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Dear Colleagues, Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Zimbabwe Network for Health (ZimHealth-Europe) I would like to thank you for your generous donations and the purchases you made during the fundraising event held on 3 October at the Holy Trinity Church Hall in Geneva. Your commitment to helping overhaul some of the health-care clinics in Zimbabwe is sincerely appreciated.

Your contributions in the form of donations and purchases of all the items that were on auction during the function raised just over 4,000 Swiss francs. ZimHealth continued to receive donations linked to this event amounting to 1,130 Swiss francs, as of today, from people who were not able to join us at the function. We estimate that the final total figure of donations for this event will be just over 5,000 Swiss francs.

We are pleased to report that, based on this collection, ZimHealth immediately increased the quantity of clinical items for the Pelandaba clinic from about US\$ 6,000 to US\$ 10,000 worth. Some of the items we were able to add on were a petrol engine-generator to keep the electricity running for the clinic when there is a power outage (a frequent occurrence in Zimbabwe at the moment), clinic thermometers were increased from 20 to 100, dental syringes were added, as requested, to enable dental services to resume and glucometers were added to enable the monitoring of blood glucose concentrations. These items, among others, would not have been procured at this stage without these donations. The order has already been placed and the items should be at the clinic in Bulawayo in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Details of the needs for this clinic and the items procured will soon be made available on the projects page of the ZimHealth website, <u>http://www.zimhealth.org/</u>

With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will soon see tangible improvements in the delivery of health services at the Edith Opperman Maternity Hospital in Harare and the Pelandaba clinic in Bulawayo.

To enable us to keep you up to date with our projects and with what has been done with your donations, we intend to send you information by e-mail on a regular basis. You may also



access updated information by visiting the website. However, should you wish your name to be removed from our frequent mailing list, please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail to that effect, and we will contact you only for major events and important meetings.

Please be advised that we shall be sending out personal certificates indicating your donated amounts should you wish to use them for tax purposes.

Thank you again for your generous support of our efforts to provide assistance towards quality health services in Zimbabwe.

Best wishes,

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