

## Interim report for the Eagle Foundation – January 2018

Operating theatre equipment to treat women with fistula at a new maternity and fistula unit in Arusha, Tanzania [File form: 00421/18](#)

### Background

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IMPACT has been working in partnership with our local partner, Maternity Africa, to improve maternal health outcomes and prevent and treat fistula in north-eastern Tanzania since 2012. Over the past two years we have been supporting the construction of a new 52 bed maternity hospital in Arusha, and we are grateful to the Eagle Foundation for this grant, which is enabling us to equip the hospital's fistula operating theatre in order that 150 women per year can benefit from fistula repair surgery.

In November, it was our pleasure to facilitate a monitoring visit by Stephen Carrick-Jones from Mondo Challenge. Stephen kindly produced a short film showing Dr Andrew Browning - Maternity Africa's founder and a leading fistula surgeon - introducing the project and providing a status update on the hospital's construction, which was gratefully received by IMPACT's UK donors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aomseTpGqnU&feature=share>



### Situation update on the new hospital

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Over the past six months, since receiving your grant, Maternity Africa has been moving through its most significant transition since inception in 2012. Service delivery has been phased out of the government-run Selian Hospital, and the final phase of Kivulini's construction is now drawing to a close. Staff recruitment is in full swing, and this will be followed by an intensive period of training and induction in order that the first patients can be welcomed by the late spring.

*'Recruitment is underway, under the direction of our Tanzanian HR manager, and it is intense! This is exciting as we get to interact and select the people that will be at the core of what we hope to deliver at Kivulini – maternity care to the poorest women which is 'Kind, Safe and Excellent'. In order to help train the team, a number of international volunteers are also arriving on the ground' – Anna McKee, Midwife*



One of these is the new Country Director, Jude Holden, a Midwife with years of experience leading maternity and fistula programmes. She takes the reigns as Dr. Browning has moved back to Australia with his family. He will travel back to Tanzania four times a year to undertake fistula surgeries.

## Operating equipment for fistula ward – status update

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After receiving news of your generous grant towards equipment for fistula operations, Maternity Africa's Operations Manager, Paul Chinn, began the procurement process and the items you funded formed part of an order placed with a reputable supplier in China. The process involved a huge amount of red tape at both ends of the transaction, and as outlined in our initial proposal, the Tanzanian government levies 18% tax on all medical supply imports. However, despite challenges, we are delighted to report that the Eagle equipment arrived by container the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

As you may see from the photographs below, this is a large consignment that needs to be systematically unpacked by the team. At the moment all efforts are focused on staff recruitment processes and they are not in a position to install the equipment until the final fixes have been made to internal areas of the new building. Thus we hope that Fondation Eagle will understand that it may be a couple of months before we are in a position to send itemised photographs of the equipment, and show it in use in the operating theatre.

The containers from China being inventoried by the Operations Manager as they arrive in Arusha

This boxed equipment above contains the surgical head torches, lights and operating tables ready for assembly. As soon as the theatre has undergone the final fixes the equipment will be installed and we look forward to sending more meaningful photographs soon



## Expenditure statement

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Item	Budget (£)	Expenditure (£)
Hydraulic operating tables x2	6,598	6,598
Surgical head torches x2	1,099	1,099
Free standing LED operating theatre lights x2	1,539	1,539
Autoclaves x2	3,748	3,748
Sub-total	12,984	12,984
Local taxes (18%)	2,337	2,337
Project management @ 5%	649	649
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,970</b>	<b>15,970</b>

*Exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 1.3 USD (18.05.17)*

Thank you for your vote of confidence in Kivulini hospital. With every week that passes Maternity Africa moves closer to its goal of creating a centre of excellence in maternal health care and fistula repair. We are delighted to have Fondation Eagle as a key partner on this journey, which will make a significant contribution towards



improving maternal health outcomes for women living in Tanzania, one of the 25 worst countries in the world for a woman to survive childbirth.

