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Chairman's foreword

This was my third year as Chairman of ZimHealth and I am very pleased indeed to present the foreword to our sixth annual report. When ZimHealth was born in 2008 our founding members anticipated that in a few years' time life in Zimbabwe would be different. Six years later we continue to mature as an organisation. How quickly time passes.

This Annual Report provides an overview of the work of ZimHealth Europe from January 2014 to December 2014.

I would like to recognize and acknowledge the incredible efforts of the Executive Committee and many members who work behind the scenes year on end, neither seeking public recognition nor remuneration. I am humbled. Our general membership currently stands at 79 with regular monthly monetary contributions coming from only 13 of us.

While I take pride in the privilege of serving with fellow volunteers, I also acknowledge the tremendous challenges we again faced in fundraising during 2014. We however managed to cast our fundraising net further and engaged new benefactors. Old partnerships continued and exciting new ones were developed.

During 2014 we scored a few firsts. Firstly, we initiated our biggest single project in terms of total cost offering direct support for infrastructure development at Mabvuku Polyclinic in Harare. Our partner, the City of Harare, is developing a centre of excellence through expansion of existing facilities. This project also presents the first time that ZimHealth has signed a Memorandum of Agreement towards implementation of a project.

My high point for the year was, however, an even bigger and better annual fundraising event supported by a brilliant musical performance and fashion show showcasing some of the best that Africa is producing.

Changes to our website and more presence on social media remained as work in progress towards the end of the year. I am grateful to the social media community for their support and promotion of our messages and call to action.

In Zimbabwe, there was relatively good momentum from our "new" boots on the ground as we had a fair number of returnees.

I would also like to thank our benefactors, individual and institutional, for entrusting us with your valued donations. Your committee does not take this responsibility lightly and this is reflected in our continued efforts to limit administrative costs to the barest minimum.

As you read this report, I cordially invite you to reflect on our activities in responding to the continued poor state of the Zimbabwe health situation, especially for mothers and young children.

Rutendo Kuwana
Chairman – ZimHealth Europe 2014

About ZimHealth

The Zimbabwe Network for Health - Europe (ZimHealth) is a non-governmental, apolitical association registered in Geneva, founded by Zimbabweans as a not-for-profit organization. We seek to mobilize the support of Zimbabweans and friends of Zimbabwe worldwide, as well as other interested individuals, agencies and development agencies to support the rehabilitation of quality health-care provision in Zimbabwe.

We seek to make a difference in Zimbabwe by utilising a transparent and highly targeted system, to procure and distribute medical and non- medical commodities and essential equipment to rehabilitate the health facilities in Zimbabwe. We also seek to inform and engage interested stakeholders about the needs, successes and impact of the support to the health-care system in Zimbabwe

Administration

All members of ZimHealth work as volunteers; the organization therefore has no administrative overheads. This means that all money raised is spent on buying medical equipment for health centres in Zimbabwe. For example to maintain this status, current and former members of the Executive Committee donated to a fund created to carry the expenses for the annual fundraiser and agreed to be reimbursed only if profits from the event met targets.

In 2014 we lost our office base at Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research and continue to use members' home addresses and other venues for executive meetings. Going forward, this may result in Zimhealth incurring administrative costs for office and meeting space.

Project Support

The publicly-supported primary health care (PHC) system in Zimbabwe constitutes 78% of all health facilities and is the main vehicle through which health care programmes are implemented in the country. Overall, it is intended for patients to first present themselves at primary care facilities and then move up via referrals to the appropriate level of the health care system.

Child health status indicators have deteriorated in the past decade with infant mortality and under-5 mortality rates rising from 53 and 77 per 1000 live births in 1994, to 60 and 86 per 1000 live births respectively in 2009. By 2011, these indicators had not improved and were 57 per 1000 and 84 per 1000 live births (Zimbabwe Demographic and Health Survey ZDHS, 2010-2011). This had a significant bearing on ZimHealth prioritizing maternal and child health.

The health system has remained partially functional. Many clinics are reasonably well-staffed with nurses and nurse assistants although there is still an overall shortage of doctors. Medicine supplies have improved, but equipment is still lacking – so we continued mainly with equipment support.

The Project Management and Liaison sub-committee reviewed and recommended support to requests from 5 health institutions, namely Chibi Mission Clinic, Makambe Clinic, Zimuto Mission Clinic, Zvamabande Rural Hospital, Karanda Mission Hospital. Two other mission hospitals could not be supported due to resource limitations.

Common cross cutting critical factors and constraints noted for all new and ongoing projects included continued severe funding gaps – lack of financial support from government, local community and development agencies to support new and ongoing activities and infrastructure. There was also general limited community capacity to participate in rehabilitating facilities.

Impact and Notable Benefits

In addition to considering new projects as and when they are received, the Committee worked towards ensuring that all outstanding handovers and stenciling were completed in a timely manner. The collaboration of the ZimHealth team on the ground in Zimbabwe was therefore critical to strengthen Zimhealth's Monitoring and Evaluation of existing projects.

ZimHealth is frequently told that our intervention leads to improved staff morale due to our facilitation of better work environments. This flows from ZimHealth's provision of medical and surgical equipment and supplies in addition to simple gadgets such as tea urns to upgrade facilities for staff.

To augment the support given by ZimHealth, in some instances the local community, general public and the private sector have also contributed in their own ways to support the health facilities by fundraising and offering maintenance services. In the Midlands Province, for example, mining companies contributed directly to local health facilities.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Each of the clinics has been visited at least once since being supported by ZimHealth. Reports of visits are tabled at Executive Committee meetings. We have a very dynamic and expanding local volunteer network in Zimbabwe. This team monitors and evaluates our projects. Their reports and feedback assisted us in re-evaluating our monitoring and evaluation processes. In 2015 we anticipate the utilisation of new and interesting tools that are being currently developed with local experts.



Ms Sheena Maurin-Kika and Ms Rosemary Mhandu of ZimHealth



Dr Francis Ndowa visiting Chikangwe Clinic at Karoi, Mashonaland Central Province.

PROJECTS in 2014

Project.19. Chikangwe Council Clinic – Karoi Town

The Council of Karoi Town in submitting its proposal advised ZimHealth that they would renovate their Maternity Clinic which was essentially an old club house converted into a clinic.



Construction workers and staff taking a break during council-sponsored renovations at Chikangwe Clinic, Karoi.

The main objective was to improve the 24hr service at the clinic in order to decongest the Karoi District Hospital in the same town.

The medical equipment requested for Chikangwe Clinic included autoclaves, a suction machine, blood pressure machines, forceps, HB metres. They also requested non-medical equipment such as an electric stove, a refrigerator, washing machine and lawn mower.

Procurement was made, as with all our 2014 projects, through DAETA International Trading in South Africa. The clinical commodities and other equipment delivered to Chikangwe Clinic had a total value of US\$19,011.64.

Town Secretary, Mr MDS Kaitano ,acknowledged receipt on 8th September 2014. Although it was facing serious financial constraints, Karoi Town Council painstakingly managed to renovate the clinic and commission the donated items just before the end of 2014.

Workers sprucing up Chikangwe Clinic, Karoi



New items received at Chikangwe Clinic



Project 20 - Zimuto Mission Clinic and Project 21 - Chibi Mission Clinic

Zimuto and Chibi Mission Clinics are run by The Reformed Church in Zimbabwe.

Mr Mark Horst's (Health Manager, Reformed Church in Zimbabwe) patience paid off when in 2015 after a 3 year wait ZimHealth finally managed to find resources to support the two clinics.

Zimuto Clinic is situated in Masvingo North, 15 kilometres from City of Masvingo. It is surrounded by smallholder and large farms and serves 21 villages, 2 secondary boarding schools and 5 primary schools - a population of about 6,000. It is an old clinic whose infrastructure went through recent minor renovations. The clinic has 6 beds and averages 6 deliveries a month.

Support to Zimuto Clinic included an electrical autoclave, Digital BP machine, Sphygmomanometer and dressing towels totalling \$3,079.89.

Non-medical items requested including material for fencing, borehole attachments and a staff house were however not provided as they were not part of Zimhealth core support.

Chibi Mission clinic is located in Chivi district of Masvingo Province, 60 kilometres from City of Masvingo. The population depending on the clinic is just less than 8,000.

The clinic serves a large catchment area where many patients are not able to pay for the services they receive and has 2 delivery beds and no in-patients.

The full request was provided for and included a blood pressure machine, Haemoglobinometer, Glucometer, Bathroom scale and a Dressing trolley. All supplies cost \$692.87.

Project 22 - Zvamabande District Hospital

Zvamabande Rural Hospital is the only hospital in rural Shurugwi. It is a 30 bed hospital located in Shurugwi District of the Midlands Province. Established in 1947, Zvamabande rural hospital is the designated district hospital of Shurugwi District.

Because of its strategic positioning, Zvamabande Rural Hospital caters for 72% of the population of Shurugwi District including being the referral for the 23 clinics in the district with more than 800 deliveries per year.

The community mobilized resources for the construction of a new Waiting Mothers Shelter, and Mortuary.

Credit: New Mothers' waiting Shelter – Zvamabande (Mark Matsa, Tatenda Masimbiti - International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Vol. 4, No. 8(1); June 2014)



Support from ZimHealth included a resuscitaire, Electric Suction Machine, Instrument trays/trolleys, Adult and Paediatric Cot beds + mattresses, Bedside lockers and a backup generator set 10kVA totalling \$14,920.77.

Other non-medical supplies, including motor cycles, water tank, ambulance and ambulance rescue equipment could not be supported as they fall outside current Zimhealth core support.

In response to ZimHealth's notification of the impending donation, Dr Milton Chemhuru, the Provincial Medical Director for Midlands Province wrote to ZimHealth

"Thank you very much for this wonderful donation. It will go a long way as we are preparing to upgrade Zvamabande hospital to a district hospital."

Project 23 - Karanda Mission Hospital

Located in Chief Dotito's area in the Mt Darwin District of Mashonaland Central this 36 bed Mission Hospital serves a population of almost 10,000 people. With over 1,200 deliveries each year and over 40,000 attendances, the hospital has three medical doctors in attendance with much publicised objectives emphasizing quality healthcare services, reduction in patient waiting time and maternal + perinatal mortality and morbidity.

The ZimHealth donation included a crash Cart, drug trolley, bedside lockers, 50 waterproof mattresses, a nebulising machine, a suction Machine and crutches totalling \$16,290.98.

Unfortunately, other requested physiotherapy equipment could not be supported. However partners have been identified and approached to support the project.

Project 24 - Makambe Mission Clinic

Makambe Catholic Mission Clinic is situated at Makambe Rural Centre some 80 km south west of the town of Chiredzi. The Clinic serves 14 villages and a resettlement area with a population of 2500. The Clinic previously belonged to the Chiredzi Rural Council but the local community requested that it be taken over by the Catholic Diocese of Masvingo.

The clinic attends to about 150 deliveries and pre-natal visits per month and over 200 post-natal visits per month.

Some renovations (painting) and electrification were done under the Result Based Financing (RBF) funded by Cord Aid through the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare.

The ZimHealth donation included a cooking stove, a water urn, a drug trolley, Obstetric / Delivery beds, a computer, an examination couch, bedside lockers, linen skip, patient screen covers and staff gowns totalling \$8,874.05.

In acknowledging the donation, Rev. Fr. Walter Nyatsanza, Vicar General & Health Coordinator for Masvingo Diocese wrote to ZimHealth "I sincerely express our profound gratitude and great indebtedness to your efforts and efforts of your organization. This indeed will go a very long way to alleviate the plight of Makambe people who seem to be in the periphery of any assistance offered in the Health Sector."

Financials

In 2014, ZimHealth raised CHF 27,452.00 and US\$ 52,208.00 towards the annual target of raising more than CHF 350,000 through a combination of members' donations, one-off donations, fund raising events and successful project proposal applications.

ZimHealth members' monthly contributions continue to be about CHF350 and USD 100 every month through direct deposits into ZimHealth accounts. This is disregarding single contributions instead of monthly contributions made by some members. Those members making the regular monthly donations slightly increased with three new members and the total now stands at 13. However, there have been some irregularities and gaps in the monthly contributions.

Individual one-off donations have become negligible. The total one-off donations, including from the Annual General Meeting, AGM raffle and one major fund raising event for 2014 totalled CHF 22,878.00.

There was again only one major fund raising event which was however a great success and continued to increase ZimHealth's profile. This year's event organizing committee was a high performance team with support from many ZimHealth members and supporters. This successful event raised a gross CHF 19,795.00 with a return on investment of 115% as compared to CHF18,477.00 in 2013.

The expenditure has also declined in keeping with the decrease in income and new projects and amounted to CHF28,552.00 and US\$45,203.00 (See table 1 below) as compared to CHF 24,627.00 and US\$111,187.00 in 2013.

The overhead administration expenses have remained minimal with a volunteer Secretariat and low miscellaneous expenses such as hosting of the web site and hiring of venues for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Fund Raising Event.

Monsieur Gilles Coulougnon and Altitude Fiduciaire et Revision (AFR) SA have for the third year running continued to support the audit of the accounts as part of their corporate social responsibility. The summaries below are extracted from the audited accounts.

Table 1: Income and expenditure summary 2014

Income	CHF	US\$
Income from members' contributions	27,452.00	52,208.00
Income from other sources	28,552.00	45,203.00
Income surplus/deficit	(1,733.00)	7,005.00

Table 2: Expenditure detail (converted to USD where applicable)

FUNDING SOURCE	CHF	US\$	%
PROJECT EXPENDITURE			
Project.18. Chinengundu Clinic, Chegutu	0	601.00	0.8%
Project.19. Chikangwe Council Clinic-Karoi	0	19,011.64	26.0%
Project.20. Zimuto Mission Clinic, Masvingo	0	3,079.89	4.2%
Project.21. Chibi Mission Clinic, Masvingo	0	692.87	0.9%
Project.22. Zvamabande District Hospital, Zvishavane	0	14,920.77	20.4%
Project.23. Karanda Mission Hospital	0	16,290.98	22.3%
Project.24. Makambe Mission Clinic, Masvingo	0	8,874.05	12.1%
Sub-total – Project Expenditure	0	63,471.20	86.8%
Non Project			
Annual Fund Raising Event costs	9,441.00	0	12.9%
Bank charges	0	113.00	0.2%
Website hosting	0	0	0.0%
Other (AGM venue donation)	100.00	0	0.1%
Sub-total – non project expenditure	9,541.00	113.00	13.2%
Total Expenditure	9,541.00	63,584.20	100.0

Resource Mobilisation in 2014

The economic climate remains challenging, such that we found ourselves working double time and efforts to raise funding and support. This year, although we focused more on new institutional partners, relatively less was realised. Efforts, however, continue and we hope they will bear fruits in the coming year.

During the year, fundraising proposals were submitted to various organizations. Some have supported ZimHealth in the past and some are new potential partners.

Individual contributions

Individual contributions came from direct donations from ZimHealth members, from pledges and donations by those attending ZimHealth fundraising events. In addition, a number of supporters based in Geneva and elsewhere made contributions at the time of our annual September fundraising event.

Donations from philanthropic and civic organizations

The ZimHealth Executive Committee's Resource Mobilisation sub-committee, submitted successful funding proposals to the Soapbox Collaborative and the Oak Foundation. The sub-committee also prepared proposals for submission to the City of Geneva, ELMA Philanthropies and the National Healthcare Trust of Zimbabwe.

We anticipate however that since submissions and discussions were held towards the end of the year that funds will be realised in the 2015 financial year.

The resource mobilisation team has worked closely with the City of Harare to submit a proposal to ELMA Philanthropies for the construction of a maternity theatre and neonatal unit at Mabvuku Polyclinic in Harare. There is tremendous interest and excitement at this extension which will be the first of its kind in Harare and will mean a much shorter journey for women requiring a caesarean section; it will alleviate a lot of the burden from Harare Hospital. The City of Harare has laid out the plans for the extension and started with site clearance in late 2014. The final agreement from ELMA Philanthropies is awaited. This project is in memory of the late Dr Daniel Makuto, Permanent Secretary, the Ministry of Health Zimbabwe from 1987 to 1990, and founding member of Zimhealth Europe.

Fundraising and Income

	CHF	USD	%*
Public Fundraising			
Fundraising Events	19,795.00	-	25.65
Regular donations	4,570.00	2,100.00	8.51
Single donations	3,083.00	108.00	4.13
Other income			
Bank Interest	4	-	0.01
Total income	27,452.00	52,208.00	100.00

*exchange rate 1 CHF = 1.05 USD

Publicity & Membership

In 2014 the publicity and membership team set out to raise awareness of ZimHealth through dissemination of information and more interaction with current members and to encourage new ones to join.

Social Media & Website

In 2014 we re-launched our Facebook Page, Zimbabwe Network for Health (ZimHealth-Europe). By end of the year, thanks to our 200 Facebook friends, our mission to inspire many people from all over the

world to join the cause and assist in mobilizing support for Zimbabwe's health sector continued. As you read this we invite you to follow the Zimbabwe Network for Health- ZimHealth Europe Page, and to join the conversation, and to support this positive initiative towards ensuring that Zimbabweans get the medical attention they need.

Our website is currently under construction. We will be making a few changes to its design and content in order to make it more ergonomic and informative.

Social events

As ZimHealth we value community and as such we seize every opportunity to bring Zimbabweans and all our supporters together in a social environment. During the summer of 2014 we organized several social events where Zimbabweans and our fellow African friends had BBQ, shared a cold drink, danced, networked, enjoyed good conversation for a good cause. We also organized a family friendly hike in Neuchâtel, something that we look forward to doing even more in 2015.



Annual Fundraising Event

The 2014 Fundraising Gala was organized following the 2013 model. The event was hosted at the impressive Salle Communale d'Onex in Geneva Switzerland and we had good turnout that enjoyed our entertainment and array of food. The venue was perfect, with easy access to public transport, parking and a hotel nearby.

The Team



The event could not have been a success without the support of Zimhealth members and friends who volunteered. We greatly appreciate all the time and resources that they voluntarily contributed toward the success of the gala. Such patronage does not go unnoticed and it certainly goes without saying that we look forward to working more with them in the future.

The Guests

In 2014 almost 300 guests came to the gala. Everyone looked amazing! People came as families, work colleagues, university colleagues, friends couples, individuals, church groups, all from different parts of the world. The atmosphere was electric, the entertainment was great and according to the numerous compliments we keep receiving, everyone undoubtedly had a great time.



The entertainment



Living our objectives: Plans for 2015

As Zimhealth we strive to continue our quest to;

- Rehabilitate the health facilities in Zimbabwe, through collaboration with local authorities and communities, procuring and distributing medical and non- medical commodities and essential equipment.
- Inform and engage interested stakeholders about the needs, successes and impact of the support to the health-care system in Zimbabwe.
- Raise funds directly from Zimbabweans in the Diaspora, in Zimbabwe and from friends of Zimbabwe all over the world.

The association intends to continue to expand regular membership and one-off donations as well as continue to organise fundraising events and to present new project proposals to established and new partners

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