

## **Quaker Congo Partnership UK**

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### **Annual Report for the Year 2016**

**Trustees:** Catherine Putz, H. Margaret Gregory (co-clerks), Andrew Gregory (Treasurer), Tim Brown, Amy Ellis, Hannah Morrow, Mark Perry, Nick Tischler, Nigel Watt

Two trustees are appointed by Manchester and Warrington and by Cambridgeshire Area Quaker Meetings. Additional trustees are appointed through personal contacts with Quakers or people in sympathy with Quakerism and supportive of the work we are doing.

Trustees are asked to complete a fit and proper person declaration, and to declare any possible conflicts of interest. Trustees meet three or four times a year, and maintain regular communication through email.

#### **Achievements in 2016**

Our charitable purposes are to support the community work of CEEACO (Community of Evangelical Churches of Friends in the Congo) in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. These are the community hospital at Abeka; the CEPAP (Centre for Peace Education and Psychosocial Assistance), which provides trauma counselling for victims of violence, support and education for vulnerable young people, and peace education in a number of communities; and a microcredit project giving loans to women.

During 2015 and 2016 we funded an additional project, to provide clean piped water for the hospital and village of Abeka. There are now standpipes conveniently situated around the village and the hospital. We hope the final stage, providing internal plumbing and additional toilets for the hospital, will be completed in the near future, as soon as funds are available.

We have received quarterly reports on the needs and progress of all these projects, and full financial reports including receipts for the money sent. The work is locally planned and monitored, and has made a real difference to the quality of life in and around Abeka.

The trustees report to donors through a newsletter 3-4 times a year, through reports to Quaker meetings, particularly in Cambridge and Manchester, at Britain Yearly Meeting, and in 'The Friend', a Quaker weekly journal.