

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 wvf. 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		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	
	04/09/2024		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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
Sub total	97,959	16,644	-	114,603	82,735
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	97,959	16,644	-	114,603	82,735
A3 Payments					
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,104	16,332	-	76,436	91,759
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,104	16,332	-	76,436	91,759
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,854	313	-	38,167	(9,024)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,062	2,077	-	67,139	76,163
Cash funds this year end	102,916	2,390	-	105,306	67,139

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	102,916	2,390	-
	Less chqs/tfrs not cashed	-	-	-
	plus donations not cleared	-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	102,916	2,390	-
		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

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 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:

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