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Dear Donor,

Health The Gambia – winding up

A little while ago we wrote to you to explain that despite our best efforts, we felt that the situation with the Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital (RVTH) had reached a situation where we had no option other than to wind-up the charity.

The winding-up of a UK charity is quite carefully controlled by UK company and charity law. As a result, the entire process takes some time. However, we have now completed all the necessary steps, including the disposal of remaining income.

Since the inception of HTG in 2005 over £90,000 has been raised. Over £45,000 has been used for projects at RVTH. The remaining funds of approximately £42,500 have been disbursed to the charities detailed below. Our preference, given our obligations under our constitutional documents was to apply remaining funds to charities which undertake activities within or as close as possible to our objects and that the funds are applied to healthcare work in The Gambia.

£10,250	Voluntary Services Overseas	Health/Disability programmes in The Gambia
£11,700	Sight Savers International	Programme at RVTH
£10,250	WEC International	Hands on Care (based at Brikama)
£10,250	Child Advocacy International	Neonatal resuscitation programme, Brikama

We have personal knowledge of each recipient organisation, and in many cases have already worked with them. For example, the 'Hands on Care' organisation in Brikama already provides good local cancer care, and were an important partner in the oncology project. If you would like more information on all the work funded by HTG, please see the summary report on our website (www.healthgambia.net).

Over the 4 years that HTG was active the Trustees have ensured that the work of HTG was carried out with transparency and integrity. As we have previously said, the step of winding up the charity has been taken with great reluctance and sadness. The Trustees would like to thank you on behalf of the patients and staff of RVTH once again for your support, both financial and moral, during HTG's existence.

The Trustees of HTG remain committed to improving healthcare for the people of The Gambia.

Yours faithfully

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