



Annual Review 2009/10

September 2009 - August 2010

restoring smiles - changing lives



Bridge2Aid is a small charity making a big difference to the lives of ordinary Tanzanians. We provide dental training for local healthcare workers, treatment for thousands living with dental pain, and give qualified volunteers the opportunity to pass on their skills to make a sustainable impact on the lives of others.

We work with the disabled and People Affected by Leprosy, delivering a community care programme which has a tangible longevity, providing education and skills training which enables people to create their own income and build a better future for themselves.

The Team



Bridge2aid has had a year of great progress. The team of people we have working for us have all contributed in delivering a first class service. This has been achieved by managing our resources better both in terms of cost and quality.

It has been a year where a lot has been achieved and I would like to congratulate the whole team and thank them for their hard work. It has also been financially challenging as we continue to drive the organisation forward. It appears that the down turn across the world has also implications for us. That said the organisation is in a strong position to go forward and has the backing of many friends and institutions whose support has enabled us to change so many lives.

The future for Bridge2aid is very exciting. During the last two years we have been working hard making sure the structure is in place for expansion. That is all in place and in the coming year we hope to report another year of successful achievements.

Alan Frampton – Chair of Trustees

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The past year has flown by! I am pleased to report that the team have remained focused throughout and we can therefore report on another great year of achievement. This would not be possible without your support and contribution, so thank you for continuing to stand with us in the midst of what are tough economic times.

Once again the team have done an amazing job over the last 12 months and as you read the review I hope that you will be encouraged to see what has been achieved, and also excited about what is possible during the years ahead.

Thank you for helping us to restore smiles and change lives this year – your support makes a huge difference in the lives of many thousands of people in Tanzania.

Mark Topley, Chief Executive

Community Development (CD)

2009-10 has been a very significant year. The culmination of our work over the past four years has led to some dramatic changes in the way the community works – all of them positive. BCC is now a hive of activity and programmes that impact every age group are being delivered by the team.

Work with the Income Generation group is going well. Groups have been set up for sewing and weaving, agriculture and brick making amongst others. One resident, Eunice has been able to build herself an outside kitchen paid for with her income generation earnings.

The regular community meetings of health, water, income generation/education and buildings and maintenance are providing a representation to the community members. We continue to support the health staff on a regular basis. The health centre is working effectively and we have made sure that medicines are available where required, and supported members of the community by obtaining these outside of Mwanza where necessary.

The education programme is reshaping the future of the children. It is encouraging to see our sponsored children grasping their opportunity for education and a way out of the cycle of poverty with both hands.

School attendance is monitored and visits are carried out to homes of those whose attendance has fallen. Uniforms were given to those children who needed them. We continue to work with the teaching staff at the nearby Kigongo School. This includes training and observation in the Mwanza International Schools to improve teaching methods and visits from British teachers to Kigongo.



KEY achievements

- All dormitories, the community building and the play area of Bukumbi have been renovated and the new outside kitchen has been built.
- With funds from Green Financial in Canada we were able to provide the youngest children at Kigongo school a better learning environment.
- Of the Bukumbi students who finished standard 7 in December, two have gone onto vocational training (sewing and carpentry) and two into secondary (private and government). This brings the total now to four in secondary education and five in vocational. Progress checks and visits are carried out every quarter.



Dental Programme

HDC goes from strength to strength with the addition of new staff members - Mohamed as dental therapist and two dental nurses (Mariam Alfonse and Kasaka Mafwele) - bringing the total team to nine. With an increasing patient base (240 treated per month on average, plus 7 visits a month to mine sites) we have been able to reinvest the profits of HDC back into B2A operations which has enabled us to do maximise the impact of fundraising income from the UK.



DVP continues to be extremely popular with spaces being taken up a long time in advance. Work is ongoing to increase the areas the teams operate in, and this autumn, the DVP will be going to four districts including Biharamulo, a very remote district that we have never visited before. We are training more Clinical Officers (COs) than ever, and our systems and

resources for planning, delivering and monitoring the impact of training have all been strengthened.

Supervision data from the districts where COs have been trained has been very encouraging. Data shows that 150 patients were seen in three months by just one CO, which demonstrates that the need is there. It is a huge encouragement to see that recently trained COs, with the right supervision, are doing well.

As well as working with the Tanzania Dental Association, Chief Dental Officer and Dean of the Dental Faculty in Dar es Salaam. We have also been active members of the East African group of the Global Task Force on Child Oral Health, and the secretariat for a steering committee for the formation of a Global Task Force on the provision of Oral Urgent Treatment (OUT).

KEY achievements



- **6 training teams were operated during DVP** (5 trained in 2008/09)
- **36 Clinical Officer training places provided with a 90% success rate** (30 in 2008/09)
- **2,700 people treated during Training Programmes.** (2,600 in 2008/09)
- **Access to emergency dentistry extended to another 360,000 people** (300,000 in 2008/09)

Supporters

Despite the economic downturn, we have been encouraged by the continuing support of our fundraisers, who contributed 22 per cent to our income. In 2009 they helped raise over £123,000

Friends of Bridge2Aid (FOB) continue to be the bedrock of our support, allowing us to commit with confidence to more work at both BCC and the rural areas. They are vital in contributing to our regular monthly income and currently our FOB membership stands at 102. A donation of just £10 a month will feed 30 children at Bukumbi for a week. If you'd like to become a FOB, then please fill in the form on the back page of this review.

Alongside the usual fundraising events, our It's a Knockout challenge was the first of its kind this year, and was a major success with 12 teams raising over £5,000. It was an excellent corporate fundraiser, with many of our associate dental businesses being involved. We're looking forward to next year's event on 16th July.

The 2010/2011 events calendar is full of challenges for you to get involved in. We have a team climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in August 2011 – spaces are filling fast! Or for keen runners, we always have spaces in the Bupa London 10K or London Marathon, or for the really brave you could sign up to our skydiving challenge in June 2011!

We'd love you to join us at any or all of these events; or why not organise something of your own? Email us at fundraising@bridge2aid.org – we have lots of ideas to get you started!



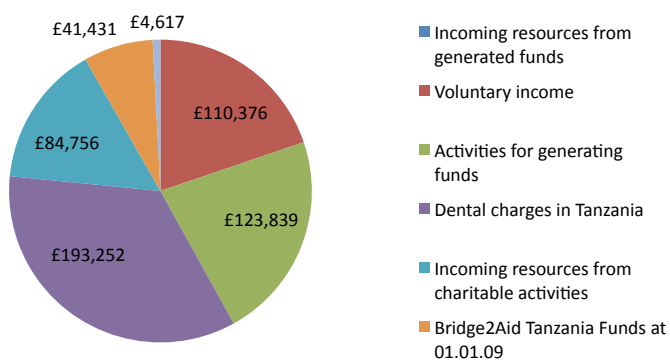
Financial

Focussed and Effective

Being focused on our goals and committed to efficiency are the hallmarks of the way in which we manage our resources. We constantly work hard to make B2A an effective, efficient charity with a high level of impact at grass-roots level in Tanzania. Our team have an ethos of continuous improvement, always looking for ways to improve our impact and maximise the resources generously donated to us in the UK. We also constantly evaluate every financial decision to maximise impact for our beneficiaries. The success of the CO training, HDC and development work at BCC continues to be a testament to the commitment of the team both in the UK and on the ground in Mwanza.

For the first time this year we have filed accounts which combine the finances of the UK and Tanzania. With this inclusion, the real terms increase from 2008 is £12,837. This resulted in a net movement of funds of £24,705.

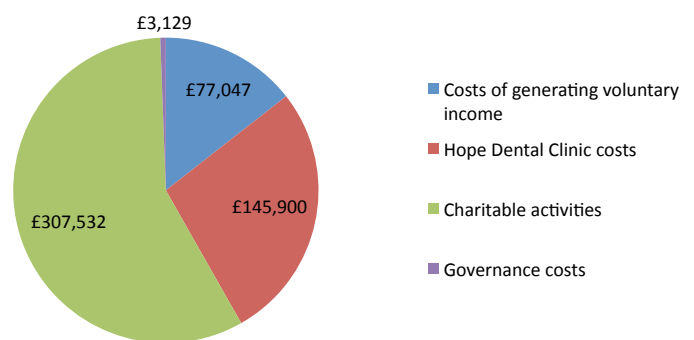
Income



We are pleased to report that 79% of expenditure was on activities to fulfil the purposes of the charity. Around 9% was spent on support costs and 3% was spent on administration and governance. 9% of total income came from the profits of Hope Dental Centre. This is a 7% increase on last year, rising from 94 million shillings to 101 million shillings. With a proven track record of delivering services with a high level of impact, we hope that 2010 will see growth in financial support from individuals, trusts and fundraising activities.

The challenges of the global economic climate are impacting every charity. We are confident that with the strong support base and continued commitment from our partners, as well as the increasing profile and reputation, that we will not just survive but continue to grow in the coming year.

Expenditure



Copies of the audited accounts are available on request from the UK Office or can be downloaded from the Charity Commission website.

Response There are many ways to become a part of Bridge2Aid's work:

- Stay in touch through our free tri-annual newsletter
- email post
- Volunteer – please send me more information on your:
 - DVP/Locum
 - Community Development volunteering at Bukumbi
- Fundraise – please send me more information on taking part in challenges and other activities
- Become a Friend of Bridge2Aid by donating
 - £5 £10 £20 £Other _____ a month to support our work (complete the standing order form below).
 - Make a one-off donation of £ _____
 - Please treat the above donations as Gift Aid. I confirm that I am a Tax Payer, and have paid an amount of income or capital gains tax equal to the tax reclaimed on my donations (currently 28p for every £1 given).

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Dear Sirs, Please set up a Standing Order payable to Bridge2Aid a/c no. 10072646 at Royal Bank of Scotland, Flint House, 44 South Street, Chichester, sort code 16-16-20 for the sum of £ _____ and in words _____

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and thereafter on a monthly basis.

This order is a new order/replaces my existing order/is in addition to my existing order (Delete as appropriate)

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

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