

LIFE SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021



After a year of unprecedented challenges and trying to find a new sense of normality, we present our latest Life Support Newsletter – a reminder of the life-saving and life-transforming work you have continued to support so generously.

Whilst many of us have enjoyed life returning to some form of 'normality', reuniting with friends and family, churches and other community activities re-opening, crowds back in sport events etc. HHA remain acutely aware of the significant on-going challenges COVID-19 is causing across the developing world, including our countries of operation. Whether in Haiti where we have had to re-open our emergency COVID-19 ward, a nation yet to receive a single COVID-19 vaccine, or in Uganda where a new national lockdown only adds to the very real, day to day challenges many families already face. Even in the UK, the charity sector faces extraordinary challenges following this pandemic.

Whilst COVID-19 presents one challenge, the countries we work in suffer many other hurdles. Perhaps most notably in the last month was the shocking and sad news on the assassination of the President of Haiti. This follows a turbulent few years for Haiti and we ask that you join with us praying for healing and a peaceful resolution. Whilst the political situation remains critical, our work continues and we remain steadfast in our love and commitment for Haiti and its future.

And yet, despite these many challenges, as you will see in this edition of Life Support, the team have done an incredible job bringing life-saving aid to thousands of people across Haiti, Uganda and South Sudan. Alongside expressing my deep thanks to HHA's incredible team of staff and volunteers for all they've achieved in such difficult circumstances, I also want to thank you. Everything you read in the following pages is only made possible thanks to your continued faith and generosity in our mission. We know this last year has been a challenge for many of you and we don't take your continued support for granted. On behalf of all our team around the world, thank you.

However, whilst there is much to give thanks for, HHA and some of our projects haven't been totally unaffected by this extraordinary season. Last year, due to funding constraints, we had to make the difficult decision to reduce the service of Maison de Benediction (our respite centre for children with disabilities). In real terms this means families are now only receiving two weeks of respite care a month, rather than four. As the BBC recently reported, persons with disabilities even in the UK have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

This summer we are passionate about getting MdB back to full time so our MdB kids and their families can continue receiving the life-transforming support MdB offers. In order to do this, we need your support. Please take the time to look at our summer BENI Appeal and see how you can help get MdB back to full time.

Once again, thank you for your amazing and continued support! Stay safe and enjoy reading about the lives transformed thanks to your generosity.

With much love and thanks,

Carwyn

CEO & Co-Founder, Hope Health Action



RESPONSE UPDATE

For those of us living in the UK, our world is beginning to open up again as coronavirus restrictions start to be lifted and life is starting to feel a bit more 'normal'. However, we are sad to report that this is not the case in Haiti or Uganda, where COVID-19 cases have recently been increasing rapidly across both countries and within the local communities where HHA works.

→ HAITI

Last year HHA were at the forefront of the COVID-19 response in northern Haiti including helping to open one of the country's World Health Organisation (WHO) certified COVID-19 wards at our partner hospital, HCBH. At the end of 2020 the ward was able to close due to a decline in COVID-19 case numbers. However, in May 2021, the Haitian government declared a state of health emergency due to the high increase in COVID-19 related deaths, forcing us to reopen the ward despite the financial challenges of doing so (\$2,800 USD a month commitment).

Since reopening, HCBH have had 43 people admitted with COVID-19 and the team are expecting more. These are already higher numbers than we saw last summer so we are very concerned that the number of cases will exceed the hospital's capacity.

With our resources stretched to meet this new wave, we asked our HHA community to help us respond. We'd like to thank those of you who donated towards the reopening of the ward, your generosity has allowed us to cover the COVID-19 response costs, increased staff salaries and maintain core hospital services safely for a couple of months. Thank you.



→ UGANDA

Rising COVID-19 numbers in Uganda led to another national lockdown in June. The virus has spread to 108 districts, 20 of which - including Kampala and Yumbe where HHA works - have been significantly affected. The country is experiencing high hospitalisation rates for the first time and faces concerns about how the healthcare system will support it.

The impact of COVID-19 has been widely felt across the country and across HHA's team. According to the World Food Programme (WFP), 80% of refugees in Uganda live on less than 2,000 UGX a day (\$0.50) resulting in high levels of reliance on rations provided by UNHCR. Due to funding constraints, WFP and UNHCR have been forced to reduce rations by an additional 40% and this is expected to increase to 50%.

Alongside HHA's continued efforts to support those most vulnerable, we launched an emergency appeal to seek additional funding of £10,000 to support the critical and life-saving needs of refugees in Uganda and those displaced by war in South Sudan. This funding will help HHA build the resilience of refugees through increased food security, disability care and agricultural support through this crisis. Many of you helped us fight for zero hunger - one example of how this is already making an impact is that in the last few months over 2,000 South Sudanese refugees in Uganda have received food aid packages consisting of maize flour, beans, cooking oil and washing soap.

Please keep Haiti and East Africa in your thoughts and prayers as each country fights this ongoing battle.



UPDATE FROM MICHAEL, HAITI DIRECTOR

It's been an exciting start to 2021 as our new team of long-term volunteers have really settled in and have been doing fantastic work! You can read more about the team on our website but I'd like to give a big shoutout to Rob, Phil, Brooke and Joe for the amazing effort they give each and every day.

Our partner hospital in Haiti (HCBH) continues to serve the community and provide life-saving health and disability care to some of the world's most vulnerable. Did you know that HCBH offers care in over 10 different areas? This includes services such as maternity, NICU, paediatrics, radiology, internal medicine, emergency care, surgery, rehabilitation/SCI, disability care, pharmacy, laboratory, community health clinic and many more. It takes a lot of time and energy to support all the amazing work at HCBH!

Outside of our daily services, we've also been working on many other projects. So far this year we have...

- Installed a new water well
- Provided new life saving equipment to the neonatal intensive care unit
- Started a new wheelchair distribution hub
- Updated our cafeteria and bakery
- Developed a new solar plan and purchased new equipment
- Re-established our telehealth program
- Expanded our disability and community care

...and much more. We have been keeping busy!

A huge thanks to all of you who continue to support HHA and our mission. This work would not be possible without the support of our incredible partners – we couldn't do it without you!



HHA WALKABOUT WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION CENTRE



HHA is delighted to have partnered with Walkabout Foundation to open a brand new Wheelchair Distribution Centre in Haiti.

The 'HHA Walkabout Distribution Centre' will distribute 900+ wheelchairs to all regions of Haiti every year. The centre will not only be the country's first national wheelchair distribution facility that will tackle a critical national need for transforming rehabilitation efforts across Haiti, but will also act as a regional hub for Latin America too.

With the support of Free Wheelchair Mission, 13 local partners have been trained in wheelchair provision so far and now have access to a regular and reliable supply of wheelchairs.

Opening this new wheelchair distribution centre is a major step forward in fulfilling our joint dream to ensure that everyone in Haiti who needs a wheelchair can have access to one. We cannot wait to see the incredible impact this new collaboration will have, overcoming one of Haiti's most critical service gaps in supporting persons with disabilities.

CASE STUDY

In June 2021, a dedicated team from 'For You Haiti' collected 50 chairs for their community on the island of La Gonâve, a small island off the coast of Port au Prince. After multiple boat trips, hours of driving and a treacherous journey, they finally made it to the hanger.



"This morning we had a big problem with the truck when people came and cut the tyres. We are so happy to be here and to come and get wheelchairs from Cap Haitien. Thank you HHA so much for your help to the people in this community. Thank you and may God bless you."
Carmy - For You Haiti

We are in awe of the 'For You Haiti' team's passion and endurance to deliver wheelchairs and provide independence to those who struggle with mobility on their island.



HCBH

WATER WELL PROJECT

A dream that finally came true! In January 2021, our partner hospital, HCBH (which we co-founded in 2007) celebrated its 14th birthday. The hospital has since then received an amazing birthday present - a new water well! Thanks to our friends at Living Water all staff members, patients and visitors at the hospital can now access clean, drinkable water.

It's amazing how many lives have been saved and transformed in the last 14 years, with the centre evolving into one of the leading hospitals in northern Haiti. We are also pleased to announce that HHA has been accepted to receive a financial grant from the States of Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission. This grant will enable us to install new infrastructure to provide clean water to all hospital departments through this well and improve hygiene through additional hand washing stations. We aim for this work to be completed by early next year.



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CPAP TRAINING

On World Health Day in April, a team of 11 nurses and doctors received introductory training from HHA to use brand new CPAP machines on the acutely unwell adult. CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) is a device that helps to open the airways of the patient and is frequently used in lifesaving emergencies around the world. These are the first dedicated adult machines at HCBH hospital in Haiti, donated by a long standing friend of the hospital. The team also received specialised CPAP training for babies in the Neonatal Unit from Dr Vimal (a Neonatal Consultant from the UK) over Zoom, with our Healthcare Coordinator Rob demonstrating how to use the kit and Joe translating the English training into French - what a team! Healthcare professionals like this team are the backbone of health systems around the world. We're so grateful for everything they do to build a fairer and healthier world.



NEW EQUIPMENT

Thanks to the generous support of individuals to Noah's Fund, in the last few months we've provided our partner neonatal unit with a new CPAP machine, 2 new phototherapy units and several new pulse oximeters. We've also received some amazing support from the Haiti Health Network Medical Equipment Modernization and Standardization Program that is supported by The Dalton Foundation, who have provided our partner neonatal unit with 4 new suction machines, 16 oxygen regulators, baby warmers and much more. This equipment will truly help us continue to save the lives of so many in need. You can see how happy the staff are to receive these wonderful gifts too!





NICU

NICU CELEBRATES 9TH BIRTHDAY

Hip hip hooray! In April 2021, our NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) celebrated its 9th anniversary! The team celebrated this fantastic milestone with some well-deserved cake, bubbles and smiles all round.

During the past 9 years your donations have saved thousands of lives. We are in awe of your continued support and couldn't have made such progress without you.

Even after 9 years, the situation across Haiti for mothers and babies is still often more painful than we could imagine. Yet, your support is generating great hope for many communities, providing a new opportunity for many thousands of women and babies in the future to receive the support, love and care they require. Thank you - and here's to the next 9 years!

NICU EXPANSION PLANS

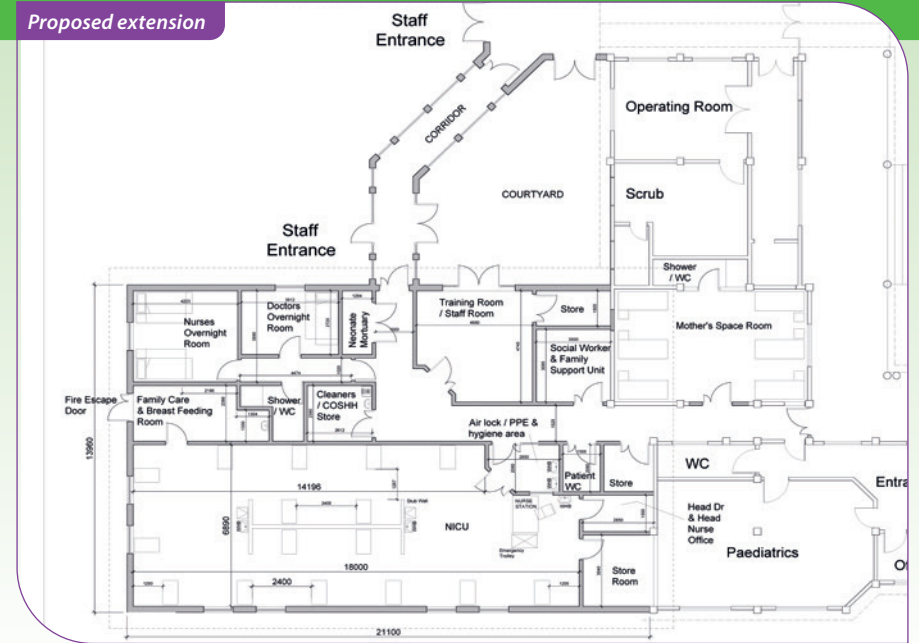
You may remember that before COVID-19, HHA and Noah's Fund announced plans to expand our partner neonatal and maternity units in Haiti. This was an ambitious project and in light of the current fundraising climate caused by COVID-19, we've spent a lot of time re-developing the plans so we can phase the building work over a number of years. The first phase will be a brand new neonatal intensive care unit that will drastically improve patient and family care.

According to UNICEF, the mortality rate of children under 5 in Haiti is 63 per 1,000 live births. This is shocking when compared to the UK with a rate of 4.3 per 1,000 births. The greatest risk to a child's life is in their first 28 days with approximately 47% of all infant deaths occurring during the newborn period.

Since HHA helped open our partner neonatal unit in 2012, it has become one of the leading facilities in northern Haiti receiving referrals from up to 75 miles away, including many of the most high-risk cases. The unit was only designed for 8 babies but regularly has 14 babies, sometimes over 20! This has prohibited our partner hospital from fulfilling the level of care it is passionate about providing. Our new neonatal unit will tackle some of these needs. In addition, we recognise that the staff at HCBH work tirelessly and this new unit will significantly improve their working conditions, providing better facilities for them.



Proposed extension





→ MAISON DE BENEDICTION FOSTER MUMS CLUB

Exciting news - a brand new Foster Mums Club has started in Haiti! This monthly club will provide an open forum for the foster mums of the children attending MdB to discuss the challenges of raising a growing child with special needs.

Each meeting will start with some Bible study time, then move into sharing personal experiences, update them on what HHA is currently doing, then provide an open time to express any current struggles they may be facing that HHA can collectively work to assist with. Each session will end with some tasty lunch!



HOME VISITS

Our team has been busy completing home visits for the children of the Maison de Benediction to evaluate their accessibility needs.

During these visits, children were given new wheelchairs designed for home use, Foster Mums were taught new physical therapy home exercises to increase their child's range of motion, as well as simple activities they can perform to improve their child's head and neck control.

INTERIOR DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS

Our incredible team have also been working hard by upgrading the therapy space at the Maison and giving the bedrooms a fresh lick of paint. What a transformation!



NEW TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE

Thanks to HHA US, the foster families from our respite centre now have their own transport home.



These new wheels will provide transport for our foster kids going to and from the Maison, as well as taking the kids on planned field trips throughout the year. Carwyn, our CEO, was brought to tears on his last trip to Haiti upon hearing the stigma and abuse mothers face to simply get a lift home with their children with disabilities. We are super thankful to those of you who supported this project to make this happen. In Haiti, you can't take these small wins for granted.

→ BECOME A BENI SPONSOR AND CHANGE A LIFE

Despite all this progress we are sad to announce that there has been a shortage of funding to keep the Maison open full time in the last year. This has meant we have had to shut the disability centre for 50% of the month and decrease the amount of medical care and schooling these children receive. This decision has not been taken lightly and we aim to turn this around soon.



We need your help. The Maison is entirely funded by donations and we rely on the commitment and generosity of our amazing Beni sponsors. Become a monthly Beni sponsor today and help provide life-saving respite care, rehabilitation and education for a child in need.

JUST £27 A MONTH CAN...

- Enable the Maison to be open five days a week to give full-time medical care and schooling to the children.
- Support the development of a teenage specific programme to better care for their changing needs.
- Provide more places for disabled children, keeping more families together.



Visit www.hopehealthaction.org/benisponsorship or scan here to start your Beni sponsorship today.



→ UPDATE FROM IZZY, EAST AFRICA DIRECTOR

Thank you for your continued support over what has been a truly extraordinary 12 months. Through your generosity, children and families across Uganda and South Sudan have continued to be cared for and lives saved during this awful pandemic.

The first half of 2021 has been jam-packed with exciting projects in northern Uganda despite challenging circumstances for the almost 1.5 million refugees living in Uganda (almost 1 million South Sudanese). These projects include:

- Starting construction on the New Hope Bidibidi Rehabilitation Centre in partnership with Swiss Limbs - we are excited to open this centre later this year and take our support of people with disabilities to another level.
- Starting construction on the new classroom block and library at Amazing Grace School - we can't wait to welcome more children to the school after over a year without schooling.
- Providing wheelchairs and mobility devices to people with disabilities in Bidibidi.
- Kicking off a wheelchair monitoring and impact project in partnership with Walkabout Foundation.
- Supporting over 2,000 high risk people with emergency food distributions.

Food security remains an ongoing challenge and we hope to continue our support to many people struggling to get by day-to-day. We are also working on exciting plans for upcoming work in South Sudan in nutrition and healthcare, which remains core to our vision in East Africa.

We do not have words to thank all our team on the ground, volunteers, partners and donors for making this work possible and dreams a reality. We hope you get a sense of the difference it is making to so many people's lives.



→ WHEELCHAIR MONITORING & IMPACT PROJECT

This year, we kicked off a new digital Wheelchair Monitoring & Impact project in partnership with Walkabout Foundation. This project enables our team to check-in with wheelchair users who received new wheelchairs from 2017 to 2020, and collect data to better understand how the chairs have supported them, conduct repairs and understand what further support they need.

→ AMAZING GRACE

The children at Amazing Grace School were jumping for joy when they saw the amazing progress our team on the ground is making with the construction of their new school block.

Amazing Grace in Mijale, is a community led school of over 600 children, where roughly 75% of the students are displaced children who have travelled from South Sudan with their families and whose childhoods have been interrupted by war.

Thanks to The Favell Family Foundation, HHA is excited to be working with a local construction team for this project who are building a new classroom block (hosting 3 new classrooms for almost 150 primary pupils) as well as a brand-new library.

We are also starting an exciting remote teacher training programme for teachers to support their existing work at the school.

We're counting down the days until this new block is open in August!



NEW HOPE BIDIBIDI REHABILITATION CENTRE

More than 200,000 refugees live in Bidibidi, one of the largest refugee settlements in the world. Those with disabilities that live in these camps are faced with enormous challenges. Many have very little access to needed auxiliary devices, physiotherapy or community support. In addition, many face discrimination from within the general population in their society.



Thanks to our partnership with SwissLimbs, we are incredibly excited to open the New Hope Bidibidi Rehabilitation Centre in the heart of Bidibidi later this year and take our support of people with disabilities, both in Bidibidi and in surrounding settlements, to another level. The centre will provide holistic outpatient care to thousands of refugees with mobility disabilities (wheelchairs, physio/occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics and community-based rehabilitation) and is planned to open this Autumn. We are also continuing our exciting partnership with Simon Fraser University (SFU) to develop an app to support our community-based rehabilitation work.

"The centre will be called "New Hope Bidibidi Rehabilitation Centre" because it brings just that, new hope. It is our hope that this project rehabilitates and empowers thousands of South Sudanese refugees with disabilities and builds the capacity of how the settlement governing bodies support people with disabilities and change the culture in the settlements of how people with disabilities are viewed and treated. When finally the longed- for peace in South Sudan arrives, we aspire to also bring those services to the communities there. We'd like to thank SwissLimbs for this special partnership, their experience and expertise and thank the donor of this project for their extraordinary generosity and making this dream a reality. We can't wait to open the centre in 2021!" Izzy Cumming-Bruce, East Africa Director, HHA



WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION WITH TTR

Earlier this year we worked with Through the Roof (a Christian disability charity) and their team of remote therapists and technicians to provide over 250 wheelchairs and other mobility devices to people with disabilities in Bidibidi. We have been truly humbled by the inspiring stories that we have heard and know that your donations have truly changed the lives of so many.

One of the beneficiaries we met was 12-year old Emelda who shared her extraordinary story with us. After developing epilepsy at 1 and being paralysed on the right hand side of her body, this young woman has struggled with movement and has had almost no independence all her life. In 2017, she and her grandmother fled South Sudan and journeyed empty-handed to Bidibidi, leaving all of their possessions, animals and livelihoods behind.

This year Emelda received the best present of her life - a new wheelchair and walking aid. *"I used to fall over all the time and have never had a mobility aid. I have received a crutch and a wheelchair. The crutch is going to help me move around short distances and keep practicing walking and the wheelchair will allow me to go further for getting to school, hospital and church."*

Emelda can now easily sit comfortably and will be able to get to school on time. Her grandmother hopes that she will keep studying and when they go back to South Sudan she will be educated and able to get a job. She is hopeful for the future!



→ EAST AFRICA

→ NUTRITION PROJECT

As landlocked countries, many of Uganda and South Sudan's populations rely on subsistence agriculture to feed their families. However, the agriculture sector continues to be hindered from its full potential due to poor agricultural practices, insecurity over land ownership, severe climate and environmental conditions and lack of education for farmers, meaning the vast majority of farmers across Uganda and South Sudan are unable to feed their family.

Our ongoing nutrition project has proven to be an enormous success and continues to aid those across East Africa. Over the course of the project so far, we have supported over 2,000 people at high risk of food insecurity through emergency food distributions, and 220 vulnerable people with sustainable agriculture production.

Families taking part in this project have been provided with the tools, seeds and training they need to produce their own crops and feed their families.



"There is a lot of improvement in my feeding. I am living positively and having a good balanced diet (means) good health"

→ SOUTH SUDAN'S FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



One of our long-term goals for our East Africa work is to improve health care in South Sudan, a country with some of the worst health indicators in the world. The country faces huge shortages of medical staff. For instance, South Sudan only has 1 doctor for every 65,574 people (compared to 2.8 per 1,000 in the UK) and 1 midwife for every 39,088 people. Reducing maternal and infant mortality in South Sudan will only be possible if these statistics change. That's why we are so excited to be trialing a new pilot project, supporting 8 South Sudanese refugees through medical school in Uganda.

Thanks to Noah's Fund, we are able to sponsor 8 students through medical school to become Midwives, Lab Technicians, Nurses and Clinical Officers. The students were so grateful in receiving this support - a dream come true for many of them who, as refugees, would have been unable to afford to pursue their dreams. We hope they'll one day become health leaders in future HHA clinics in South Sudan!

→ PLUMPY'NUT

Malnutrition is an unreported health crisis that is responsible for the deaths of around 3 million children every year. Thanks to our partnership with Edesia, 1,700+ malnourished children will be supported through life saving Plumpy'Nut, a therapeutic food that treats severe and acute malnutrition in refugee settlements.

Since 2017, HHA and Edesia have provided almost 6,000 cartons of Plumpy'Nut to children suffering from acute malnutrition across the refugee settings in Uganda.

In a meeting in March 2021 the UNHCR Nutrition Officer explained to HHA that thanks to this partnership there had been no breaks in the treatment pipeline across all the nutrition clinics in the refugee settlements in Uganda during 2020, whereas previously there had been due to a shortage of stock. This means that no child has been denied treatment for malnutrition. It cannot be understated what an extraordinary impact this donation of Plumpy'Nut has on the refugee setting in Uganda.

'My daughter could have died, I thought she was going to die, I want all mothers to know that they can access this wonderful service. Plumpy'Nut saved her life- I want her to become a doctor. Thank you for saving our children's lives'
Mother of Plumpy'Nut beneficiary, April 2021



FUNDRAISING FOCUS

2021 continues to be an incredibly challenging environment for fundraising, with lockdown rules and country wide event closures still in place. But thanks to your incredibly dedicated support so far this year, HHA has managed to hold brand new fundraising events and developed new ways to receive your generous donations. We can't thank you enough.

PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL SUPERHERO DAY

On 28th April we took part in National Superhero Day and what better way for the children at the Maison de Benediction to celebrate than to dress up as their favourite superheroes for the day! Schools across the UK also joined in the fun, dressed up and raised money for the Maison. If you know a school or nursery who would like to take part next year please let us know!



5KMAY

HHA took part in the Run For Heroes #5kMay challenge this year where you were all invited to join in by completing 5km, donating £5 and nominating 5 friends to do the same. We were truly overwhelmed by the number of you that took part, and thanks to your efforts, you raised an incredible £2,182! You were all part of a truly historic and global event for HHA with participants getting involved all over the world including the USA, Haiti, Uganda, Jersey, Norway and the UK. Same time next year?



FORCED TO FLEE

Throughout Refugee Week in June, HHA ran its first ever walk-through exhibition: "Forced to Flee: A Refugee's Journey Into Uganda".

This immersive experience explored the journey thousands make when they are forced from their homes in the war torn country of South Sudan and make the journey to Bidibidi, Uganda, the largest refugee settlement in East Africa. We thank those who attended the exhibition; we hope you found it enlightening and learnt a lot about the current situation across Uganda and South Sudan.



Have you been inspired by what you've read in this newsletter to get more involved? If so, we have lots of different ways to make a personal difference through fundraising.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brighton and London Marathons

We have a team of HHA Heroes taking part in the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 12th September and the London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October. Interested in taking part? We have some spaces left for the Brighton run, but if you can't do that why not consider joining HHA in 2022 for some other amazing running events? Contact us today to join our incredible team of fundraisers and receive a free HHA t-shirt!

Christmas raffle

Would you like to win lots of fantastic prizes just in time for Christmas? Keep an eye out for our largest ever Christmas raffle announcement on social media and across our newsletters over the next few months. Trust us, you won't want to miss out!

→ VOLUNTEER

Whether you have a medical background, are part of a church, or are looking for a longer placement overseas – we are actively looking for volunteers to join our work in 2022.

The enthusiasm and skills of volunteers has made an immeasurable difference to what HHA has achieved over the years and we love meeting new people who want to get involved. So if you're interested in volunteering overseas or in the UK to help our cause then get in touch through info@hopehealthaction.org or view the volunteering section on our website.

"I came to Haiti 8 months ago, and whilst I had done a fair amount of volunteering in the previous year, I had never done anything like this; committing myself to working in a hospital in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, for a year. The work here is extremely varied and incredibly fulfilling; even digging a hole for a new well had real value and purpose! It is without doubt one of the most rewarding periods of my life."

Phil McRae, Haiti Operations Coordinator



→ NEW UK TEAM MEMBERS

This year, we're thrilled to announce that we have 2 new additions to the UK team! Meet Sarah-Lynne Rand and Suzie Wood...

→ SARAH-LYNNE RAND FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER



Sarah-Lynne will be developing and managing our fundraising strategy, building our supporter base and managing all HHA's communications.

Sarah-Lynne has over 6 years of marketing and communications experience working with international brands and has provided growth for businesses and charities around the globe.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to join the HHA family and be part of their incredible story. This is a really exciting opportunity to grow HHA and share the joys of becoming a donor to a wider audience."

"I'm so compelled by the incredible work that HHA does and feel honoured not only to support and grow their range of health, disability and emergency programmes across Haiti and East Africa, but also become an ambassador for their life-saving work."

→ SUZIE WOOD FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER



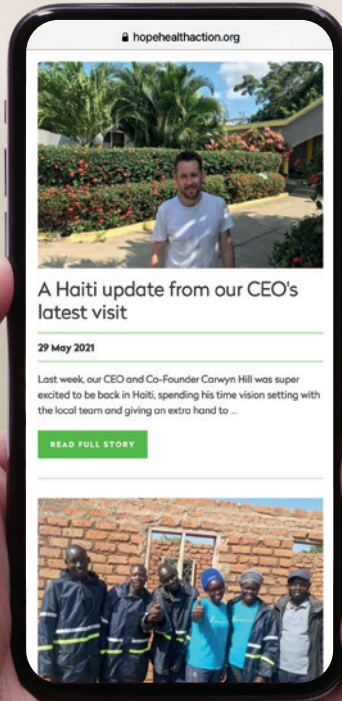
Suzie has vast experience with NGOs having previously been part of the fundraising team at a UK-based international disaster response charity. Prior to this, she spent 12 years of her career in the corporate sector with a FTSE 250 property company, working with international and local brands.

Following a visit as a volunteer to Haiti back in 2017 where she first became aware of HHA's work, she was inspired to make the move into the charity sector. Suzie will be developing and managing our fundraising strategy and building our long-term and new partnerships.

"I am overjoyed to join HHA, having first met the charity back in 2017 when I volunteered at Maison de Benediction. I am confident I left a piece of my heart in Haiti, and I feel incredibly honoured to now be part of the HHA family. I'm excited to be part of their story and the incredible work they do across Haiti and East Africa."

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