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What have we been up to?

Since its establishment in 1999 the SHARE Foundation continued its activities with the two on-going projects: Kenya Clinic Project and Limuru Children's Hope. With these two projects the foundation is supporting the work of the missionary congregation of the *Daughters of the Sacred Heart* based in Kenya.



Project sites in Kenya

• The Kenya Clinic Project

The foundation's activities relating to this project have been carried out mainly through advocacy, co-ordination and collaboration with other humanitarian and developmental agencies. In this way it could support the running of the health service provided at the Maria Teresa Nuzzo Health Centre, with

physical and human resources. The clinic functions mostly as an out-patient department and provides in-patient care in certain cases. The clinic reported an average of 3000 new cases attended annually between 2003 and 2005.



Malaria transmitter: the Anopheline mosquito



A child suffering from severe malaria later made a complete recovery

Throughout 2003-2005, malaria was the single most reported disease amounting to almost one third of all cases. Respiratory diseases and diarrhoeal diseases constituted most of the remaining cases.



Entrance to the clinic



Two wings of the Clinic

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The Rotary Club Malta

The SHARE Foundation has closely collaborated with the Rotary Club of Malta which combined efforts with the Monza Briganze Rotary Clubs (Italy) and Rotary International to raise funds for the further development of the Clinic. With this financial aid the foundation has assisted in organizing the purchase and delivery of a diesel power generator together with basic items necessary to perform minor operations. Amongst the various items these included a surgical trolley complete with operating theatre light, an incubator and an autoclave.



Switching on the generator



A surgical trolley suitable for minor operations

The Rotary Doctors of the Netherlands

The SHARE Foundation has been looking for agencies and organizations that had the set up of sending medical personnel in developing countries. In 2005 the Rotary Doctors of the Netherlands (www.rotarydoctorsnederland.nl/)

initiated a pilot scheme lasting 12 weeks during which both medical and dental service were provided to community by relaying doctors and dentists. Their service also included an out-reach program that was of great benefit to the people living in remote villages around the region. A similar scheme is scheduled to restart in April 2007 for a period of nine months.



Some members of the Rotary Doctors of the Netherlands, 2006

In this second issue of SHARE Foundation's newsletter, we would like to inform our readers about the activities the foundation since the publication of the first newsletter.

Danida

The SHARE Foundation has contacted the Danish International Development Aid Agency: Danida who together with the local health authority are willing to support the establishment of a dental service at the Clinic. Procedures for setting up a dental chair at the Clinic are underway. The chair together with its accessories is expected to be in place by April 2007 just in time for the Rotary Doctors (including dentists) of the Netherlands to start the dental service. More information on Danida can be accessed on:

www.um.dk/en/menu/DevelopmentPolicy/DanishDevelopmentPolicy/

• **Limuru Children's Hope**

To continue assisting children from the shanty towns of Limuru, the SHARE Foundation has been financing the living and schooling expenses of a growing number of children. Although primary education is, since recently, being provided free to all children in Kenya, there are still expenses of books, stationery and uniforms to be covered. The basic living and schooling costs have declined and currently averages 6 US dollars per child per month or 72 US dollars per year.

The number of children in this project gradually reached 30 by 2006. Many of these children are now permanent residents in a home purposely built for them. The home is run by the nuns of the *Daughters of the Sacred Heart* and is situated 10 minutes away on foot from the main shanty town of Misri in Limuru where most children come from.

To maintain this project, individual benefactors willing to sponsor a child for a whole scholastic year are continuously being sought.



Children at the centre in Limuru

Through this project many children in Limuru have improved living conditions and are diverted from the ill effects of ignorance and poverty.



Some of the children supported by individual benefactors

Other activities

International Ocean Institute

Following the International Ocean Institute (IOI) annual meeting held in Malta in June 2000, the SHARE introduced the Kenya Clinic Project to representatives of the East African branch of the IOI to an on-site visit to Mpeketoni in July 2001. The aim of the visit was to identify the needs of the people and propose projects for further development that would also improve the health situation of the community. A representative from the Indian branch of the IOI was also present to share his experiences gained from setting up eco-villages in India. General recommendations on ways to improve the health services including public health were made in the final report. The IOI is accessible on the internet at www.IOInst.org.

The Maltese NGDO Platform

The SHARE Foundation has been participating in the Maltese NGDO (Non-Governmental Development Organisations) Platform since 2002 through seminars and discussions.

The main objectives of the Maltese NGDO Platform are to:

- Strengthen civil society participation;
- Effectively participate in the setting up of a local development policy;
- Take part in European and International co-operation initiatives in particular in relation to policy and lobby work; and
- Co-ordinate local initiatives in development cooperation and development education.

The platform is currently coordinated by Kopin (Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali - Malta) - a Maltese NGDO focusing on capacity building and policy work. Their website address is www.kopin.org.

Mahwi School Rehabilitation Project

In 2005, SHARE has funded the local registration of a Kenyan charity aimed to rehabilitate the Primary School in the village of Mahwi, close to Kisumu in Western Kenya. The community of Mahwi has already been involved in building new brick classrooms replacing the old mud hut types.



Bricks were made locally for the construction of the classrooms

Funds need to be raised to complete the school with furniture and other learning facilities.

Donation to tsunami victims

As a symbolic and supportive response to the tsunami victims of December 2004, a donation of 100 Lm was given to the Malta based charity, Solidarity Overseas Service (SOS Malta). The organization (www.sosmalta.org) promptly responded to the disaster by sending out a medical team to Sri Lanka.



Disaster in Banda Ache, Indonesia

Website update

The SHARE Foundation's website has been updated in August 2006 with new text and recent photos. This has been done free of charge thanks to website manager Philip Haugaard.

A word of thanks

We are grateful to all benefactors who have in many different ways supported financially or otherwise the SHARE Foundation's activities.

Donations

Anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution may do so by sending a bank cheque at the postal address of the SHARE Foundation found on the front page or by making a deposit using the bank accounts listed below:

**The Kenya Clinic Project Bankers:
Bank of Valletta, Mosta Road, Attard
BZN 04, Malta:**

Maltese lira Account: A/C 112 0685 3024

US dollar Account: A/C 112 0685 3040

(Swift code: VALL MT MT, Sort Code: 22-127)

HSBC Bank of Malta plc, Balzan, Malta:

Maltese lira Account: A/C 11 079845 052

**Limuru Children's Hope Bankers:
Bank of Valletta, Mosta Road, Attard
BZN 04, Malta:**

Maltese lira Account: A/C 112 0685 3037

US dollar Account: A/C 4000103 603 76

(Swift code: VALL MT MT, Sort Code: 22-127)

HSBC Bank of Malta plc, Balzan, Malta:

Maltese lira Account: A/C 11 079845 051

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