

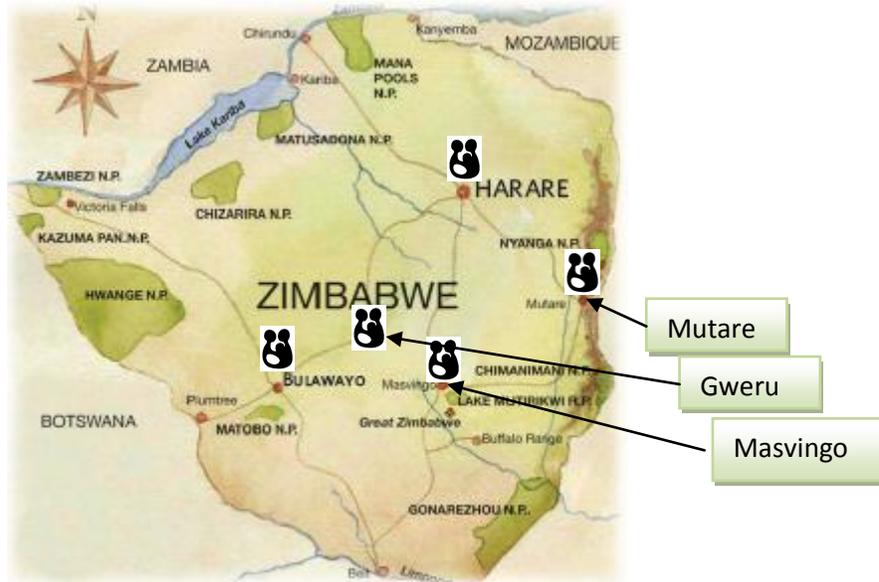


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# **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

**AND PLANS FOR 2012**



 Location of ZimHealth Past and Current Projects

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The Zimbabwe Network for Health (ZimHealth) in Europe is a non-governmental association registered in Geneva, founded by Zimbabweans as a non-profit organisation. It seeks to mobilise the support of Zimbabweans living in Europe, as well as other interested individuals, agencies and development agencies to support the rehabilitation of quality health-care provision in Zimbabwe.

## Annual Report for 2011 and Plans for 2012

The Zimbabwe Network for Health in Europe (Zimhealth-Europe) is pleased to bring you an end-of-2011 report of its activities and achievements. The information on the financial income and expenditure is a summary only – full details are available in the Treasurer's audited Financial Report 2011. Full profiles of the health units supported by ZimHealth can be seen on the ZimHealth website under Projects, <http://zimhealth.org/projects/>

### I. Administrative matters and the ZimHealth Newsletter

- a) During the course of 2011, ZimHealth continued with activities through its Executive Committee and other active members in Geneva and on the ground in Zimbabwe. ZimHealth identified a number of people in Zimbabwe to act as ZimHealth local representatives. They are Brian Pazvakavambwa in Harare (taking over where the late Dan Makuto was the local representative), Nokwakhe Fuyana in Bulawayo, Farai Mahaso in Masvingo and Abigail Kangwende in Mutare. Albert Ndowa in Harare continues to be focal person for distributing to the local representatives items such as the ZimHealth stencils and spray paints.
- b) The PayPal account which was established in September 2010 has enabled donations to be made more easily by supporters living outside Switzerland. The PayPal account is still operative.
- c) Yemurai Ndowa has continued to provide voluntary services to update and maintain the ZimHealth website, <http://zimhealth.org>. This has meant that the only administrative expense incurred by ZimHealth is for the hosting of the website on Infomaniak.
- d) In October 2011, ZimHealth produced its first Newsletter as a means to communicate to the ZimHealth community more regularly with information, anecdotes and other news. The newsletter was primarily produced and arranged by Carol Gray on a voluntary basis with no recourse to funds raised for ZimHealth. The newsletter can be accessed on this link, <http://zimhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Newsletter-final-Oct-2011.pdf>. This was followed by a special December issue of the Newsletter to inform members of the October end-of-year fundraising event, the first ZimHealth raffle and the winners of the raffle draw held in Versoix on 12 November 2011. The special issue also carried the news of Dorcas Mapondera and Tanaka Ndowa and their sponsored run for ZimHealth in the Geneva Escalade race in the freezing cold of 3 December, 2011.

### II. Projects in 2011

In 2011, ZimHealth supported four projects in Zimbabwe among which were 3 Polyclinics (clinics that include pregnancy care and deliveries and postnatal care), 3 primary care clinics, 2 hospitals and a project for orphans based within the Sakubva Polyclinic. The clinics and expenditures are detailed below under Projects 4 to 7. A summary of the expenditure incurred is shown in Table 1. A more detailed financial breakdown of the cost of consignments and other expenditures are covered in the Treasurer's Report 2011.

***Project 4: Harare Maternity Hospital, Harare Central Hospital, in Harare***

**Harare Central Maternity Hospital** is situated in the suburb of Southerton in Harare. It is the largest referral maternity unit in the country and forms part of the largest referral hospital in the country, the Harare Central Hospital. The Harare Maternity Hospital caters mostly for low income patients and has had severe shortages of equipment and supplies in the last few years. The Maternity Hospital has 80 beds and handles approximately 1,200 deliveries per month and sees about 120 women per month for postnatal care. It also has 50 beds for gynaecological emergencies and other elective surgical procedures.

In view of its central role as a major referral hospital, ZimHealth agreed to take it on board as one of its projects in November 2010, following requests from the authorities at the hospital. Phase 1 of this project had items consisting of gynaecological dilatation and curettage set and instruments to repair vesico-vaginal fistulae in women. The items to the value of US\$ 15,236.58 were received and acknowledged by the hospital in February 2011.

In December 2011, ZimHealth embarked on the second phase for this maternity unit. The consignment in the second phase included 40 bassinet trolleys with waterproof mattresses for babies, five suction machines, 10 adult cot beds, 2 cardiocograph machines and other items, amounting to US\$ 39,246.01, including freight, handling, documentation and insurance. Delivery of these items is imminent.

***Project 5: Sakubva Polyclinic, in Mutare***

The 5<sup>th</sup> project that ZimHealth adopted was from the city of Mutare in the eastern border of Zimbabwe. Sakubva Polyclinic situated in one of the oldest, densely populated suburb of Sakubva provides an impressive array of health services to its inhabitants, including provision of important services to the population of the city of Mutare as a whole.

ZimHealth had delivered the first phase of commodities to this Polyclinic in June 2011. The procurement was made through DAETA International Trading in South Africa as before. The clinical commodities and other amenities delivered totalled US\$ 19,265.71, including freight, handling, documentation and insurance. The handover ceremony for the items was held on 15 August 2011.

The second phase for Mutare covered more than one health centre. The Sakubva Polyclinic was supplied with a Speed Queen heavy duty laundry machine, a 4-plate electric cooker as well as one domestic and one industrial sewing machine for the Orphan Project based at this clinic. The total amount for Phase 2 for Sakubva Polyclinic was US\$ 4,309.43.

The second health institution supported was the Mutare Infectious Diseases Hospital. The hospital was supplied with items such as a laboratory centrifuge, an incubator for biological cultures, a laboratory refrigerator and chairs. The total amount of items for this hospital was US\$ 6,368.47.

Procurement of various types of fabric for the self-help Orphan Project based within the Sakubva Polyclinic was made from a local Zimbabwean supplier, Jani's Fabric Centre, based in Mutare. The total cost of the fabric was US\$ 1,586.60. Motivated by the order from ZimHealth, Jani's Fabric Centre donated fabric worth US\$ 100 to the Orphan Project at the time of delivery of the consignment.

Funding for this Orphan project was enabled by donations from the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The total amount of commodities for Phase 1 & 2 for Mutare of US\$ 31,530.21, including freight and handling charges, was enabled by donations from the International Olympic Committee, the City of Geneva, the Oak Foundation and contributions from the ZimHealth membership.



Handover ceremony and a sample of commodities delivered to Sakubva Polyclinic in 2011

### ***Project 6: Mucheke/Mazoredze, Rujeko, Runyararo clinics, in Masvingo***

The 6<sup>th</sup> project for ZimHealth comprised three clinics in the City of **Masvingo**, namely **Rujeko** clinic and **Runyararo** clinic and one polyclinic, the **Mucheke/Mazoredze Polyclinic**. The Polyclinic has an establishment of 12 trained nurses, 14 auxiliary staff and five ambulance drivers, and it houses 40 inpatient beds. The three clinics together process approximately 2,400 patients per month.

In July 2011, the items requested for these clinics were processed, and the items were cleared through customs formalities and received in Masvingo in September 2011. The total amounts for the consignments were as follows, US\$ 7,673.20 for Mucheke/Mazoredze Polyclinic, US\$ 5,241.41 for Rujeko clinic and US\$ 5,561.78 for Runyararo clinic. Thus, the total amount of goods donated by ZimHealth to the City of Masvingo for the three clinics in the first phase was US\$ 18,476.39, including freight, handling, documentation and insurance.

In October 2011, a letter of acknowledgment of receipt of the goods from the City of Masvingo, signed by the Chief Health Officer, Mr Zvapano Munganasa, was received by ZimHealth.



A sample of the items, washing machine and dryer, in use at a Masvingo clinic, January 2012

On December 16<sup>th</sup> a handover ceremony of the donated goods was held in Masvingo. The guest of honour at the ceremony was Dr G Gwinji, the Permanent Secretary for Health in Zimbabwe. ZimHealth was represented by its local representative in Masvingo, Mr Farai Mahaso, accompanied by Mr Peter Marimi.



As a token of its appreciation, the City of Masvingo presented ZimHealth with a Zimbabwean copperware of an elephant which Dr Gwinji carried and handed over to ZimHealth during his visit to Geneva (see photo).

By December 2011, plans for the second phase for Project 6 were already under way. The three clinics had materials still outstanding which were ordered towards the end of 2011. The consignments included a sterilizer, computers, printers and an obstetric bed for the Mucheke/Mazoredze Polyclinic for the amount of US\$ 5,210.07; laundry machines and a computer, among other things, for Rujeko clinic for US\$ 4,709.14; and the same for Runyararo clinic for the amount of US\$ 4,709.14, all including freight, handling, documentation and insurance. The total amount of Phase-2 goods donated to the City of Masvingo was US\$ 14,628.35.

In summary, the clinics in Masvingo received a selection of essential clinical items and other commodities to the total value of US\$ 33,104.74 from funds collected by ZimHealth in 2011. These items were procured with funds received in 2011 from ZimHealth members and other well-wishers abroad, including the City of Geneva and the Oak Foundation.

***Project 7: Mkoba Polyclinic, in Gweru***

Gweru City Council runs 10 health facilities, including four polyclinics, three primary health-care clinics, one Infections Diseases Hospital as well as two centres for pre- and post-test counselling for HIV infection. The biggest of the health facilities is Mkoba Polyclinic which is situated in the high density residential area of Mkoba 13. The Mkoba Polyclinic handles 3,000 attendances per month and 110 mothers are delivered per month, with approximately 114 monthly postnatal attendances.

In June, 2011 the first phase of procurements for Mkoba clinic commenced. The consignment included electrical goods such as a washing machine, refrigerator and tea urns as well as linen for patients. The goods amount to US\$ 14,130.01, including freight, handling, documentation and insurance. In November, a letter of acknowledgment of receipt of goods was received from Mr S.C. Ruwodo, Acting Director of Health Services for Gweru City.

In December 2011, the second phase for Mkoba Polyclinic was commenced. Clinical goods, including a baby resuscitaire, an obstetric bed, hospital sheets, a computer and printer were ordered. The total amount for the second phase to Mkoba was US\$ 18,944.22, including freight and handling charges.

The total amount for clinical goods and other commodities for Mkoba Polyclinic came to US\$ 33,074.23. The City of Gweru plans to hold an official handover ceremony when both Phases 1 & 2 consignments have been received.

Funding for Mkoba Polyclinic was enabled by donations from ZimHealth members, the City of Geneva and the Oak Foundation.

Table 1. Summary of ZimHealth expenditure in 2011

<b>ZimHealth-Expenditure-2011</b>	<b>Swiss francs (CHF)</b>	<b>US Dollars (US\$)</b>
Infomaniak-ZimHealth website hosting	180	
Project 4. Harare Maternity Hospital Phases 1 & 2		54,482.59
Project 5 Mutare Sakubva Polyclinic Phase 1 & 2		31,530.21
Project 6 Masvingo clinics Phase 1 and 2		33,104.74
Project 7 Gweru Mkoba Polyclinic		33,074.23
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>152,191.77</b>

### **III. Follow-up visits of projects**

#### ***Sakubva Polyclinic, Mutare***

On 24 August 2011, Martha Chikowore, a member of ZimHealth based in Geneva, was able to visit the project and met with Mr Michael Mawadza (Clinical Officer – ZimHealth contact person), Mr O. L. Muzawazi (Town Clerk, Mutare), Mr Simon T. Mashababe (Chief Hygiene and Administrative Officer) and Sister Mary Saungweme. Mr Muzawazi expressed his gratitude and that of the City of Mutare for the assistance received by Sakubva Polyclinic from ZimHealth. Most of the equipment was found to be already in full use at the time of this visit.

It was also during this visit that Martha Chikowore was asked by the authorities to visit the Orphan Project within Sakubva Polyclinic and the Mutare Infectious Diseases Hospital. These two entities have since been included in the ZimHealth support to the city of Mutare as reported under Project 5 above.

#### ***Pelandaba Polyclinic and Thorngrove Hospital, Bulawayo***

On the 20th January 2011, Nokwakhe Fuyana, the ZimHealth local representative for Bulawayo, conducted a quick tour of the Pelandaba Polyclinic before attending the handover ceremony of goods donated by ZimHealth. The event which was organized by the City Council attracted a crowd of about 100 people, among whom were members of the communities surrounding the clinic, including members of Home Based Care, distinguished guests, such as the Mayor of Bulawayo (Councillor Thaba Moyo), the Town Clerk and the City Council Chief Medical Officer, Dr Hwalima.



Dental chair in use with a patient (photo permission granted) being treated at Pelandaba, December 2011

In December 2011 James Chitsva, a member of ZimHealth based in Geneva, visited a number of sites including Sakubva Polyclinic and Thorngrove Hospital during his vacation in Zimbabwe. He was accompanied by his wife, Virginia Chitsva, and Nokwakhe Fuyana. As Dr Hwalima was away, James was assisted by Dr E Sibanda. The group visited Pelandaba Polyclinic and found a very appreciative staff and the donated items in use. For example, the dental chair was operative (photo) and various other items

such as the medicine cabinet, the baby resuscitator, the autoclave and laundry equipment were in full use. A comment received from the staff was that the donations had improved the status of the clinic and it had become the preferred clinic for maternity care and dental treatment. The clinic attended to 2,368 pregnancies in 2010 instead of the expected annual figure of 1,528, and some of the women were coming from outside the catchment area of the clinic.



A variety of items donated by ZimHealth in use at Pelandaba Polyclinic during a visit made in December 2011

James Chitsva also visited the Thorngrove Infectious Diseases hospital in where he was equally met with appreciations and gratitude by the staff and patients alike. The items donated, including linen, cutlery, food warmer, a 4-plate electric cooker and televisions were in use.



A glimpse of items donated to Thorngrove Infectious Disease Hospital in December 2010

#### IV. Fundraising in 2011

Many people, in many different ways, played a part in raising funds for the ZimHealth projects in 2011. ZimHealth members continued their financial contributions either on a regular monthly basis or a lump sum for the year. Funding proposals were submitted and ZimHealth received funds from three large institutions. The now well-known ZimHealth fundraising event was another source of funds. Funds were also raised through participation in sponsored activities by some ZimHealth supporters. In total, in 2011

ZimHealth raised 72,466 Swiss francs and US\$ 72,424. ZimHealth members' contributions amounted to 12,665 Swiss francs and US\$ 2,424 (Table 2).

### ***Individual contributions***

Individual contributions were from direct donations from ZimHealth members as well as from sponsored events such as when Dorcas Mapondera and Tanaka Ndowa were sponsored, in support of ZimHealth, to race on 3 December 2011 in the Escalade, a Geneva road race which is part of commemorations of the successful defence of the city of Geneva against neighbouring Savoy in December 1602. Dorcas's sponsored run raised 780 Swiss francs and Tanaka's raised 1,345 Swiss francs. Other individual donations were received in memory of Ambuya Yvonne Fortin (the late mother of Emmanuelle Menzies) to the total amount of 1,199.50 Swiss francs.

### ***Fundraising events and ZimHealth Raffle***

The ZimHealth fundraising evening was held on Saturday 22 October 2011 in Geneva, followed by the ZimHealth Raffle draw on 26 November in Versoix, Geneva. Apart from generous donations of food by ZimHealth members, a number of Zimbabwean art and crafts and other items were donated by ZimHealth members and artists for the ZimHealth auction and raffle. One of the items donated, a Shona stone sculpture "Mother" from Coleen Madamombe, valued at 1,200 Swiss francs, was donated to ZimHealth by the Ruwa Gallery. Metal Zimbabwe birds valued at over 300 Swiss francs each were among the items donated by the importer to Switzerland of ZimBirds, Mrs Marie-Sylvie Imrie. One other donation for the ZimHealth raffle was a dinner for 2 at Le Richemond Hotel in Geneva to the value of 400 Swiss francs donated by Swiss Independent Trustees S.A. Paintings and other art and crafts were donated by artists such as Theresa Ryle in Switzerland, Rebecca Mandisodza and 5-year old Jana Anaishe Mandisodza in the United Kingdom.

The fundraising evening was held at the Church Hall of the Holy Trinity Church in Geneva. The hall was rented free of charge to ZimHealth by the Holy Trinity Church as part of the Church's donation to ZimHealth.

The raffle draw was performed by invited special guests, Rev Dr Ishmael Noko and his wife, Mrs Gladys Noko, at the end-of-year celebration on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at the offices of the GFMER in Versoix which are made freely available by GFMER for events and meetings for ZimHealth as a gesture of collaboration with ZimHealth.

Takings from the raffle amounted to 2,966 Swiss francs. Together, the ZimHealth Raffle and the Fundraising event, including the auctioned items, raised a total of 12,663 Swiss francs.

### ***Institutional donations***

The ZimHealth Executive Committee compiled and submitted funding proposals to a number of institutions in 2011. Three of them were successful and ZimHealth received US\$ 50,000 from the Oak

Foundation in Geneva, 40,000 Swiss francs from the City of Geneva and US\$ 20,000 from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne. The application to the Municipality of Versoix was not successful as it was deemed not to match with the objectives of the Municipality.

Table 2. Summary of ZimHealth income in 2011

<b>ZimHealth-Income-2011</b>	<b>Swiss (CHF) Account</b>	<b>US Dollar Account</b>
ZimHealth regular contributions by members	12,665	2,424
One-off donations and fundraising events	19,801	
Project proposal funding (Oak Foundation)		50,000
Project proposal funding (IOC)		20,000
Project proposal funding (City of Geneva)	40,000	
<b>Total funds raised in 2011</b>	<b>CHF 72,466</b>	<b>US\$ 72,424</b>
Carried over from 2010	14,887	6,349
<b>Total income for 2011</b>	<b>CHF 87,353</b>	<b>US\$ 78,773</b>

## V. The ZimHealth Executive Committee

The ZimHealth Executive Committee was busy throughout 2011 holding planning meetings regularly once every month, alternating between a weekday evening and a Saturday afternoon. Various sub-committees, such as the fundraising sub-committee, the procurement sub-committee, the publicity and entertainments sub-committee met in between these monthly meetings for further planning of specific activities and events, report writing and resource mobilisation. The main Executive Committee meetings are held in Versoix in the meeting room offered at no charge by the GFMER. Additionally, throughout



the year, some members of the Executive Committee visited ZimHealth funded and prospective projects in Zimbabwe by taking time off either their vacation or travel on other business.

The Executive Committee meetings have been honoured by the regular attendance of some of the supporters of ZimHealth, such as James Chitsva, Moredreck Chibi and the usual presence of Elizabeth



Mason and Maggie Ndowa. In addition, visitors to Geneva, interested in ZimHealth, have been welcome to the meetings. For example, when Martha Chikowore visited the ZimHealth funded projects as well as other potential health-care centres for support in Mutare, she was kind enough to take photographs and write a report which she presented during one of the Executive Committee meetings. The ZimHealth Executive Committee has welcomed other such interactions between members and supporters of ZimHealth and the Executive Committee primarily because they convey the transparency of the meetings as well as give opportunity to the Executive Committee to gain new ideas and perspectives from such observers.

As the meetings can last anything from 2 to 3 hours at a time, committee members bring along snacks to sustain the committee members through the sometimes intense and difficult discussions and decisions.

The Executive Committee of The Zimbabwe Network for Health for 2011 had the following Executive Committee members and regular contributors, some of whom are shown in photographs numbered 1 to 5 taken recently during a planning meeting to review requests received from Zimbabwe and decide on the priority projects for 2012.

Chairperson:	Michael Mbizvo
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Legal Adviser:	Nyaradzo Imbayago
Executive Committee Member:	Carol Gray
Executive Committee Member:	Venge Imbayago

Regular support and attendance through 2011 were received from Elizabeth Mason, Maggie Ndowa, James Chitsva and Moredreck Chibi.

## **VI. Planned Projects for 2012**

Based on the increasing number of requests for support received from Zimbabwe health institutions, the Executive Committee considered the feasibility for providing support in 2012 and the geographical location of the proposed health units. In addition, as some of the requests are from provincial hospitals which come under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare rather than City Councils, consultations with authorities in the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare have begun to ensure that the support given by ZimHealth will be in harmony with Ministerial development plans for 2012. Furthermore, consideration was taken of the fact that that rural clinics and health centres were the primary focus for ZimHealth-USA.

With the above considerations in mind, the Executive Committee agreed to submit the following projects for consideration by the Annual General Meeting.

1. Continued review and support of past and present projects
2. City of Harare, Mabvuku Polyclinic Project – in memory of Dan Makuto, one of the founders of ZimHealth-Europe
3. City of Bulawayo, Mpilo General Hospital
4. Support for provision of laboratory equipment in collaboration with other potential donors
5. Marondera Provincial Hospital, in close liaison with the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare

6. Kariba Town, Nyamunga clinic
7. City of Gweru, Monomatapa clinic
8. Kadoma Town, Rimuka clinic

The list above is neither exhaustive nor exclusive. Other potential health units such as the Khami Prison Complex Dental Clinic, clinics in Bindura town, Chikombedzi district, Gutu district and Gwanda district will be reviewed and considered as the proposals for support are received and more resources become available.

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ZimHealth seeks to make a difference in Zimbabwe primarily through the following:

- Raise funds directly from Zimbabweans in the Diaspora, in Zimbabwe and from friends of Zimbabwe all over the world.
- Through a transparent and highly targeted system, procure and distribute drugs, diagnostics, vaccines and other medical and non- medical commodities and essential equipment to rehabilitate the health facilities in Zimbabwe.
- Inform and engage interested stakeholders about the needs, successes and impact of the support to the health-care system in Zimbabwe.

**Check out the website and the Photo gallery and see what a difference we have made so far!**

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