularly perineal tears which are a largely unaddressed issue in many areas of sub-Saharan Africa.

At the same time, Dr Collie and Ishbel Campbell spent a week in Angola with Dr Paolo treating 38 patients, some very complex. The following week they met up with Dr Asimwe, Dr Okwoye, Dr Muwangozi and Dr Tino in Kamuli for another camp of 31 patients. Dr Cristina Frattini from the UK also attended to see perineal tear surgery.

## **Summary:**

- Year to oct 25: 256 cases undertaken and more supported.
- 5 advanced trainee surgeons supported to attend camps, trained in fistula surgery (Dr Tino, Dr Tinka, Dr Fiston, Dr Esther, Dr. Muwanguzi, Dr Owoye)
- 31 nurses trained at 7 camps

## **PLUS:**

Congratulations to Dr Collie on being awarded a Distinguished Service medal from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to recognise this important fistula work.

## **Future plans:**

It is hoped that UCIF will again fund 5 camps in Uganda in the next financial year. Ugandan surgeons will be the primary operators running each camp, with the UK team planning to attend 3 camps to lend support and help with teaching.

Dr Collie is hoping to return Angola for 10 days of operating in Feb 2026, again in September 2026, and to go to Madagascar to cover Dr Breen's leave in May.

Dr Darlow is planning a sabbatical January to March 2026, potentially involving more fistula work alongside low resource setting obstetrics.

Christine Wood will join Dr Darlow at Kyangwali refugee camp hospital to continue with her hands-on midwifery training.

Ishbel Campbell is planning to provide nurse training in 2 new areas in Angola (Lubango and Cuito) and to consolidate in Luanda and in Uganda.

We expect to spend more time in Angola and Madagascar over the coming years as the numbers of cases of fistula in Uganda continue to decrease and the team of surgeons there grows. In the Kamuli area in particular, we note the reduction in fistula cases in the area served by UVP. It may be that we need to concentrate on different geographical areas, not involving UVP.

We will continue to support the Kamuli and Ugandan team however, with funding for 5 camps planned for next year.



Charity Name <b>Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund</b>		No (if any) 1099135.00	<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 04/09/2024	To Period end date 03/09/2025	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	32,302	9,474	-	41,777	32,945
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula Foundation	27,854	-	-	27,854	9,225
Tolkein Trust	28,000	-	-	28,000	28,000
SJP Charitable foundation	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Burdett Trust	-	7,170	-	7,170	8,870
for Andrew Browning	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax refund	4,802	-	-	4,802	3,695
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>97,959</b>	<b>16,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,603</b>	<b>82,735</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>97,959</b>	<b>16,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,603</b>	<b>82,735</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport, visas & accommodation	13,815	-	-	13,815	12,536
Medical supplies/equipment	21	-	-	21	2,400
Publications	-	-	-	-	5,500
Website charges	144	-	-	144	197
Hospital costs	36,577	-	-	36,577	47,287
Bank & Just Giving charges	455	-	-	455	261
Ugandan Restricted Staff Payments	-	16,332	-	16,332	13,460
URICT	-	-	-	-	-
Ugandan Staff payments	9,093	-	-	9,093	9,855
Ugandan Surgeon payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorsip costs	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Inc post & stationery	-	-	-	-	263
Donations to patients	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>60,104</b>	<b>16,332</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,436</b>	<b>91,759</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>60,104</b>	<b>16,332</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,436</b>	<b>91,759</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>37,854</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,167</b>	<b>(9,024)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	65,062	2,077	-	67,139	76,163
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>102,916</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,306</b>	<b>67,139</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance	102,916	2,390	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>102,916</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>-</b>
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name  
Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund

On accounts for the year ended

3 September 2025

Charity no (if any)

1099135

Set out on pages

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*G. P. Talbot*

Date:

14/11/25

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report 2024**

This has been a good year for UCIF. Our co-founder and mentor Brian Hancock was awarded OBE for services to surgery in sub-Saharan Africa, a reward which could not be more deserved.

Workwise, since the last report in Oct 2023, we have run nine and supported four surgical camps. A further two are planned before the end of the calendar year. Our Ugandan colleagues (Dr Asiimwe, Dr Matovu and Prof Baregeine) are undertaking more and more of the work, with four senior trainees becoming ever more confident – Dr Fiston, Dr Tinka, Dr Tino and Dr Franka. We were very pleased to welcome also Dr Paul Muwanguzi to the team.

We have treated 258 women and girls affected by childbirth injury and incontinence.

Additionally, there have been 6 nurse training programs run by Ishbel Campbell and her Ugandan team in Uganda, and one in Angola.

UCIF has also expanded to Madagascar, with Mhairi Collie spending two weeks covering the Freedom from Fistula unit in Toamasina, and to Angola, where Ishbel Campbell spent a week doing nurse training in Luanda.

### **November 2023 Tororo**

40 cases were identified and prepared for surgery, including 8 VVF cases. Three of the VVF cases had the worst type of fistula, but all were successfully treated. Dr Asiimwe and Prof Baragaine led the camp, supported by Dr Vincent and Dr Fiston.

### **December 2023 Kuluva**

This was the second UCIF camp at Kuluva hospital in northern Uganda, near to Dr Asiimwe's posting in Arua. The facilities and staff have been found to be excellent. Dr Asiimwe, Dr Darlow, Dr Franka and Dr Tinka treated 35 women, including some particularly complex patients, with an excellent success rate. One lady with a failed repair will be planned for reassessment in 6 months, and potentially further surgery.

### **January 2023 Kitovu**

UCIF sponsored 30 patients at this camp, which was attended by Dr Ian Asiimwe, Dr Fiston and Dr Michael Breen from Madagascar. UCIF maintains active links with Dr Breen, with joint discussion of more difficult cases. A visiting American surgeon Dr Larry

again provided training on prolapse which was much appreciated by Dr Asiimwe and Dr Fiston.

### **February 2024 Kyangwali**

Dr Matovu, Dr Fiston and Prof Baregeine undertook a camp of 22 women including 4 vvf.

### **April 2024 Kuluva**

Dr Asiimwe returned to the far north of Uganda for this camp working with Dr Franka. 20 cases were done, 7 vvf.

### **May - June 2024 Kagadi, Kamuli**

Two camps were undertaken May into June. Dr Asiimwe, Dr Fiston, Dr Paul Muwanguzi and Prof Barageine did a camp of 35 patients in Kagadi including 7 VVF.

Dr Asiimwe, Dr Darlow and Dr Tino did a camp of 19 patients including 8 vvf in Kamuli.

### **June 2024 Madagascar**

Dr Collie travelled to Toamasina in Madagascar to cover the fistula unit there while Dr Breen was away. She undertook 18 operations, of which 16 were complex difficult primary obstetric fistula. It was noted that there are very many primary obstetric fistula in Madagascar, with very few women being delivered in clinics or hospitals. The cost of health care is beyond the majority of the population.

### **Sept/Oct 2024 Kyangwali, Kagadi, Kamuli.**

Dr Darlow, Dr Asiimwe, Dr Paul Muwanguzi and Dr Tino travelled to Kyangwali for a successful camp of 18 patients of which 8 were vvf, with Ishbel Campbell attending to the nurse training.

At the same time, Dr Collie, Dr Fiston and Dr Tinka spent a week in Kagadi. Dr Fiston and Dr Tinka were primary surgeons with a table each and Dr Collie assisting. 18 cases were done, but only 3 vvf. It was thought that mobilisation deep into the villages had not been done and this is being discussed prior to another camp being arranged in Kagadi.

Dr Collie, Ishbel Campbell, Dr Asiimwe then journeyed to Kamuli for a camp alongside our colleague from Somalia, Dr Abdi plus Dr Obore from Mulago and Dr Tino. The camp was successful with 28 cases done, including 11 vvf.

### **2024 Remainder:**

Two further camps are planned in Uganda in the next 2 months, in Tororo and Kuluva. Dr Asiimwe, Dr Justus, Dr Fiston and Dr Tinka will lead these camps.

Christine and Cara Wood (midwives) will work with Dr Asiimwe in Arua in December on a program of perineal tear prevention.

Additionally, Dr Darlow and Dr Collie are travelling to Sierra Leone to work with Dr Awol at the Aberdeen fistula centre for a week in November.

### **Summary:**

- Financial year to oct 24: 248 cases undertaken.
- 5 advanced trainee surgeons supported to attend camps, trained in fistula surgery (Dr Tino, Dr Tinka, Dr Fiston, Dr Vincent, Dr. Paul Muwanguzi, Dr Franka)
- 4 senior Ugandan fistula surgeons paid to undertake camps and one Somalian Senior surgeon supported to join the Kamuli camp in October 2024.
- 20 nurses trained at 7 camps

### **PLUS:**

Congratulations to Brian Hancock for being awarded OBE for services to fistula surgery in subSaharan Africa.

Congratulations to Mhairi Collie on the publication of the novel “The Bright Fabric of Life”, the story of a fistula patient and a surgeon, all proceeds to fistula prevention and treatment.

### **Future plans:**

It is hoped that UCIF will fund 5 camps in Uganda in the next financial year. Ugandan surgeons will be the primary operators running each camp, with the UK team planning to attend 3 camps to lend support and help with teaching.

Dr Collie is planning to return to Madagascar to cover Dr Breen’s leave and to work with a promising Malagascy trainee Dr Herlala. There are many very bad VVF cases in Madagascar and a great shortage of doctors and surgeons. It seems a worthy project

to help train Dr Herlala and to utilise the facilities and staff of the Fistula centre in Toamasina so that it can continue to run when Dr Breen is absent.

Dr Darlow and Dr Collie have a trip to Sierra Leone planned for November 2024, to work alongside Dr Awol in the Aberdeen centre. This is a scoping expedition to see whether UCIF surgeons can provide support for Dr Awol and/or cover some of his leave. They will report back to the trustees as to whether this is a worthy scheme for the future.

Ishbel Campbell had a very illuminating visit to Luanda, Angola in September 24 and found there were many fistula patients, overwhelming the services available. A possible plan of undertaking fistula camps up country with a team of surgeons and nurses or of assisting Dr Paolo in the capital will be discussed within the UCIF team and with the in-country doctors and nurses.



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<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 04/09/2023	To	Period end date 03/09/2024	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	23,406	9,540	-	32,945	24,901
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula Foundation	9,225	-	-	9,225	29,156
Tolkein Trust	28,000	-	-	28,000	25,000
Paypal giving fund	-	-	-	-	101
Burdett Trust	-	8,870	-	8,870	3,960
for Andrew Browning	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax refund	3,695	-	-	3,695	7,368
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>64,325</b>	<b>18,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,735</b>	<b>90,485</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,325</b>	<b>18,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,735</b>	<b>90,485</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport, visas & accommodation	20,801	-	-	20,801	12,060
Medical supplies/equipment	2,400	-	-	2,400	580
Publications	-	5,500	-	5,500	-
Website charges	197	-	-	197	-
Hospital costs	39,022	-	-	39,022	54,100
Bank & Just Giving charges	261	-	-	261	261
Ugandan Restricted Staff Payments	-	13,460	-	13,460	2,107
URICT	-	-	-	-	-
Ugandan Staff payments	9,855	-	-	9,855	7,770
Ugandan Surgeon payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorsip costs	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Inc post & stationery	263	-	-	263	357
Donations to patients	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>72,799</b>	<b>18,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,759</b>	<b>77,236</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>72,799</b>	<b>18,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,759</b>	<b>77,236</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(8,474)</b>	<b>(550)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,024)</b>	<b>13,250</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>					
	73,535	2,628	-	76,163	62,914
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>65,062</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,139</b>	<b>76,163</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance	65,062	2,077	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>65,062</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>-</b>
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund

On accounts for the year ended 3 September 2024 Charity no (if any) 1099135

Set out on pages 1

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Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)
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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: G. P. Talbot

Date: 29/10/24

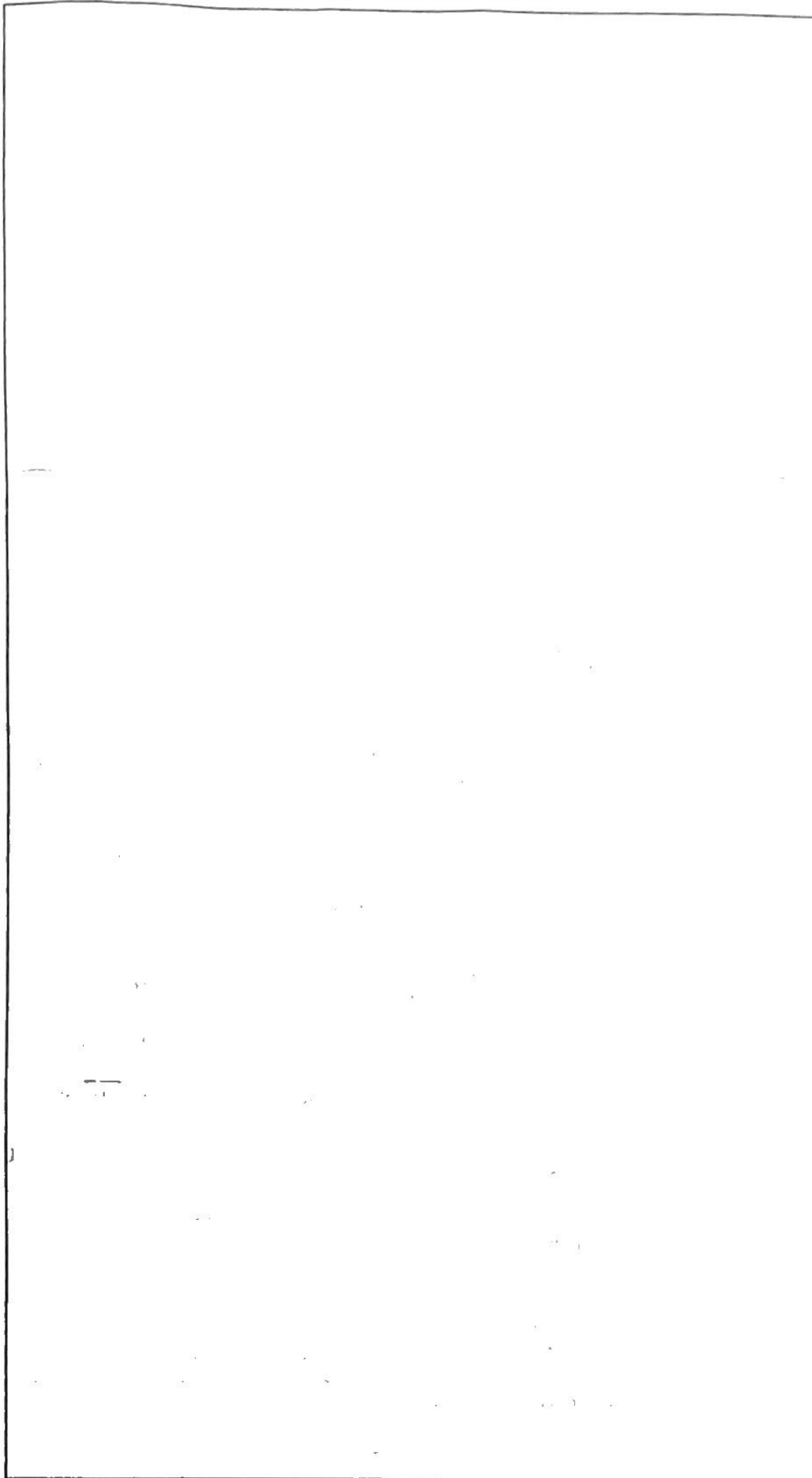
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**UGANDA CHILDBIRTH INJURY FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1099135

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's Report 2023**

This year has been busy for UCIF with seven camps since the last report and two more planned for the rest of the calendar year. There has been a great emphasis on training, with senior and junior surgical trainees, urology fellows, obstetric and gynaecology trainees and many nurses all benefitting from attending teaching camps.

### **November 2022 Kyangwali**

42 cases were identified and prepared for surgery with mobilisation throughout the camp – patients with poor obstetric outcomes were enlisted by health workers in various health facilities in anticipation of the camp. One patient under 18 was not treated due to a consent issue and may return to a future camp. Dr Asiimwe led the camp, supported by the local medical officers.

### **January 2023 Kitovu**

UCIF sponsored 30 patients at this camp, which was attended by Dr Ian Asiimwe and Dr Michael Breen from Madagascar. UCIF maintains active links with Dr Breen, with joint discussion of more difficult cases. A visiting American surgeon provided training on prolapse which was much appreciated by Dr Asiimwe.

### **March 2023 Kuluva**

Dr Kate Darlow, Ishbel Campbell and Dr Asiimwe travelled to the far north of Uganda for this camp, which was busy with 112 women screened and 44 undergoing surgery. There were 2 senior Ugandan trainees. UCIF plans to continue to support Kuluva with another camp planned there in December 2023.

### **May - June 2023 Kagadi, Kamuli**

Two back-to-back camps were undertaken with Dr Asiimwe, Dr Collie and Dr Reimers. 29 cases were undertaken at Kagadi, of which 13 were vvf or stress. Nurse Ishbel Campbell attended to oversee nurse training.

Kamuli had a preponderance of complex abdominal cases among 39 people operated, but nevertheless the outcomes were excellent with no major complications. Two fistula patients remain wet with stress and will return in October. There were 2 senior and 2 junior Ugandan trainees attending the camp with good operating experience gained by all.

### **Oct 23 Kamuli, Kagadi.**

Dr Collie, Ishbel Campbell, Dr Asimwe and Dr Reimers returned to Kamuli for a big camp with 41 patients operated, and again a preponderance of complex abdominal procedures.

One diversion was undertaken on one of the June patients - a lady with terrible stress incontinence post fistula repair, small bladder and failed treatment of bladder augmentation. She did very well, was discharged dry and will be followed up by Joan senior fistula nurse from Kamuli. The second patient with stress from June underwent a further stress procedure which seems to be partly successful at least. She will be reviewed again in the spring of 2024.

There were also four children needing ureteric reimplantation for ectopic ureter who were successfully treated during the camp.

There was a visiting senior surgeon from Somalia, Dr Abdi, plus 2 urology fellows, a Figo fellow, 2 junior fistula surgeons and 7 obstetric and gynaecology observers. Nurses from Kagadi, Entebbe and Jinja came for fistula nurse training, co-ordinated by Ishbel Campbell and the Kamuli team.

Nurses Christine Wood and Lesley Reid partook in pre camp triage with Sister Joanita and helped throughout the week.

Jess Rowe, her daughter Aurora and Isbeal Uttley came as volunteers to help with patient activities – sewing, knitting, nail bar and a new venture – hand lotion manufacture, led by Jess. They also spent time making a film for fundraising purposes.

Dr Collie and Dr Asimwe then joined up with Dr Darlow plus Isbeal Uttley, a UK trainee Dr Afra Jiwa and Dr Tinka Anna for a second week in Kagadi. Another group of 8 obstetric and gynaecology fellows came to observe the fistula work and to learn perineal tear repair. They were most enthusiastic and very welcome. Improving the awareness of fistula following caesarean section amongst those will be the trainers of the futures is vital. 29 patients were treated this week, including some from Kyangwali refugee camp. One of these ladies came for a diversion after multiple unsuccessful procedures leaving her with a tiny, scarred bladder, urethra and vagina. The operation was successful, and she was discharged back to the camp where she will be followed up by nurse Scovia.

### **2023 Remainder:**

Two further camps are planned in the next 2-3 months, in Tororo and Kuluva. Dr Asimwe and Dr Darlow will lead these camps.

### **Summary:**

- Calendar year: 218 plus November camps to come.
- Financial year to oct 23: 235 cases undertaken.
- 4 advanced trainee surgeons supported to attend camps, trained in fistula surgery (Dr Tino, Dr Tinka, Dr Fiston, Dr Vincent)
- 2 senior Ugandan fistula surgeons paid to undertake camps and one Somalian Senior surgeon supported to join the Kamuli camp in October 2023.
- 24 obstetric and gynaecology trainees accommodated in October 2023
- 20 nurses trained at 5 camps

**PLUS:** Special congratulations to Ishbel Campbell and the Kamuli Nursing team for winning the Burdett Nursing Trust Award

Having been shortlisted for the 'Nursing Now' award for the Burdett Nursing Trust the Kamuli Fistula Nurses won the category and a large grant to continue the nurse training programme.

The team consisted of Ishbel Campbell, senior UK nurse, Joan Nabbagala, Joanita Musubika and Morris Andama, Ugandan Fistula Nurse trainers, with Dr Ian Asiimwe overseeing the nursing team.

We are conducting fistula nurse training sessions at Kamuli Mission hospital. Nurses from fistula care centres in other parts of Uganda are invited for the weeklong training programme. Follow up visits to their own facilities are included to assess how they are doing and give advice.

Discussion is currently underway to develop the training and take it to other countries in Africa with high burden of fistula.

### **Future plans:**

It is hoped that UCIF will fund 8 camps in the next financial year. Ugandan surgeons will be the primary operators running each camp, with the UK and Norway based surgeons planning to attend 50% of camps to lend support and help with teaching. Dr Collie is planning to spend some time with Dr Breen in Madagascar and to cover his leave. She will report back to the trustees as to whether this is a worthy scheme for the future.



Charity Name <b>Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund</b>			No (if any) 1099135.00	<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 04/09/2022	To	Period end date 03/09/2023	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	24,901	-	-	24,901	31,853
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula Foundation	29,156	-	-	29,156	23,441
Tolkein Trust	25,000	-	-	25,000	25,000
Paypal giving fund	101	-	-	101	1,222
Burdett Trust	-	3,960	-	3,960	-
for Andrew Browning	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax refund	7,368	-	-	7,368	4,876
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>86,525</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,485</b>	<b>86,391</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>86,525</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,485</b>	<b>86,391</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport, visas & accommodation	12,060	-	-	12,060	7,516
Medical supplies/equipment	580	-	-	580	5,300
Publications	-	-	-	-	1,761
Virika Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital costs	54,100	-	-	54,100	46,857
Bank & Just Giving charges	261	-	-	261	274
Ugandan Restricted Staff Payments	-	2,107	-	2,107	2,081
URICT	-	-	-	-	-
Ugandan Staff payments	7,770	-	-	7,770	10,361
Ugandan Surgeon payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorsip costs	-	-	-	-	2,000
Misc. Inc post & stationery	357	-	-	357	1,150
Donations to patients	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>75,128</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,236</b>	<b>77,300</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>75,128</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,236</b>	<b>77,300</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,397</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>9,091</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	62,138	775	-	62,914	53,822
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>73,535</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,163</b>	<b>62,914</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance	73,535	2,628	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>73,535</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>-</b>
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SARAH FRASER	19/11/2023



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/ members of** Charity Name  
Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund

**On accounts for the year ended** 3 September 2023 **Charity no (if any)** 1099135

**Set out on pages** 1  
*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner** The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement** My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement** In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:** 11/10/23

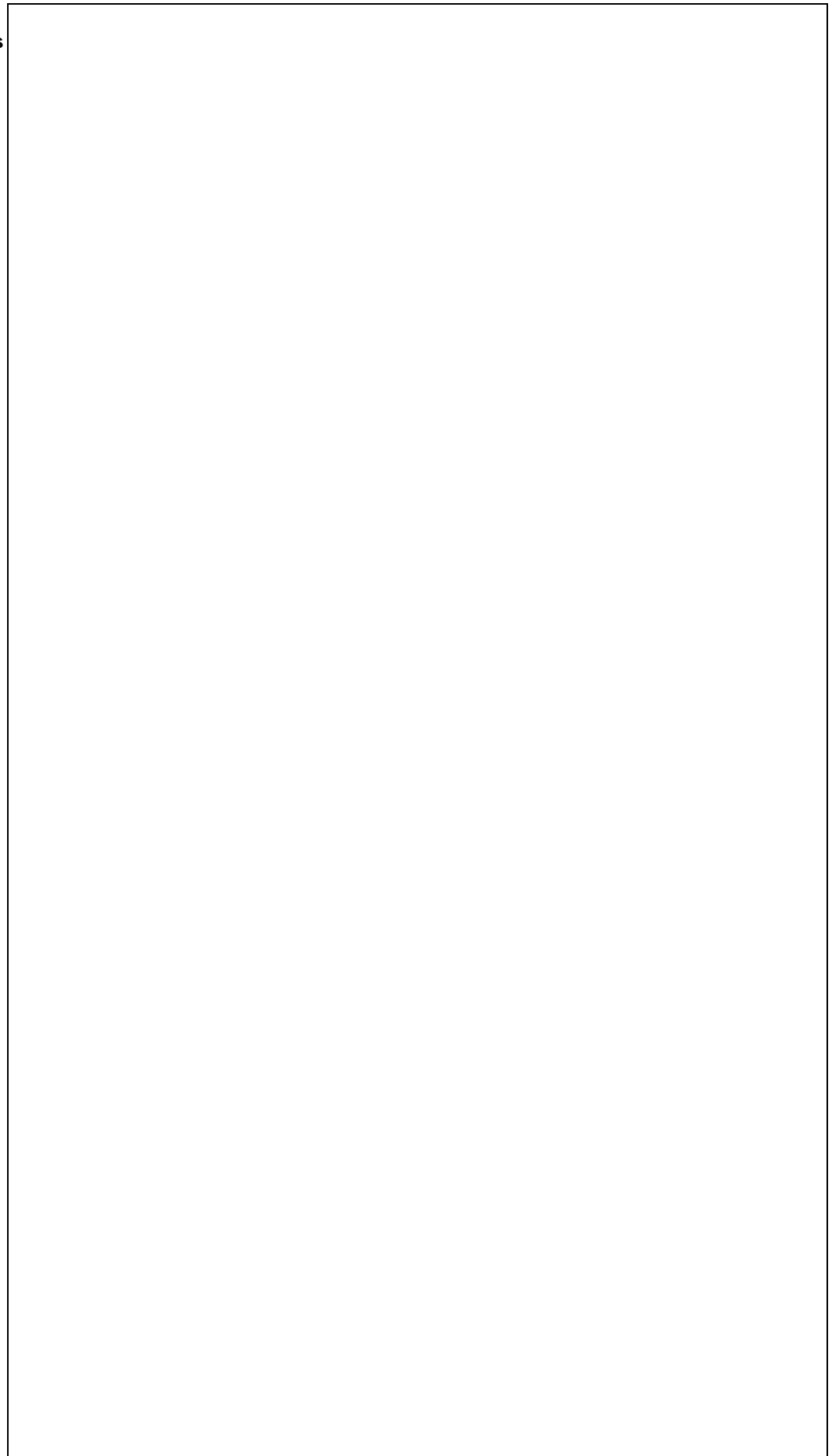
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# Accounts

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## Chairman's Report 2022

2022 has seen a return to almost normal in terms of ease of travel and lack of lockdowns. UCIF has maintained its busy schedule, with camps throughout the year, and over 200 women treated for childbirth injury.

### **January 2022 Kitovu**

Cathrine Reimers and Ishbel Campbell supported this camp, primarily run by Dr Ian Asiimwe with Dr Florence. 70 patients were treated including 20 vvf and 34 tears. The amazing work of Dr Maura Lynch continues to be upheld.

### **March 2022 Kamuli**

Dr Kate Darlow, Ishbel Campbell and Dr Asiimwe headed up this camp. Mobilisation was a little disappointing, with only 15 patients finally processed through screening, but the cases were more complex than usual, and it was a good educative experience for everyone, particularly the Ugandan trainees Dr Tinka Ana and Dr Vincent Medesi.

### **May 2022 Kuluva**

Dr Asiimwe ran a camp here with Dr Fiston, treating 24 patients. This was the first camp in this area. Mobilisation brought a few fistula patients, with more hoping to be reached as successfully treated fistula survivors act as ambassadors to encourage others to attend.

### **June 2022 Kamuli**

Due to the lower numbers in March, it was decided to undertake an extra clinic in Kamuli. Dr Mhairi Collie, Dr Ian Asiimwe, Dr Tinka and Dr Martha plus Christine Wood attended, with Ishbel Campbell coming to supervise the discharge process at the end of the camp. Lesley Reid and Isbeal Uttley also came to help as volunteers. There were 37 patients treated, including 17 vvf. Three patients were found requiring urinary diversion – a complex procedure involving diverting urine permanently into the bowel for patients who are unreconstructable otherwise. Our senior Ugandan nurse Joan Nabbagala kept in contact with these patients so that they could return for this major surgery at the start of the planned camps in October, when the team would be around for 2 weeks to manage any post operative complications.

### **August 2022 Mubende**

Dr Asiimwe and Dr Barageine ran a camp in Dr Matovu's home hospital in Mubende treating 27 patients, (11 fistulae) with 2 trainees. Mubende has unfortunately been in the news this week with the Ebola outbreak. Dr Matovu is bravely treating patients with Ebola but has not contracted it. We were so sad to hear of the demise of an anaesthetist and a theatre nurse, known to the team.

### **October 2022 Kamuli and Tororo**

Dr Collie, Ishbel Campbell, Dr Asimwe and Dr Darlow returned to Kamuli and were delighted to see their 3 diversion patients. These complex operations were undertaken at the start of the camp and the patients were closely watched, with the help of Dr Tinka, Dr Martha and 2 volunteers – Ellie Darlow and Alex Kirk. The patients did very well, and we await their long-term results. A further 34 patients were treated, including 17 VVFs. Two nurses (Betty and Vitalis) from Tororo also came for the week for nurse training prior to the planned camp in their home hospital.

Dr Collie and Ishbel Campbell then travelled to Tororo with Dr Reimers to join Dr Vincent Medeyi at St Anthony's hospital for a camp. Again, mobilisation was not perfect, with a large fairly unselected population of patients waiting. In the end 19 patients underwent surgery, 3 of whom were children with acute complicated problems, and one a very sick 18 year old girl with a fistula and sepsis. The team at St Anthony's were most welcoming, with Betty and Vitalis doing an excellent job on the wards, and there is a good set up for camps. With better mobilisation, this could be a very good venue for fistula camps.

### **2022 Remainder:**

Two further camps are planned in the next 2-3 months, in Kagadi and the refugee camp Kyangwali. Dates may need to be altered depending on the Ebola outbreak. Dr Asimwe will lead these camps, assisted by Dr Fiston.

### **Summary:**

- 229 patients treated plus November camps to come
- 4 advanced trainee surgeons supported to attend camps, trained in fistula surgery (see attached testimony from one, Dr Martha Namugga)
- 4 senior Ugandan fistula surgeons paid to undertake camps

**PLUS:** Special congratulations to Ishbel Campbell for reaching the final of the Scottish Global Health awards – a significant and well-deserved recognition of her efforts.

## **Nurse Training Kamuli Mission Hospital**

A very successful nurse training camp was held at Kamuli Mission Hospital from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October. 3 new nurses were introduced to fistula nurse training. Betty and Vitalis from St Anthony's hospital in Tororo and Morris from Kuluva hospital outside Arua.

All 3 nurses had already attended fistula camps in Uganda but had no formal training in how to look after these patients.

Joan and Joanita, two fistula nurse trainers from Kamuli ran the training programme under the supervision of Ishbel Campbell. The nurses were all given a text book on nursing fistula patients and a competency based training plan.

The majority of the training was by the bedside with hands on teaching on the intricacies involved in looking after patients with fistula and perineal tears. Group teaching sessions were held daily to discuss aspects of nursing care, understanding the injuries sustained by the patients and also other challenges they may face running camps if their own. The group discussions encouraged more in-depth conversation around challenges the students had already experienced and solutions to help manage their problems.

All nurses completed the training programme and agreed to return to their own hospitals to be able to teach their colleagues in fistula nursing care.

Ishbel followed Vitalis and Betty back to Tororo for a camp the following week and was very impressed to see that they put in to practice their teaching from Kamuli. The patients were well looked after and their colleagues were learning from them how to manage the patients.



Charity Name <b>Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund</b>		No (if any) 1099135.00	<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 04/09/2021	To Period end date 03/09/2022	

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	30,040	1,813	-	31,853	20,073
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula Foundation	23,441	-	-	23,441	4,987
Tolkein Trust	25,000	-	-	25,000	30,000
Paypal giving fund	1,222	-	-	1,222	-
Burdett Trust	-	-	-	-	4,370
for Andrew Browning	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax refund	4,876	-	-	4,876	3,740
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>84,578</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,391</b>	<b>63,170</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>84,578</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,391</b>	<b>63,170</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport, visas & accommodation	7,516	-	-	7,516	4,492
Medical supplies/equipment	5,300	-	-	5,300	-
Publications	1,761	-	-	1,761	-
Virika Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital costs	46,857	-	-	46,857	47,100
Bank & Just Giving charges	274	-	-	274	377
Ugandan Restricted Staff Payments	-	2,081	-	2,081	5,800
URICT	-	-	-	-	-
Ugandan Staff payments	10,361	-	-	10,361	8,094
Ugandan Surgeon payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorsip costs	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Misc. Inc post & stationery	1,150	-	-	1,150	7
Donations to patients	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>75,219</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,300</b>	<b>65,870</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>75,219</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,300</b>	<b>65,870</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,359</b>	<b>(268)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,091</b>	<b>(2,700)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	52,780	1,043	-	53,822	56,522
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>62,138</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,914</b>	<b>53,822</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance	62,138	775	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>62,138</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>-</b>
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		SARAH FRASER	16/11/2022



**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/ members of** Charity Name  
Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund

**On accounts for the year ended** 3 September 2022 **Charity no (if any)** 1099135

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**Signed:** *G. P. Talbot* **Date:** 27/10/22

**Name:** Gay Talbot

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

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**UGANDA CHILDBIRTH INJURY FUND**

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# Accounts

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## **Chairman's report Oct 2021**

The most important message from this year oct 20 – oct 21 is that despite Covid, UCIF are continuing to support childbirth injury repair in Uganda. An amazing 234 operations were undertaken in this difficult year, with one of the UCIF international staff present at over half and an excellent job done overall by our Ugandan colleagues.

The other notable achievement for this year for Ishbel Campbell, is the publication of her manual of nursing care for childbirth injury patients. Publication was shared with FIGO (Federation International of Gynaecology and obstetrics) and they have now distributed it to 66 different registered fistula surgeons in 44 different countries. It is currently being translated in Portuguese and French. During the course of this year, we have seen it used as an excellent teaching tool and been impressed at the fast learning of the nurses using it.

### **Activity:**

#### **Mubende and Hoima, November 2020**

These 2 camps were run with some restrictions on numbers due to the lockdown. Nonetheless, Dr Alphons Matovu and Dr Ian Asiimwe managed to treat 30 women with fistula and x with other conditions. They noted that the number of fistulae seems to be on the rise again with poor access to help in childbirth during the strict period of lockdown.

#### **Kitovu Jan 2021**

Unfortunately none of the UCIF international surgeons, nor Dr Michael Breen were able to travel to Uganda in January 2021. Nonetheless, Dr Nabukalu and her team did manage to put on a camp with sponsorship from UCIF. Dr Ian Asiimwe attended, working alongside Dr Florence as per their summary below:

OBSTETRIC FISTULA NARRATIVE REPORT FOR THE 1ST CAMP OF 2021 FROM 3RD – 17TH JANUARY 2021 The first camp of 2021 took off immediately on the arrival of Dr Asiimwe Ivan (Fistula Surgeon from Hoima Hospital) who was joined by Sr Dr Nalubega Florence (Gynaecologist, Fistula Surgeon from Kitovu Hospital) and Dr Kayondo Moses (Fistula Surgeon from Mbarara Referral Hospital). Those three surgeons are among the surgeons trained by our senior consults at Kitovu Fistula Training Program. There were 5 trainees: Dr Kaijamurubi Gregory, Dr Kato K. Paul, Dr Musanje Mathius and two Nurses from Kitovu Hospital. The assessment of patients was done by the 3 surgeons and the trainees throughout the camp. This camp was mainly sponsored by Uganda Child Birth Injury Fund....We appreciate all our funders, they came at the right time as the prices of transport and feeding have been VERY HIGH due to Covid 19 Pandemic, restrictions.

Total number of women: operated 57.

#### **Kamuli March 21**

A very successful camp was held in March in Kamuli. Ishbel Campbell attended the camp on behalf of UCIF. Unfortunately due to travel restrictions caused by covid the rest of the team were unable to join the camp. Dr Ian Asiimwe our Ugandan colleague was lead surgeon for the camp and had 3

surgical trainees to assist him. Dr Fiston, Dr Margaret and Dr Bonnie the Kamuli medical superintendent. Over 40 women were operated on during camp. Uganda Village Project provided food and transport money for the patients. The nursing team was lead by the fistula nurses, Joan and Joanita who are currently in training to become fistula nurse trainers. Sister Rose, Rebecca and Justine completed the nursing team on the ward. It was a very successful camp, run very well by our Ugandan colleagues with an enjoyable evening of food and speeches to celebrate the success of the camp on the last night.

A follow up camp was planned for June, but this had to be cancelled at short notice as Uganda went into strict lockdown.

### **October Kamuli/Kagadi/Kyangwali**

October saw a welcome return to fistula camps for Mhairi Collie and Ishbel Campbell. The team were joined by Isbeal Uttley, volunteer. Despite delays from visas and COVID paperwork for Mhairi and Isbeal, everyone came together in Kamuli. The camp was run by Dr Ian Asimwe, who had brought 2 senior trainees - Dr Medeyi Vincent and Dr Tinka Anna. Dr Bonny Ssere and Dr Margaret from Kamuli were also in attendance. Nurses Ishbel Campbell, Joan Nabbgala and Juanita ran an excellent nurse training program for 4 local nurses (Cissy, Immaculate, Maureen and Rebecca) using the superb Nurse training manual written by Ishbel and recently published. Most nurses need training programs at 2-3 camps to achieve competence in fistula care.

It was a very busy camp with 46 patients having operations, of which 26 were fistula. At the end of the camp, 22 of these patients were dry. There were also 13 patients with faecal incontinence treated successfully with perineal reconstruction. There were 2 other notable patients - one lady who had had a colostomy for 17 years. She was unsure as to why she needed it then and was having a terrible time managing it, using rags only - no colostomy bags available. Her husband left her because of it, and she was unwelcome in society, being always dirty with a bad odour. She had a fairly major operation to reverse it, but recovered well and was then able to pass stool normally - first time for 17 years!

The second lady had a condition which caused her to have a blind vagina, incapable of sexual relations and unable to marry. she had a new vagina made from a part of her bowel by Dr Asimwe and Dr Collie - another very big operation, but she recovered well. She will be closely followed up to see how successful this is longterm.

### **Kagadi**

The Kagadi camp ran for the week beginning Sunday 17 October. This venue was chosen for camps as it is currently very difficult to find enough beds available for camps in the hospitals in Mubende and Hoima. A new theatre bed and trolley were required to be able to run the camp while allowing for emergency Caesarean sections etc to carry on as well. This equipment was sourced by dr asimwe, funded by ucif, and will be used for many other camps in Kagadi.

There was an international team of surgeons including senior trainees from Congo, Somaliland, Kenya and Uganda. It was very inspiring to see all of these surgeons learning techniques in repairing patients - knowledge which they will take back to their home countries to treat patients there. The nurse training program progressed very well with 6 new trainee nurses and Ishbel very pleased

with their quick learning. Isbeal Uttley was invaluable in undertaking the patient transfers from theatre to ward and in helping in theatre.

In terms of cases, there were a huge number of patients treated for faecal incontinence (27), as well as 11 urinary incontinence, including 8 fistula, 3 prolapse cases and one more very young woman who had lost her reproductive organs and most of her vagina following a disastrous childbirth with a ruptured uterus, age only 16. She had a new vagina created from bowel - again a major operation, but one from which she recovered well. The camp went well with very full days to get all of the work done. There were a few extra prolapse cases which could not be accommodated; these ladies were planned for treatment in Mubende in the next few weeks. Challenges to working in Kagadi include insufficient theatre gowns, such that only the operating surgeon could wear a gown and no one for tear operations. Also, there were terrible scissors outside of the special vvf packs, incapable of cutting and no sheets or gowns for the patients, leaving them naked in theatre. We will endeavour to address these challenges and await quotes from Dr Matovu to see how we can assist with future camps.

## Kyangwali

The smaller team of Dr Asiimwe, Dr Collie, Ishbel Campbell and Isbeal Uttley then moved on to Kyangwali UN refugee settlement for a final camp. 120 000 refugees are in the settlement, some of whom have been here since the 1970s. Most are from Congo, some from Rwanda and Sudan. Vehicles sponsored by USAID travel around the settlement's terrible potholed clay roads and bring patients to a small hospital just outside the boundary for treatment as required. The hospital is so small that there is almost no room for the usual emergency and obstetric patients to recover, with beds jammed against one another in the ward. UCIF has donated a large semipermanent tent to be erected on hard standing outside of the ward and used as extra ward space, for camps as well as for general postoperative patients.

In the ward, 2 of the nurses who had undergone training at Kagadi showed excellent organisational skills as well as understanding of the niceties of nursing fistula patients. Teaching of 3 other nurses continued at Kyangwali. Ishbel felt that the standard of nursing care was very high.

Within theatre, 15 cases were done, including 2 fistula and 5 tears. The 3 medical officers who work at the hospital attended for general surgical training and to assist in the cases. There was one case of post operative bleeding who had to return to theatre, but was fine after that. There were no other issues.

## **2021 remainder**

Two further camps are planned by Dr Matovu and Dr Asiimwe in the next 2 months.

There remain many women with life altering injuries from childbirth requiring assistance in Uganda. Poor access to hospitals and healthcare during the lockdown has certainly exacerbated the problem- our UVP colleagues looking for and looking after fistula patients in the rural areas confirmed that they have many more cases awaiting the next camp, and many of these are teenagers.

## **Summary**

Despite Covid problems, a lot of work has been done this year, something to be proud of. The country has suffered significantly from Covid, and also from the poor access to hospital during lockdown. All reports suggest an increased incidence of childbirth injury.

The publication of Ishbel Campbell's nursing manual has been a huge boon this year, and will continue to be vital in improving nursing care for fistula patients in Uganda and throughout Africa.

We are forging ahead with the nurse and surgeon training programs as part of our long term vision. We hope that 2022 will see more work done by Ugandan and international teams in concert, more training opportunities for young Uganda nurses and doctors and fewer covid related problems.

### **2022 plans**

For 2022, we hope to run 2 camps in Kamuli, 2 in Kagadi, and 2 others venue to be decided between Mubende, Mbale and Fort Portal. We also expect to sponsor the January Kitovu camp.

We are working with Dr Matovu and Dr Asiimwe on addressing the perennial problem of bringing trainees on to standard and then advanced level. There are still only a few people around with the necessary surgical skills as well as the drive to undertake this challenging work. We need to do all we can to support them educationally and financially so that this vital work can continue and that these patients, surely amongst the world's most unfortunate and miserable, can be treated.



Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund			Receipts and payments accounts		CC16a
For the period from	04/09/2020	To	03/09/2021		

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	17,974	2,099	-	20,073	24,467
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula Foundation	4,987	-	-	4,987	12,978
Tolkein Trust	30,000	-	-	30,000	30,000
Paypal giving fund	-	-	-	-	149
Burdett Trust	-	4,370	-	4,370	-
for Andrew Browning	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax refund	3,740	-	-	3,740	2,417
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56,702</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,170</b>	<b>70,010</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,702</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,170</b>	<b>70,010</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport, visas & accommodation	4,492	-	-	4,492	7,836
Medical supplies/equipment	-	-	-	-	144
Publications	-	-	-	-	-
Virika Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital costs	47,100	-	-	47,100	38,480
Bank & Just Giving charges	377	-	-	377	350
Ugandan Restricted Staff Payments	-	5,800	-	5,800	5,574
URICT	-	-	-	-	-
Ugandan Staff payments	2,734	-	-	2,734	2,036
Ugandan Surgeon payments	5,360	-	-	5,360	1,780
Sponsorsip costs	-	-	-	-	6,000
Misc. Inc post & stationery	7	-	-	7	109
Donations to patients	-	-	-	-	60
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>60,070</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,870</b>	<b>62,369</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>60,070</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,870</b>	<b>62,369</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(3,369)</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,700)</b>	<b>7,641</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>56,148</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,522</b>	<b>48,881</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>52,780</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,822</b>	<b>56,522</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance	52,780	1,043	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>52,780</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>-</b>

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Sarah E Fraser</i>	SARAH FRASER	25/11/2021



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund

On accounts for the year ended 3 September 2021 Charity no (if any) 1099135

Set out on pages 1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 04/11/21

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