

The major risk is the misappropriation of funds in Nigeria. Last year we reported some misappropriation in Ayedun Diocese as a serious incident to the Charity Commission. The misappropriated funds were returned to Methodist Church Nigeria by Ayedun Diocese. The resolution of the problem was approved by Mrs Deborah Bennett of the Charity Commission in an email dated 3rd October 2017.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Purpose:

To promote any charitable purpose, for the benefits of persons living in Nigeria, which will assist in providing particularly, but not exclusively, health care services and facilities.

Aims:

1. To support the local Methodist Church Nigeria leadership in providing health care facilities and trained personnel in areas of Nigeria which have poor or non-existent services as an expression of our common Christian love and discipleship.
2. To work with the Nigerian diaspora to raise awareness and funds for the above cause.
3. To work with the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain to continue a creative partnership with Methodist Church Nigeria
4. To be good stewards of our financial resources.

Objectives: Since the last Annual Report most of the specific objectives defined at the 2016 AGM have been achieved. Those that remain are:

- 2a: To further develop our links with the Nigerian diaspora in the UK, by sharing meetings, involving more people with a Nigerian heritage as trustees, trainers and other volunteers (no specific target date)
- 3a: To ensure that the World Church Relationships Team of Methodist Church in Britain receive copies of minutes of NHCP Trustees meetings, annual reports and financial reports and that the Africa Secretary is briefed about matters of mutual interest. (routine and ongoing)
- 4a: To continue to ensure that at least 95% of our income is used to support the work in Nigeria. (confirmed each year by annual accounts)
- 4b: To continue to ensure that funds sent to Nigeria are used well. We require annual reports, including financial reports from the centres we support.(continuing)

In setting our objectives, trustees have given careful consideration to the Charities Commission general guidance on public benefit. A strategic review of NHCP, including our aims and objectives, will take place during 2018/19

Activities:

- i) Fund-raising mainly, but not exclusively, from organisations and individuals connected with the British Methodist Church e.g. coffee mornings, talks, distribution of leaflets, church services etc. Most of our funds are raised by individuals acting in these organisations. The charity is also supported by Christian Guild Holidays, who forward donations to NHCP made by guests.
- ii) Allocation of funds to Nigerian medical centres based on visits by Trustees to Nigeria; information from annual reports and correspondence; information

from Methodist Church Nigeria. The grants are used by the various centres/clinics to:

- a. Facilitate building programmes
 - b. Facilitate purchase of medical equipment
 - c. Fund medical and support staff
 - d. Provide support for the mentally ill
 - e. Facilitate rehabilitation into home community of ex leprosy sufferers
 - f. Purchase medicines
 - g. Facilitate cost of medical advisors
 - h. Provide health care education
- iii) Training of health workers in Nigeria
- iv) Improving the understanding of Nigeria and its medical needs by talks, leaflets, correspondence and via the charity's website. Encouraging a wider national network of people to prosper this work.

Additional details of activities

All trustees and people supporting the project are volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Funds raised during the year were just above £70,000. £20,000 of this total was the final payment from the estate of Revd Muriel Frampton. When legacies and other unique gifts are excluded, there is a general reduction in NHCP's core income, much of which continues to come from relatively elderly people on fixed incomes. There has been a further small increase in regular giving through the 'Association of Friends.

Grants made to Nigeria amounted to £53,250. This amount is less than 2016-17. It has been necessary to use £5000 from the Muriel Frampton bequest to supplement the 6-monthly allocation of general funds, starting in December 2017

The specific process for allocating the Muriel Frampton Bequest set up last year has gone well. £50,000 has been reserved for training in Nigeria over the next 5 years and £30,000 to cover any shortfall in general funds. Centres in Nigeria submitted applications for infrastructure funding which were considered by the Medical Board of Methodist Church Nigeria and NHCP working in partnership.

Applications were assessed in detail and, when necessary, further clarification sought. £119,500, the first tranche of money for successful bids from 8 centres including £6000 for project management by MCN health department, was sent in January 2017. Remaining funds will be sent subject to satisfactory progress with the projects. It is anticipated that the process of allocating the funds and monitoring how they are spent will take 2-4 years..

Core costs were 4.5% of the total amount raised, excluding the Frampton bequest.

We continue to train health workers in Nigeria. Our focus has been on two Local Government Areas (LGAs) – Bende in Abia State and Oju in Benue State. In February/March 2018 we were able to expand the training to Obi LGA, adjacent to Oju. 44 health workers were trained in Bende and 22 in Oju/Obi. The numbers in Oju/Obi were reduced because training facilitators from Lagos were unable to come. NHCP is establishing a sustainable network of local training coordinators. In 2018 we were able to identify and support an additional 6 local training coordinators – 2 from Bende, 1 from Oju and 3 from Obi LGAs.

NHCP local training coordinators have started better monitoring and evaluation of newborn resuscitation in 2018.

Progress has also been made in involving more people from the Nigerian diaspora in the UK. On October 1st 2017, NHCP celebrated its 25th anniversary at events in Methodist Central Hall Westminster. We announced that Chibundu Onuzo, a successful author, had accepted our invitation to be the second Patron of NHCP. She is an excellent role model for young adults of Nigerian heritage living in UK. NHCP is working with a small group of young adult supporters. One of them, Dr Somi Idowu, was a training facilitator at Oju/Obi. Olajide Majekodunmi was appointed as a trustee in September 2017. One of his roles is to liaise with the young adults' group.

We enjoy excellent working relationships with the hierarchy of Methodist Church Nigeria (MCN). We have very good links with their Health and Medical Board, the Health Secretary Deaconess Ronke Oworu and the new Chair of the Board, Dr Muyiwa Solanke.

We currently support 14 centres in Nigeria. The coordinator visited in February/ March 2018 as a training facilitator and was able to see all the centres except for Ogoli-Ugboju Hospital and the two health centres in the North.

Section E **Financial Review**

No funds are in deficit. Full details of the principal sources of funds are disclosed in the Financial report. Most funds raised are sent to Nigeria every six months and allocated to centres according to need. The Muriel Frampton bequest is being disbursed in phases and closely monitored.

Section F **Other optional information**

Section G **Declaration**

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees Report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Signature 

Full Name **Alison Redmore**

Position **Chair**

Date 19-6-2018

Signature 

Full Name **Susan Solanke**

Position **Vice Chair**

Date 19/06/2018