

Quaker Congo Partnership UK - Annual Report 2015

In writing this report we have taken account of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

This is our first full year as an independent charity registered with the Charity Commission, and it has been a very busy and exciting year. We would like to start by thanking Cambridgeshire Area Quaker Meeting trustees for overseeing our first seven years and all the help they have given us. At the end of 2015 a substantial sum due to QCP/UK in their account was paid to the projects. We'd also like to thank Manchester Area Meeting.

We have continued to support the three original projects, the Community Hospital Abeka, the Trauma Clinic Peace Garden and the Women's Microcredit project. Through the staff of the TCPG counselling is provided for people who have suffered through past or current disturbances, sexual violence, or drug addiction, peace-building work is done between and within communities and children who have been orphaned have their school fees paid and receive social support. This year we have had the wonderful news that almost all the first group of young people who received this support have graduated from school and found employment, some in really responsible jobs. The hospital has been developing its capabilities with a programme of in-service training for the staff and is increasing the range of work it is covering. There is a real need for more equipment and further training for staff but we have not been able to increase our funding to them this year. We are looking for additional funding from medical charities in this country. For all of these projects we receive good quality regular reports of the progress achieved and full accounts.

The big development in 2015 has been the water project. The water supply for the village and the hospital had in the past been collected from corrugated tin roofs or carried from polluted streams or the lake. Water-borne diseases have been responsible for around 150 hospital admissions a month. After years of planning, work on supplying clean water to the hospital and village started at the end of July. The planning and supervision of the works has been by locally based qualified water engineers. The engineering required has been considerable, collecting water from three springs up in the rift valley hills and piping it 7kms downhill to a storage tank just above the hospital from where it goes to standpipes at the hospital and the village. By the end of 2015 the water had reached the main tank and now, (March 2016), the standpipes are mostly in position and about to be turned on.

This has been an expensive project and has left us with very little in reserve. We are very grateful to a large number of individual donors and Quaker Meetings for their support and also to The Radley Trust, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, the Southall Trust and the Just Trust for their financial assistance. More fundraising is needed for the basic payments, to support desirable developments and for the final stage of the water project, fitting the hospital with showers, sinks, and toilets. Our priorities for 2016 are raising more money and recruiting new trustees

One particular satisfaction is to know that the money we have sent has been used as intended and has made a real difference to the community. The Quaker community of CEEACO (under the leadership of Lusungu By'ucinda and Jeanmarie Malenga) is confident, spiritually at one, working together and developing plans for the future.

Quaker Congo Partnership UK registered number 1159781

Registered address: Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street Manchester M2 5NS

Trustees: Margaret Gregory, Catherine Putz, Tim Brown, Nigel Watt, Mark Perry, Amy Ellis, Hannah Morrow, Nick Tischler, Andrew Gregory. Trustees should be in agreement with the ideals and working practices of the Religious Society of Friends, Trustees may be appointed by the Quaker Area Meetings for Cambridgeshire and Manchester & Warrington and by the existing trustees.

Where the money comes from: Individual donations, donations from Quaker meetings and trust funds, money raised by fund raising events, sale of items such as cards and mugs.

How the money is spent: Support for the hospital at Abeka in South Kivu province DRC, trauma recovery, social and educational support and in 2015/16 provision of clean water to the hospital and village of Abeka.

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 December 2015

Receipts	£
Donations - general	13946.14
Donations - water project	871.82
Sales of mugs, pens, quilt etc	576.72
Grants - general	0.00
Grants - water project (note 1)	46000.00
Grant - trauma clinic or microcredit	600.00
Gift Aid	1207.04
Compensation from Co-op Bank	0.00
Bank interest	14.10
Total income	<u>63215.82</u>

Payments	
Payments to CEEACO - General	12112.73
Payments to CEEACO - Water	40966.51
Payments to CEEACO - TCPG & Microcredit	600.00
Payments to Bindende	1733.69
Fundraising (note 2)	802.42
Friend ads for Trustees	640.80
Travel	66.20
	<u>56922.35</u>

Excess of receipts over payments 6293.47

Balance brought forward 8106.38

Balance carried forward 14399.85

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2015

Cash at bank	<u>14399.85</u>
being:	
General funds	5207.12
Restricted funds	
-Water project	<u>9192.73</u>
	<u>14399.85</u>

Note (1) - Water Project grants 2015 consist of £40,000 from Radley Trust and £6,000 from BYM.

The 2014 grant of £2,000 was from Manchester & Warrington AM Quaker Work Fund.

Note (2) - Fundraising includes posters, flyers, leaflets, newsletter costs, mugs.

Note (3) - Gift aid due on donations 1/4/15 to 31/12/15, not yet claimed totals £1,005.95

I have examined the paperwork that supports these figures for the income and expenditure of Quaker Congo Partnership UK, and am satisfied that they are a correct record of the income and expenditure on each line of the spreadsheet.

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