

**Footwork UK**  
**Annual Report**  
**20/12/2021 - 31/07/2022**

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Charity Name:</b>	FOOTWORK UK
<b>Charity Number:</b>	1197231
<b>Address:</b>	Brighton & Sussex Medical School, University of Sussex, Falmer, BRIGHTON, BN1 9PX
<b>Trustees:</b>	Asrat Mengiste Mergia  Dr Lucinda Claire Fuller  Professor Gail Davey OBE  Grethe Lykou Petersen  Nancy Lee  Melanie Anning
<b>Delegation:</b>	Certain administrative and communications tasks are delegated to Tom Barker, Michael Edmonds, Alice Ellis and Esther Garibay.
<b>Organisations:</b>	Brighton & Sussex Medical School provided infrastructure support such as internet calls.
<b>Properties:</b>	There are no properties held by the charity at this time.

## **Structure, governance and management.**

Footwork UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its Trustees. The CIO is governed by the Constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

The Trustees named above are inception Trustees. Footwork UK will seek additional Trustees and a Chair of Trustees according to Terms of Reference dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Footwork UK does not currently have any employees.

## **Financial Report**

During the period reported, Footwork UK received no income and had no expenditure. All activities were performed by the Trustees without payments being made. Neither Footwork UK nor Trustees act as custodians for any funds.

## **Exemptions from disclosure**

There are no Exemptions from disclosure at this time.

## **The Objects of the CIO**

To relieve sickness and advance the good health of those affected by podoconiosis and other skin-related Neglected Tropical Diseases in Africa, Asia and Latin America, or in any other part of the world where such a disease occurs, in particular but not exclusively by:

- a. bringing together national, regional and global actors to strengthen coordination, collaboration and mutual learning;
- b. supporting more endemic country governments and non-government organisations to develop NTD Master Plans and long-term health strategies, enabling better access to, and integration of, care;
- c. harnessing evidence-based advocacy to accelerate the adoption and scale-up of interventions for treatment and prevention; and
- d. providing education and training to reduce stigma and address the social and economic impacts of the disease.

## **Activities.**

Footwork UK was formed to bring together national, regional and global actors to strengthen coordination and mutual learning; support endemic country governments to develop Neglected Tropical Disease Master Plans, enabling better access to, and integration of, care for people affected by podoconiosis; harness evidence-based advocacy to accelerate the

adoption and scale-up of interventions for treatment and prevention; and provide education and training to reduce stigma.

## **Achievements and performance.**

Since registration as a CIO in December 2021, Footwork UK has focused on resource mobilisation to enable the organisation to reach its objectives. Board Meetings were held in March and July 2022. The following activities were conducted –

### Fundraising

- Resources for rapid briefing including Case for Support developed
- Fundraising strategy agreed
- Discussions with two potential funders (IZUMI Foundation and CRI Foundation) held
- Communications sub-group formed

### Governance

- Board guidelines finalised
- Donations policy finalised

### Trustee Actions

Dr Asrat Mengiste Mergia was appointed Chair of the LF/Podo Disease-Specific Group of the Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network (NNN <https://www.ntd-ngonetwork.org/about/nnn-structure/disease-specific-groups>), a global network of more than 80 NGOs working on conditions like podoconiosis. Dr L Claire Fuller is Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD, [www.ifd.org](http://www.ifd.org)) and on the board of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) ([www.ilds.org](http://www.ilds.org)). In these roles, she contributes to WHO work on the Skin-related Neglected Tropical Diseases. Prof Gail Davey was asked by WHO to develop an online training course for community health workers on podoconiosis (at <https://openwho.org/courses/NTDs-podoconiosis-EN>). Melanie Anning has used multiple social media opportunities to promote stories about podoconiosis. Grethe Lykou Petersen and Nancy Lee have scoped grant opportunities and reviewed proposals submitted to IZUMI Foundation and CRI Foundation. Dr Asrat and Prof Davey conducted a follow-up call with CRI Foundation.

The public benefits of these actions have been i) to equip global actors including WHO and NNN to support training of healthcare workers on prevention and treatment of podoconiosis; ii) to increase awareness of podoconiosis in endemic countries and the UK; and iii) to initiate conversations with funders aimed at securing future funding.

The trustees therefore confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers.