

GLOBAL REHABILITATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1178992

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-06-29

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF NEED FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT PHYSICAL AND COMPLEX DISABILITIES IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES BY THE PROMOTION OF BETTER REHABILITATION SERVICES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY SHARING OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, TEACHING, TRAINING, ADVOCACY AND UNDERTAKING RESEARCH AND FACILITATING LINKS FOR ACHIEVING THE SAME WITH OTHER REPUTED ORGANISATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

Activities: Charity works in the area of Training, research and development of rehabilitation services in Madagascar. This improves the medical care of people with long term neurological conditions such as stroke, spinal cord injuries, amputee rehabilitation etc. The charity also envisages to run a diploma program in rehabilitation medicine in collaboration in Antananarivo University.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- India
- Madagascar
- Tanzania

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,333	£4,082	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,412	£11,113	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,236	£4,973	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,427	£3,400	-	-
2021-03-31	£8,825	£1,617	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PROFESSOR RORY JAMES O'CONNOR	Chair	2018-06-29
Dr Ramaswamy Pankajam Hariharan		2018-06-29
Dr STEPHEN JOHN HALPIN		2018-06-29
Dr Simone Eve Doctors		2018-06-29
PROFESSOR MARCELLA ANNE LINTOTT		2018-06-29

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Activities in the year 2024-25

Following on from the success of reconnection with AMPR Mada (the Association of Rehabilitation Medicine in Madagascar) over the last year, the main activity of the group was to assist in a conference for management of persons with spinal cord lesions in April 2024 in Antananarivo. This was held over 5 days, and involved lectures on aspects of spinal injuries care, workshops, service user engagement and home visits. Specifically, AMPR facilitated a workshop with live links from various global rehabilitation centres, workshops on urological management post spinal injury and leadership. The response from AMPR was very positive.

Regular trustee meetings took place to discuss the ongoing contact with colleagues in Madagascar. Due to the complexities of obtaining a safe mechanism of transfer of funds, the sponsoring of internet connection for members of AMPR Mada has not continued.

Please find below the financial report of the charity for the financial year 2024-2025

Statement of Financial Position

Receipts	
Donations	5305.05
Fundraising	0
Grants	0
Other	1027.60
Payments	
Salaries	0
Fundraising	0
Travel	0
Training [Internet]	3938.38
Admin.	144

Other	0
Surplus/(Deficit)	2250.27
Fixed Assets	0
Opening Funds	10762.55
Closing Funds	13012.82
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2025	13012.82

Proposed activities for 2025 – 2026:

GR will continue to provide educational input for rehabilitation professionals, and our biggest area of activity is in Madagascar through support of AMPR Mada. The situation is extremely challenging for professionals in Madagascar in view of the political instability, lack of resources and brain drain. We will seek to continue to engage in discussions and support education of rehabilitation doctors.

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Activities in the year 2023-24

This has been a fruitful year of connection, particularly with our partners in Madagascar. In October 2023, AMPR Mada (the Association of Rehabilitation Medicine in Madagascar) celebrated the 10th anniversary of its creation, following the training of eight doctors in rehabilitation medicine by Prof Anne Chamberlain and colleagues from Opt In, the precursor to Global Rehabilitation in 2011-13. 2 members had the privilege of attending this to celebrate the occasion. Face to face contact with our partners was a useful opportunity to reconnect after 4 years of mainly online input. The members also took the opportunity to link in with other partner organisations working in Madagascar, including Humanity and Inclusion, and CBM. There remain significant challenges for rehabilitation services in Madagascar, including the cost of access, lack of materials and staff shortages due to hiring freeze and a brain drain. This is exacerbated by the international context, including the diversion of partner organisations' resources, due to the war in Ukraine.

We have continued to sponsor internet connection for members of AMPR Mada. This has facilitated zoom meetings, to include meetings with the leaders of AMPR Mada, as well as 3 sessions of medical case based discussions of patients with spinal injuries. A survey of the use of internet suggested that our members find the connection extremely useful for accessing medical knowledge and networking.

We have been joined by new 3 new talented and passionate doctors. This will enable new energy and ideas moving forward. Specifically, we will plan to increase links with rehabilitation in Nigeria, and development of the GR website.

Fundraising events included a night of wild Irish story telling in October 2023, which provided entertainment and an opportunity to describe the work to an audience of around 40 people.

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Receipts	
Donations	2412.65
Fundraising	0
Grants	0
Other	0

Total Receipts	2412.65
Payments	
Salaries	0
Fundraising	524.89
Travel	2897.29
Training [Internet]	7691.6
Admin.	0
Other	0
Total Payments	11113.78
Surplus/(Deficit)	-8701.13
Fixed Assets	0
Opening Funds	19463.68
Closing Funds	10762.55
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2024	10762.55

Proposed activities for 2024 – 2025:

GR will continue to provide educational input for rehabilitation professionals, and our biggest area of activity is in Madagascar through support of AMPR Mada. Currently this includes financial support through provision of internet.

GR will support a conference on spinal injuries, held in Antananarivo in spring of 2024. This will include workshops on aspects of management of spinal injuries, networking with other nations, and the opportunity to refresh communication through in person meetings.

We are encouraging younger and passionate individuals to join our meetings, and we are committed to growing and adapting to need. We are planning to modernise the GR website and consider novel methods of fundraising.

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Activities in the year 2022-23

There is continuing request to provide further training for the rehab team that includes doctors, therapists and nurses who are now attempting to run rehabilitation departments in the regions. However, due to the ongoing pandemic face-to-face training programmes have been put on hold. For the same reason, due to the Covid pandemic, Global Rehabilitation's support to rehabilitation doctors in Madagascar had to move online and we are exploring new ways of supporting our Malagasy colleagues using internet- and phone-based technologies.

We have all become much more dependent on the internet since the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and have got used to holding meetings, attending family reunions, and learning online. This cannot be achieved without a reliable internet connection which unfortunately remains to be the situation of many of our Malagasy colleagues. We at Global Rehabilitation are aware how important a sufficiently fast and reliable internet connection is to our partners, and we have been helping provide them with this vital tool. We have been providing financial support to our colleagues in Madagascar to get uninterrupted internet access and are continuing to do so. We are submitting the expenses incurred for this along with the returns this year and will do the same next year. Having internet connection has enabled GR to have zoom meetings with the Malagasy colleagues to plan further service developments and academic activities. Using the internet connection allows AMPR members to directly access educational resources they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

The charity was unable to carry out any of the proposed plans for fund raising events due to the various unforeseen circumstances that included having to cancel a fund-raising event at the last minute due to adverse weather incurring some financial loss. One of our trustees, Prof Anne Chamberlain, put up a stall at the local Farmers market at Oakwood, in October 2022. This brought lots of enquiries about what GR does and nice discussions with people who had been to Madagascar or Mauritius, and a few sales of Malagasy trivia.

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Statement of Financial Position

Receipts	
Donations	3236.00
Fundraising	0.00
Grants	0.00
Other	0.00
Payments	
Salaries	0.00
Fundraising	0.00
Travel	00.00
Training [Internet]	4592.00
Admin.	381.00
Other	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-1737.00
Fixed Assets	0.00
Opening Funds	21,200.00
Closing Funds	19,463.00
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2023	19,463.00

Proposed activities for 2023 – 2024:

The charity continues to work with the Malagasy team to plan and develop further training in Rehabilitation Medicine. Discussions are still ongoing with the Madagascar colleagues and the university of Antananarivo to formulate a curriculum to run a second diploma programme in Rehabilitation medicine. This time it will be delivered jointly by trainers from Yorkshire and by the Malagasy team, many of whom are graduates of the first diploma and, as the first cohort of Malagasy rehabilitation doctors, have gone on to form a dynamic association of rehabilitation medicine (AMPR-Mada), conduct research and publish papers. We have been able to make slow progress in this area due to the Malagasy team being busy dealing with natural disasters like a heavy cyclone causing a lot of flooding affecting not just service delivery but impacting on the daily routines of many professionals.

The AMPR wish to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their association in August 2023. It has been agreed that atleast 2 of the GR trustees will travel to Madagascar to help run the celebration and use the opportunity to discuss future training and service development programmes. The details of this event will be presented in the next report.

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On Monday, December 12, 2022, GR had an excellent round table discussion on learning, virtual, face to face and hybrid.

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Statement of Financial Position

Receipts	
Donations	3427.00
Fundraising	0.00
Grants	0.00
Other	0.00
Payments	
Salaries	0.00
Fundraising	0.00
Travel	
Training	3216.48
Admin.	184.00
Other	0.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	
Fixed Assets	0.00
Opening Funds	21,173.34
Closing Funds	21,200.35
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2022	21,200.35

Proposed activities for 2022 - 2023:

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Activities in the year 2020

We had been requested by the Madagascar Ministry of Health to return in late 2020 to begin a second mid-level diploma course for doctors without specialist training who are now attempting to run rehabilitation departments in the regions. We were also to help the physiotherapists in their teams and perhaps the first occupational therapists in the country, who are trained but not employed, due to lack of funds. The training provided by Global Rehabilitation is estimated to cost some £12,000 per year over two years. This is excellent value for money, since the total cost of training one person is only £1,000 (or £200 for each 2-week training visit or just £18 per day). This is possible because volunteer trainers, who are doctors, physiotherapists and occupational therapists working in the UK, prepare the teaching in their own time before they travel and live in simple accommodation when in Madagascar. However due to the ongoing pandemic the training had to be put on hold.

Due to the Covid pandemic, Global Rehabilitation's support to rehabilitation doctors in Madagascar has had to move online and we are exploring new ways of supporting our Malagasy colleagues using internet- and phone-based technologies. The charity was unable to carry out any of the proposed plans for fund raising events due to the pandemic. However, donations have continued to be received.

We are all aware of how much more dependent we are on the internet since the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and have got used to holding meetings, attending family reunions, and learning online. But imagine the challenges of being a doctor – not to mention a doctor undertaking further training and professional development, attending professional meetings, etc., – without a reliable internet connection. This is the situation of many of our Malagasy colleagues and of the cohort of doctors who will study with us for the second University Diploma. We at Global Rehabilitation are aware how important a sufficiently fast and reliable internet connection is to our partners, and took the decision to provide them with this vital tool. In Madagascar most people have expensive pay-as-you-go packages; paying up-front is much cheaper but beyond the reach of most of our doctor and physiotherapist colleagues. The cost of providing a good package for one household is £7.50 for 3 months; £15.00 for 6 months; £22.50 for 9 months; £27.50 for 12 months. We have decided to provide financial support our colleagues in Madagascar to get uninterrupted internet access for one year, then to review to assess whether this support achieved its objectives. We will be submitting financial details of this along with the returns next year.

Please find below the financial report of the charity for the financial year 2020-21

Statement of Financial Position

Receipts	
Donations	5,035.57
Fundraising	978.83
Grants	0.00
Other	2,811.00
	8,825.40
Payments	
Salaries	0.00
Fundraising	0.00
Travel	0.00
Training	0.00
Admin.	180.00
Other	1,436.84
	1,616.84
Surplus/ (Deficit)	7,208.56
Fixed Assets	0.00
Opening Funds	13,964.7 8
Closing Funds	21,173.3 4
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2021	21,173.3 4

Proposed activities for 2021 – 2022:

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