



## Restoring Smiles Changing Lives

A dental and  
development charity  
working towards a world  
Free From dental pain



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**75% of the world's population have no access to the simplest of dental pain relief, leaving billions to face a daily battle with pain in the toughest of life circumstances.**

Bridge2Aid is working to address this terrifying problem, by providing access to dental pain relief for millions of people suffering in the developing world. Bridge2Aid is the UK's fastest growing UK dental charity working in developing nations.



Bridge2Aid has also established a long term development programme with the disabled and People Affected by Leprosy at Bukumbi Care Centre (BCC).

In Tanzania since 2002, Bridge2Aid has worked tirelessly to increase access to pain relief. Focussing on sustainability and empowering local people to improve their own lives over the long term, Bridge2Aid has trained over 170 local health workers in emergency dentistry, and now train more than 48 health workers each year with plans for expansion\*. This training has not only directly treated tens of thousands of people but has also extended access to emergency dentistry services to people living in the rural areas. An estimated 1.7 million people now live within reach of someone who can help them when they have dental pain.



\*Figures correct April 2011

# Hope Dental Centre

**HOPE**  
DENTAL CENTRE  
MWANZA

Hope Dental Centre is a commercial dental practice run by Bridge2Aid which

donates all of its profits to the charitable organisation. Over the past six years HDC has grown from a single-chaired practice with one expatriate Clinician and a nurse to a team of ten, which is almost entirely staffed by Tanzanian nationals.



Our vision for the future is for HDC to be a sustainable, indigenously managed and operated dental practice, contributing significant income to the charitable organisation. We are thankful to the many locum dentists and nurses who have given their time and expertise to work with us, and to the UK trade for helping us establish and develop the clinic.

## b2a@Bukumbi

We are very proud of the work that we have achieved so far at Bukumbi Care Centre – a centre for the disabled and People Affected by Leprosy (PAL), around 40 kilometres from Mwanza. From a place of squalor, insufficient food and desperation, Bukumbi is now a place of hope, a place where people can feel comfortable to be together and a place where the community cares for each other.



Having completed an extensive refurbishment programme of the buildings, the work at Bukumbi now moves to a long-term phase focussed around the following:

**Education for the children** – providing them with a way out of poverty

**Income generation and re-integration** – developing skills within the community to facilitate a means of earning an income and a place within the mainstream community.

**A place of safety and care for the elderly residents who will remain at the centre.**

We need your help to continue funding this vital work – could you sponsor a child or support our other programmes financially?

# b2a Dental Volunteer Programme

While we are proud of our achievements to date, there is still a long way to go. In East Africa alone, there are still 200,000 people each day suffering with dental pain, with no access to emergency care.

## Dental Volunteer Programme and training in emergency dentistry

The Bridge2Aid Dental Volunteer Programme was developed to allow qualified dental professionals to pass on their skills by training local healthcare personnel in Tanzania in emergency dentistry, thereby increasing access to vital pain relief.

The B2A DVP runs four times a year and has spaces for teams of Dentists and Nurses who are willing to work in remote clinics to develop the skills of Clinical Officers by training them one-to-one to deliver basic dental services to the community.



Here is what some of our previous volunteers have said about their experiences:

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“It was an amazing trip and brilliantly organised. I love the ethos of the charity and how the aim is to be sustainable by leaving trained clinical officers behind that can carry on the work.”

“I have had an incredible time and would not change a thing! Thank you, keep up the great work; you are all truly inspiring.”

“It was so moving to be part of a charity working at such a grass roots level.”

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dental volunteer  
programme

# Future



We could not have achieved all we have over the last 7 years without the generosity and support of our volunteers and fundraisers and the kindness from the UK dental industry so we thank you wholeheartedly for your help. However there is still much more to be done to move towards a 'world free from dental pain'.

Everyone has a role to play and a place within Bridge2Aid. There are many things which need to be done in order for us to continue working towards realising our goal.

- **Dentists and nurses -**

we need you to volunteer to join us on our DVP programmes four times a year, training Clinical Officers in emergency dentistry.

- **Fundraise -**

there are many ways to get involved in fundraising for us from the sublime to the ridiculous, check our website to find out more about the different ways you can get involved.

Help us achieve our goals and put smiles back on the faces of those people suffering with dental pain.



# b2a Unity Partnership



The Unity Partnership is a select group of dental practices and businesses recognised by Bridge2Aid for their support of the dental training of a Clinical Officer.

Being a Unity Partner helps the partners stand out from their competition, and Bridge2Aid supports them in maximising the PR opportunities which stem from their involvement in the Partnership.

Unity Partners sponsor the training for an initial £2,500 followed by an annual contribution of £250 for three years. The Clinical Officer goes on to work in their local community treating thousands of people who would otherwise have no access to dental care, providing vital relief from pain.



## Fundraising

We are working day by day to make safe emergency dentistry available across East Africa.

We are committed to continuing our work transforming the community at Bukumbi.

How much we can do and how fast we get there depends on you! There are many ways to get involved in fundraising for Bridge2Aid and our website contains the latest ideas.

Make a difference

# There are many ways to become a part of **bridge2aid's** work:

1 Stay in touch through our free tri-annual newsletter:

Email  Post

2 Volunteer – please send me more information on your:

Dental Volunteer Programme/Locum at Hope Dental Centre

3 Become a Friend of **bridge2aid** by donating:

£5  £10  £20  £5  Other amount £

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 (28p for every £1 given).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title First Name Last Name

City/Town

County Postcode

Phone Email

Please return this form (including the standing order portion below if applicable) to **bridge2aid** UK Office: PO Box 649, Chichester, PO19 9JB.

## Thank you for your support.

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## Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager Bank

Address

Postcode

Sort Code Account Number

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 \_\_\_\_\_

starting on \_\_\_\_\_ and thereafter on a monthly basis.

This order is: (tick as appropriate)

a new order  replaces my existing order  is in addition to my existing order

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Bridge2Aid's vision is a world free from dental pain. This is a huge goal but one that we are working towards day by day. Our focus is on relieving the burden of pain and educating people how to avoid it.



“Bridge2Aid and Hope Dental Centre have taken care to work in partnership with the Government, Ministries of Health and Social Welfare. I commend their work in Tanzania.”

Honourable Daniel Ole Njoolay - Former Regional Commissioner, Mwanza

“Bridge2Aid programmes have been a great help in the promotion of oral health in Mwanza and the nation as a whole.”

Dr Joseph Nyanda - Regional Dental Officer, Mwanza



“This is my third year of working with Bridge2Aid. I really enjoy it and am pleased to be a part of the positive results that it has made. I am glad to be working on DVP and its important role to make a difference, and bring smiles to rural communities of Tanzania.”

Innocent Bikere – DVP Administrator



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