

Improving Chances for Ugandans



Registered Charity 1138984

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
OCTOBER 2013

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1. INTRODUCTION

2012-2013 was a positive year for the charity. Although not finally commissioned in this year, we completed the funding of the building of the Delivery Suite/Maternity Ward at the Rwbaale Health Unit. When the charity was first registered in 2010 targets were set to raise £50,000 over three years and complete the building of the Maternity ward. Both targets have been reached. When finally commissioned the ward will contribute significantly to the care of mothers and the safe delivery of their babies in this very rural and isolated area of Uganda. It has been a privilege to play a small part in the development of such sensitive and professional services as Sr Ferdiana and her team are providing for their local population, and it has been inspirational visiting the site to see their progress. We would like to congratulate and thank all the donors to Improving Chances who have made this possible. Although we have completed this build we will stay in contact with the Unit, and if resources allow, would hope to contribute further to the development of services there....there is still a great need.

This year also saw the consolidation of the development of the Outreach Project at the Good Shepherd School. The initial work to establish this service took place at the beginning of the school year in February 2012. When the school opened again after the Christmas holidays at the beginning of February 2013, parents and children were enthusiastic, and the staff remained committed. The lead teacher, Margret, was still in place, despite herself having had a baby over the Christmas break, the cabin truck was being well used to bring the children in to the school, and well driven by Richard who has taken charge of it from the outset, and the physiotherapist, Cliff, continued to provide invaluable service. The school undertook more extensive work with children with epilepsy this year.

2. CHARITY INCOME

Carried over from 2011-12 £5,328

Donations/sponsorship £24,658

Gift Aid was claimed where appropriate

3. EXPENDITURE

Rwbaale maternity ward build.....	£13,296
Good Shepherd School.....	£12,885
Bank charges.....	£ 204
Total.....	£26,385

4. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

We are grateful for donations from a wide range of sources, but of particular note this year has been the Halliwell sponsored walk across Morecambe Bay, and the National Three Peaks race, in which a number of teams competed to climb Snowdon, Scafell and Ben Nevis in under 24 hours.

5. TRUST MANAGEMENT

The existing three trustees remain in place and meet regularly to review day to day management issues. The next AGM will be held in October 2013.