



**Dear friends and  
supporters,**

It's been an exciting year for Doctors for Madagascar, most notably with the opening of the new Hopitaly Zoara. Thank you for all your help in building this remarkable hospital and improving healthcare across the south of Madagascar.

All best wishes,  
The DfM UK team

**Doctors for  
Madagascar** <sup>UK</sup>

**Annual report  
2014-15**

## New Hopitaly Zoara

Our main partner hospital, the Hopitaly Zoara, started life in 2012 in a few rented rooms and hospital tents in the town of Fotadrevo, southern Madagascar. DfM sent down medical equipment and supplies, but we always knew that proper hospital facilities would need to be built. After months of fundraising and negotiating, construction started in autumn 2014.



DfM UK raised funds specifically for a new ward building, which would allow the hospital to host many more inpatients in a safer and more hygienic environment. Thanks to the generous support of a giving circle facilitated by charity The Bread Tin, now rebranded as BeMore, the Dr Mortimer and Theresa Sackler Foundation, the Fulmer Charitable Trust and the C B & H H Taylor 1984 Trust, as well as private donations, we raised £28,000, the full cost of building the ward. We were helped by a lowering of the exchange rate: the initial quote was a full £8000 higher!





Building continued through the rainy season and into the spring of 2015: as well as the ward, the new hospital has two operating rooms, an outpatient clinic, secure staff accommodation, storage, toilets, a water system and a mortuary. By March 2015, the buildings were in use, and after finishing touches and technical fixes had been completed, the official opening ceremony was held in November.

With these new facilities, the hospital is now hosting international doctors on long-term placements; carrying out staff training on site; providing better working conditions for staff; and most importantly, offering better treatment to many more patients than were possible before. But the new site still has plenty of empty space and we hope to extend it further in the years to come.





## A patient at Zoara...

Aina was heavily pregnant when she first came into the Hopitaly Zoara in Fotadrevo. With no prior ante-natal screens, she was facing labour without the knowledge of a safe delivery. The long journey to the hospital by oxcart had left Aina weary, and unbeknownst to her, she was to give birth to twins. With all ante-natal care funded by the charity, Aina was given an ultrasound, which alerted the medical staff to both the fact that it was twins, and that one of the twins lay in the wrong position, risking the lives of both babies and their mother. Thanks to this simple scan, Aina underwent an emergency caesarean section in the brand new operating room, and had a bed to rest overnight with her two healthy babies.



Aina's case was a success, benefiting from much of the work that Doctors for Madagascar has undertaken over the past few years. However, there is still much to be done. With better communication between villages, the long journey by oxcart to the hospital could have been avoided, replaced by a faster carriage by one of our ambulance vehicles. However, there are still towns and villages throughout the south of Madagascar which are simply too far from Fotadrevo for the hospital to reach. With our future plans to expand into clinics throughout the south of the country and to set up an ambulance service, women like Aina should be cared for wherever their cases arise.



## Concerts

In February 2015, volunteers Satya Tan and Sasha Ockenden organised two fundraising concerts at the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building in Oxford. 39 musicians played and sang music ranging from funk and soul to a cappella and classical music, raising a total of more than £2,250. The concerts were also sponsored by businesses and Oxford University colleges, including Bosch, Oxford Violins, Demijohn's, Linacre College Common Room and New College JCR. The audience was also informed about DfM's work through a presentation given by trustee and Oxford University student, Joe Watson, at the beginning of both events.

Another concert, in May 2014, at Chapelfield Road Methodist Church, Norwich, raised around £500. Trustee and pianist, Hannah Watson, played while Peter Emmrich gave a presentation on DfM's work. The money raised through these events went towards the destitute fund and the construction of the new buildings at Hopitaly Zoara in Fotadrevo.



## Current and future activities

With the new buildings at the Hopitaly Zoara up and running, the focus now is on improving healthcare across the region. A staff training programme, "Skills to Save Lives", funded by Rotary clubs in Germany, is just getting off the ground and aims to provide further education to medical staff at partner hospitals in the south.



Our fundraising efforts are now mainly focused on a new maternal health programme, which aims to link up traditional local midwives, basic health care centres and hospitals to reduce maternal and child mortality. The new project will train traditional local midwives to distribute vitamin supplements, mosquito nets and "Clean Delivery Kits" to pregnant women, to conduct ante-natal check-ups and to help women spot warning signs. They'll also refer women to the partner hospitals via a newly established emergency phone line and ambulance service in case of complications. DfM UK has funded a small pilot of the project at Zoara, and we are looking forward to starting the project in earnest thanks to funding collected by our German sister charity Ärzte für Madagaskar e.V.



We're pleased to have a bigger and more settled team of Malagasy staff, with less responsibility now falling on our initial partners, Dr Elson and Hanitra Randrianantenaina. The team at Zoara now includes two Dutch doctors, Arne and Dorothee, who are generously working at the 'local rate' of about £250 a month! DfM UK has been initially paying their salaries, before more stable funding comes in.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 11 MAY 2015**

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Incoming Resources from Generating Funds		
Voluntary Income		
Donations	31,533.88	13,640.00
Activities for Generating Funds		
Concerts	1,899.07	1,647.50
Investment Income		
Interest	21.12	5.57
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>33,454.07</u>	<u>15,293.07</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Costs of Generating Funds		
Hall Hire	310.00	0.00
Charitable Activities		
Flights for Malagasy partners	1,025.73	
Ward Building	33,180.29	
Medical Equipment	6,000.00	
	<u>40,516.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<u>(7,061.95)</u>	<u>15,293.07</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 11 MAY 2015**

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank		
CAF Gold Account	7,977.58	15,293.07
CAF Cash Account	253.55	0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>8,231.13</u>	<u>15,293.07</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted Income Funds Brought Forward	15,293.07	
Surplus for the Year	(7,061.94)	15,293.07
	<u>8,231.13</u>	<u>15,293.07</u>