

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 Somali 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.



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	
	04/09/2023		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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
Sub total	64,325	18,410	-	82,735	90,485
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,325	18,410	-	82,735	90,485
A3 Payments					
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	72,799	18,960	-	91,759	77,236
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,799	18,960	-	91,759	77,236
Net of receipts/(payments)	(8,474)	(550)	-	(9,024)	13,250
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73,535	2,628	-	76,163	62,914
Cash funds this year end	65,062	2,077	-	67,139	76,163

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	65,062	2,077	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	65,062	2,077	-
		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	



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

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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:

G. P. Talbot

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29/10/24

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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.