

## **Quaker Congo Partnership UK**

Charity registered in England & Wales No. 1159781

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### **Trustees' Annual Report for the Year 2018**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Charitable Purposes**

The objects of the charity ('the objects') are:

1. To improve the physical and mental health and education and relieve the poverty of people of the Great Lakes Region of Africa and in particular those in the area of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
2. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

##### **Summary of main activities**

The main activities of the charity are to support the community work of CEEACO (Community of Evangelical Churches of Friends in the Congo) in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. The core projects are the community hospital at Abeka (CHA); CEPAP (Centre for Peace Education and Psychosocial Assistance), which provides counselling for victims of violence and rape, support and education for vulnerable young people, and peace education in a number of communities; and a microcredit project giving loans to women, and training in literacy and numeracy. In addition we have funded locally managed work to supply clean water to the Community Hospital and Village of Abeka.

The three year agreement between QCP UK and CEEACO was revised and formally agreed by both organisations. This runs from January 2019 – December 2021.

##### **Public benefit statement**

Quaker Congo Partnership UK furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its support of the community work of CEEACO. The activities of the charity improve the physical and mental health and education and relieve the poverty of people of the Great Lakes Region of Africa and in particular those in the area of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. The quarterly reports from our partner include information on the numbers of people accessing the hospital, in receipt of counselling, attending training and members of microfinance groups. A specific example in this year is the provision of clean running water to hospital and the village of Abeka; of enormous public benefit. The provision of clean water has led to a great reduction in the incidence of water borne diseases.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.



## Achievements and Performance

The work of Quaker Congo Partnership UK in 2018 benefits people in South Kivu in DRC, particularly in the village of Abeka, the town of Uvira and villages in the high plateau.

The population of South Kivu is 5,772,000 and of Uvira 378,736.

Examples of numbers of direct beneficiaries: Community Hospital Abeka: in first quarter of 2018 there were 578 consultations and 428 in- patients. CEPAP: in each quarter 40 people receive counselling, 39 children are supported through payment of school fees, 20 young people were trained in vocational trades and at least 100 have taken part in peacebuilding activities and awareness raising in relation to prevention of sexual violence. There are several groups of women benefiting from micro-credit and 23 women in Abeka and 38 in Uvira have attended literacy and numeracy training. 316 households, approximately 1,900 people are served by water supply.

There are two sides to the work of the charity: core projects and development. The core work covers:

- 1) Payment towards the running costs of the hospital
- 2) CEPAP in supporting vulnerable children and also adults who have suffered from violence, vocational training for young people, prevention of sexual violence and peace education work.
- 3) Women's microcredit project.

The majority of the funds go to payment of stipends of locally based staff.

The benefits of clean water for the village and hospital in Abeka continue to show in the great reduction in the incidence of water borne diseases, but adjacent communities are still suffering from these and plans for extending the supply of clean water are being developed. The water management committee is working well, collecting a small payment from each household for maintenance and making necessary repairs.

We have also received a number of grants for particular developments linked with the core projects.

In 2018 a generous grant from Quaker Peace and Social Witness enabled the hospital to purchase a new operating bed and an ultrasound scanner, Staff have received training in the use and interpretation of the scanner.

CEPAP, assisted by a grant from AGLPT, Association of Great Lakes Peace Trust has developed peace building and reconciliation work between communities, including assisting internally displaced people. Training and support for election monitors has been important part of peace building as the distrust surrounding elections can easily become a trigger for violence.

Grants for training are helping to build future self-sufficiency. These have included women's literacy and numeracy and also craft apprenticeships and business skills work for young people.

There is much further work being planned. The ambulance has broken and a replacement is urgently needed. Transport is also needed for the staff. We have asked for plans for the extension of the water supply to the nearby villages and await these and the estimated costs.



## **Reporting**

The trustees receive quarterly reports and accounts including receipts from our partner CEACCO through their local project management group. These demonstrate how the money has been spent and what has been achieved. Trustees have not visited in 2018 but maintain regular electronic communication via email, Whatsapp and Facebook. The trustees report to individual donors, Quaker Meetings and donating trusts through a newsletter, and more detailed reports to the donors of restricted funds and meet with groups when this is possible. We have taken part in the work of the Quaker Africa Interest Group, had an information stall at Britain Yearly Meeting and been in regular contact with the London office of Friends World Committee for Consultation. An open day to promote our work was held in London in November. This event generated useful contacts with individuals and organisations.

## **Financial Review**

### **Financial position**

There was £3,764 in the bank on 1st January 2018, and £1,276 on 31st December 2018. These figures are shortly after one of our regular payments, which are usually sent in June and December each year. There is a commitment to sending an agreed sum every six months, to support the three main projects. Each payment amounts to approximately £14,000, so there is a need to raise twice this sum each year. In addition applications are made and money is sent for other specific projects.

**Reserves Policy** QCP UK Trustees reviewed the reserves policy in February 2018 and agreed to adopt a reserves policy which will be treated as a guideline. Our minute stated that 'There must always be enough to make the payment every 6 months. It was agreed to build up reserves slowly, and the aim was to have £2,500 after the July payment. There needs to be the ability to respond in an emergency.' In 2018 there were sufficient funds for both six monthly payments and money was raised for additional projects, but there was not always £2500 in reserve. There are no staff or ongoing expenses in UK.

### **Charity's principal sources of funds**

The funds for QCP UK come from collections and donations from Quaker meetings, from individual donors, from fund-raising events, and from grants from Trust Funds. Fund-raising events in 2018 included events organised by local or Area Meetings, and the sale of pens, mugs and bedspreads. Trust Funds include the Southall Trust, the Just Trust, the C.B. & H.H. Taylor Trust, Education Services 2010, QPSW (for hospital equipment), Manchester & Warrington Area Meeting Work Fund, the World Day of Prayer (Micro-credit) and the African Great Lakes Peace Trust work with refugees).

QCP UK and our partners are very grateful to all the individuals and organisations that support us.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Quaker Congo Partnership UK is a registered charity in England and Wales with a trust deed as the governing document.

In 2018 Quaker Congo Partnership UK was accepted as a Quaker Recognised Body by Quakers in Britain

**Trustees:** Catherine Putz, Margaret Gregory (co-clerks), Andrew Gregory (Treasurer), Tim Brown, Hannah Morrow, Lynn Norbury, Nick Tischler, Nigel Watt, Paul Simon, Alick Munro.

Manchester & Warrington and Cambridgeshire Area Quaker Meetings have the right to appoint trustees. Additional trustees are recruited through adverts, and through Quaker circles. They should be Quakers or people in sympathy with Quakerism and supportive of the work we are doing.

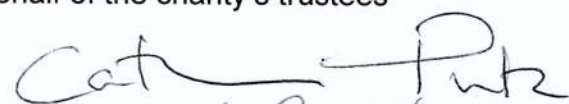
Trustees complete a fit and proper person declaration, and declare any possible conflicts of interest. In 2018 Trustees met three times and maintained regular contact through phone and email.

### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures:

  
H. Margaret Gregory

Full names:

Catherine Sarah Putz  
Helen Margaret Gregory

Position: Co-clerks

Date:

26th May 2019



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## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018		2017	
	General £	Reserved £	General £	Reserved £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations & Fund-raising - general	19,883		20,044	
- Water				403
- Refugees				2,000
Grants - general	7,300		8,000	
- Peace (Refugees & election monitoring)		5,700		4,800
- Water				1,000
- Hospital equipment		5,000		
- Training		1,550		3,000
Sale of mugs, pens etc.	110		102	
Gift Aid	2,588		2,479	
Total income	29,881	12,250	30,625	11,203
Overall total		42,131		41,828
<b>Payments</b>				
CEEACO - Projects	27,592		26,886	
- Water				7,873
- Peace (Refugees & election monitoring)		5,852		6,140
- Hospital equipment		6,318		
- Training		2,620		6,053
- Costs of visit				2,539
Consultants	1,345			
Fund-raising costs - Pens	172		380	
- Printing	225			
Advertisement in 'The Friend'	495		46	
Total payments	29,829	14,790	27,312	22,605
Overall total		44,619		49,917
Excess of receipts over payments	-2,488		-8,089	
Balance at 1 January	3,764		11,854	
Balance at 31 December	1,276		3,764	
<b>Balance sheet as at 31 December</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
Cash at bank	1,276		3,764	
Being: - General funds	1,276		2,764	
- Restricted funds - Hospital			1,000	

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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