



### Koladiba Health Centre

Christine reported that they were continuing with the maternal health work with more training planned and that they would be going ahead supporting the pilot project. She also reported that she would be visiting Gondar from the 10<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October with Sandra Kemp. Nichole to arrange flights asap.

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Mark Woodland reported that his Rotary Club had approved funding of £2130 for the Pilot Project.

### Mental Health

Jan reported that the Psychiatric Unit was now up and running. Heather would be visiting from 10<sup>th</sup> October along with Clay Frake and his wife Karen visiting who would be working on the Community Based Rehabilitation programme and in particular the under 18 disability group. Jan also reported that Lynn Wroe along with some colleagues from a specialist team at LPT would be visiting from 2 November to deliver some training in restraining and de-escalation and techniques to manage violent patients.

### Infection Prevention and Control

Heather reported in Sandra's absence that unfortunately the THET bid to support this project had been unsuccessful and the reason for this was cited as poor communications. She will be visiting Gondar from the 10<sup>th</sup> October to speak to colleagues in Gondar and firstly to decide if we would like a review into the decision and secondly to look into other avenues for funding.

### Orthopaedics

Laurence Wicks reported that he had recently returned from running trauma courses in Gondar with Dr Mensur and that they had ran the course twice, training individuals to run the course as well. There are now 6 trained instructors in Gondar and it was planned to become part of mandatory training.

Laurence informed the group that there was a Link in Trauma Surgery with a Dr Richard Simons from Vancouver, who was originally from Leicester and they are developing a trauma unit.

Laurence thinks it would be more beneficial for us to concentrate on developing a separate orthopaedic unit. There are only 65 specialist orthopaedic surgeons in Ethiopia.

Laurence mentioned that he was planning to take a team out next year and would start to see who was interested to support the programme. He would also be looking at grants to support the project and would be looking to develop links for individuals in Gondar to visit Addis for training.

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Mike mentioned the work that Jane and Peter Aires had been doing in the operating theatres. Although their project was planned to focus on Gynae theatres in the first instance moving forward, Mike suggested they would be good contacts as they had been working with the main theatres and could possibly help him avoid similar pitfalls. Nichole agreed to give Laurence Peter and Jane's email addresses.

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### Histopathology

Tony sent the following report in his absence:

The cassettes and blades that have been requested from Gondar have been acquired and are in the process of being transported. Contact has been

	<p>resumed with laboratory staff in Gondar so a list of questions and queries to be asked on the next visit are being drawn up.</p> <p><u>Ophthalmology</u> Geoff in his absence reported that Mulusew was working hard on his research which was in conjunction with and funded to Professor Guilbert at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Geoff reported that the proposal had been written regarding a survey into the causes of blindness in schools, it was also looking at developing an audit of chi cataract operations with a plan to then conduct a population based survey in the community. Geoff reported that he would visit Gondar during the survey stage sometime between February and April 2015.</p> <p><u>Strengthening Surgical Capacity</u> Jane and Peter reported in their absence that Dr Kiros was now the 5<sup>th</sup> person that they had been given as a contact for the Obs and Gynae theatres it was planned to focus on, but there had still not been any response despite promises to respond. Peter and Jane are hoping that Heather can encourage Dr Kiros to respond and help this project move forward during her visit to Gondar on the 10<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	HD
5.	<p><b>Communications Strategy</b> Following the failure of the THET bid due to the reason of poor communications, it was discussed at the HALE trustee meeting and they agreed that the charity/Link should have a communications strategy which should be built into project plans. It was agreed that Heather would discuss this in Gondar during her forthcoming visit and then together with Nichole and Emmilie (via email) will put together a strategy looking to support the management of projects via maximising 2 way communications.</p>	HD
6.	<p><b>Fundraising</b> Peter reported that they had held a very successful Jazz Evening which was well attended and raised approximately £600.</p> <p>Christine thanked Mark Woodland and the Leicester De Montfort Rotary Club for their continued support.</p> <p><u>Grant Applications</u> Link members were encouraged to be more proactive with grant applications enabling projects to be supported for longer with larger amounts.</p> <p><u>AlterNativity</u> Christine reported that she had been invited to join Alternativity at Hinckley Church for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year. This is where people buy alternative gifts to support charities.</p> <p><u>Flute Choir</u> Mike reported that his flute choir would be happy to play at an event to support fundraising, but that they would need help with the organisation.</p> <p><u>Charity Curry</u> Nichole mentioned that she would look into booking another charity curry at the Cuisine of India which has proved successful in the past.</p>	ALL       MS/EC  NB
7.	<p><b>Finance</b> Peter reported that Project Accounts had been sent around to project leads</p>	

<p>with overviews sent to all. These updates would continue to be sent out just after statements are received, to keep project leads up to date.</p> <p>Peter also reported that the charity accounts for the year 2013-14 were being scrutinised at the moment.</p> <p><u>Administration</u> Peter reported that there is a shortfall of £3000 for administration up to May 2015 even after the agreed 15% had been taken from each project. It was decided to look towards dormant accounts in the short-term but it was agreed that a sustainable solution had to be found. It was suggest possibly looking towards comic relief who often support projects in some of our areas of interest.</p> <p>Mike agreed to speak to Rebecca Brown who initially headed up the Children’s Ward project which continues to receive funding, with no lead or activitiy, to see if this can support the shortfall in Administration this year.</p> <p><u>Other Partnerships</u> Heather suggested possibly approaching others who were funding projects in your area and it was suggested to approach Solomon to provide details of other partnerships.</p> <p><u>Give as you Live</u> Nichole reminded individuals that this service can provide free funding for charities and we are signed up for it. This collects donations which are a percentage of spend spent online at certain retailers. Nichole agreed to send around information on how to sign up.</p>	<p>ALL TO NOTE</p> <p>MS</p> <p>ALL TO NOTE</p> <p>NB</p>
<p>8. <b>Any Other Business</b> Nichole reported that she had recently spoken to Jean Bailey who wanted Link members to know that she would be in Gondar from 5<sup>th</sup> October for 3 weeks and is happy to help in any way she can.</p> <p><u>Electives Convener</u> Dan reported that there was now a new medical electives convener at the Leicester Medical School - Dr Jonathan Hales. Jonathan is happy to promote the idea of students taking electives in Gondar and will ensure that details are added to the list and that this is promoted early in the Medical Student cycle.</p> <p><u>DMU Student Electives</u> Mike reported that Carol Greenway at De Montfort University was keen to bring health students from DMU into the electives system at Gondar but that it was planned that these would be in a structured group visit.</p> <p><u>Equipment Seizures in Addis</u> Nick Brown raised concerns about his equipment which he would need to carry with him to Gondar in order for his visit to be worthwhile. Nichole agreed to contact the Ministry of Health for help/support with this. She will also try to help with the issue of the donated equipment which was impounded in Addis on Laurence’s recent visit.</p> <p><u>Grant Support Group</u> Mike suggested putting together a support group of individuals who had experience of grant writing to aid future grant applications and increase the chance of success. Mike offered his support in revising and supporting applications, Emmilie also agreed to help. It was also suggested to approach</p>	<p>NB</p>

	<p>Mark Goodwin at the University as well as Barrie Rathbone, who both have experience with grant writing. Mike agreed to contact Barrie and Mark. All were reminded that applications need to be timely to allow plenty of time for advice and any rewriting necessary. Heather mentioned that the Mental Health group may have a financial expert to help with funding parts of grant applications and she agreed to make contact.</p>	<p>MS ALL TO NOTE HD</p>
9.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - Venue tbc</p>	<p>ALL TO NOTE</p>