

Global Rehabilitation

Trustees annual report for year ended March 2020

Name: Global Rehabilitation

Date of constitution: 22/06/2018

Objectives: The relief of need for adults and children with temporary or permanent physical and complex disabilities in low- and middle-income countries by the promotion of better rehabilitation services, in particular but not exclusively by sharing of professional skills, teaching, training, advocacy and undertaking research and facilitating links for achieving the same with other reputed organisations in developing countries.

The first charity trustees are as follows:

Dr. Simone Doctors

Dr. Anne Chamberlain

Dr. Ramaswamy Pankajam Hariharan

Dr. Rory O'Connor

Dr. Stephen Halpin

Dr. Oliver Isaac [volunteer]

Treasurer [volunteer]

Mr. Sankar Raj Kuniyur Nallaperumal

New trustees [formally joined at the AGM on 05/01/2021]

Dr. Martin Schweiger

The organisation carries out its purposes by,

-Facilitating volunteer visits to Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) mainly by health professionals working mainly in the UK, financially supporting their expenses, training and preparing them to deliver contextually-appropriate education

-Supporting (including financially) health professional in LMICs to improve their skills through formal and informal training in their own or other countries, and by other means such as online teaching

-Empowering and equipping rehabilitation professionals in LMICs to enable them to train others aiming to sustain effective rehabilitation services within the health systems.

-Working in partnership with colleagues in LMICs, informing health policy decision makers in those countries regarding the importance of rehabilitation to the participation of disabled people in society

-Supporting (including financially) research related to rehabilitation in LMICs to increase the evidence base for their practice

Trustees have a long history of working in Madagascar, and expect to continue this partnership initially, and may involve other LMICs in the future.

There are no paid employees in the charity and all trustees, and the treasurer are volunteers.

The trustees plan to meet every other month to discuss and plan activities and training. The charity will hold an AGM towards the end of the year.

Activities in the year 2019

Due to the Covid pandemic, Global Rehabilitation's support to rehabilitation doctors in Madagascar has had to move online and we are exploring new ways of supporting our Malagasy colleagues using internet- and phone-based technologies. For the same reason, the charity was unable to carry out any of the proposed plans for fund raising events.

The international spinal cord injury conference that was scheduled to take place in April 2020 had to be called off at the last minute as Madagascar closed its borders due to the pandemic. Consequently, the charity incurred some financial losses from the travel bookings some of which have been eventually reimbursed.

The charity supported 19 Malagasy doctors to remotely attend the World Congress for neurorehabilitation (WCNR2020), by paying their enrolment costs. This is a rich resource they will continue to have access to for 3 months. Early feedback was that they have found this useful, and we are encouraged that online access to learning resources is possible for them. Some participants went to extraordinary lengths to get internet access in order to attend; internet of sufficient quality is expensive and beyond the reach of many in Madagascar, including doctors.

Please find below the financial report of the charity for the financial year 2019-20

Statement of Financial Position

Receipts	
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Donations	6,171.00
Fundraising	2,227.18
Grants	0.00
Other	0.00
	8,398.18
Payments	
Salaries	0.00
Fundraising	0.00
Travel	2,151.00
Training	0.00
Admin.	769.00
Other	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,478.18
Fixed Assets	0.00
Opening Funds	8,486.60
Closing Funds	13,964.78
Cash at Bank as of 31st March 2020	13964.78

Proposed activities for 2020 – 2021:

The charity continues to work with the team there to plan and develop a second University Diploma in Rehabilitation Medicine. Discussions are ongoing with the Madagascar colleagues and the university of Antananarivo to formulate a curriculum to run the second diploma programme in Rehabilitation medicine. This time it will be delivered jointly by trainers from Yorkshire and by the Malagasy team, many of whom are graduates of the first diploma and, as the first cohort of Malagasy rehabilitation doctors, have gone on to form a dynamic association of rehabilitation medicine (AMPR-Mada), conduct research and publish papers. We hope to begin training in mid-2021, with the first sessions being conducted remotely, and are investing in producing materials which can be delivered online.