

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 Asiimwe 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 Asiimwe 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 Asiimwe 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		No (if any)		CC16a
Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund		1099135.00		
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	04/09/2022		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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
Sub total	86,525	3,960	-	90,485	86,391
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,525	3,960	-	90,485	86,391
A3 Payments					
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	75,128	2,107	-	77,236	77,300
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	75,128	2,107	-	77,236	77,300
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,397	1,853	-	13,250	9,091
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,138	775	-	62,914	53,822
Cash funds this year end	73,535	2,628	-	76,163	62,914

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	73,535	2,628	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	73,535	2,628	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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

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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 Acthave 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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any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.