



Minutes of the Leicester-Gondar Executive Group Meeting held on 21st March 2019, 5pm

Attendees: Heather Dipple (Chair), Nick Brown, Elaine Carter, Peter Houtman, Louise Ballard, Pat Heslop-Harrison, Kathy Astbury

1. **Apologies:** Mike Silverman, Steve Hardy, Jack Hunter, Christine Iliffe, David Mills, Lawrence Wicks, Jan Moore, Richard Power, Jim Green
2. **Minutes from the meeting held 8th November 2018** were agreed as a true record
3. **Matters Arising: Grant Updates -**
 - Mental Health Gondar colleagues have applied, supported by HALE, for the THET Africa Grants Programme 2019-20, £47K, 18 months. Project title: Integrating mental health care and training providers in primary health care settings in Northwest Ethiopia. THET have informed us that this application has been shortlisted, final decision expected early April.
4. **Administration:**
 - Jim Green (Future Students Office, UoL) has asked the LGL/HALE Administrator (Kathy Astbury) to “look at the potential for both student recruitment and student mobility arising from the LGL”.
 - Dr Desalegn Mengesha has resigned as President of the UoG. Desalegn now works for the Ohio State University, Global One Health Initiative, East Africa Regional office based in Addis. A “thank you for your support and congratulations” letter has been sent to Desalegn on behalf of the LGL/HALE. Dr Asrat is the current UoG Acting President.

5. Project Updates: 8th November 2018 – 21st March 2019

ACTION - Members are asked to confirm which projects are currently 'Active'

- Play Project - Gondar (Elaine Carter/Louise Ballard)

UK Project team (EC, LB & MS) visited Gondar November 2018. Presentations and play sessions were held and received enthusiastically by Gondar staff. Dr Yohanes has taken over (from Dr Kassahun) as the Gondar lead. Play room in the new hospital has been identified and once ready Louise will re-visit to train the 2 nurses who will support this project.

LGL Executive advised funds required for this project could be transferred to Gondar via cash courier (LGL member) or bank transfer (LGL Account, UoG).

ACTION: KA to seek advise (from the LGOP) regarding how the Play Project can send large items to Gondar

Earlier this year EC attended a Kindu Trust event and won a return ticket to Addis Ababa. Flights can not be taken during July – 14th September or in December. Taxes (approximately £150) will be payable. LGL agreed the next visitor to Gondar could use this ticket and re-imburse the Play Project the cost of the ticket less taxes.

- HIV Mother to Child (Christine Iliffe)

CI will be in Gondar 11th -23rd May to complete the project: Prevention of HIV Transmission from Mother to Child by Extending Antenatal Care in the rural areas of Dembia. CI will forward a report to the LGL upon her return to the UK.

- LGOP / Orthopaedic Operating Room, Gondar & Trauma Management (Richard Power/Laurence Wicks)

The current situation with LGOP is as follows.

The container with all the equipment is currently sitting in Djibouti as there seems to be an endless demand for more paperwork which Medical Aid International continue to address.

The building work in Gondar progresses very slowly due to ongoing disputes over money between the University and the contractors. Current estimates are completion in another 3-4 months.

We had originally planned a visit in April but in view of the delays in both equipment delivery and building completion this has been shelved. We are currently looking at supporting a multi-disciplinary visit to Leicester from Gondar during the summer.

Project Reporting Form attached

- Mental Health (Heather Dipple/Lynn Wroe)

The MH car is still in Djibouti. The UoG have signed over responsibility for this vehicle.

- University Projects (Mike Barer/Pat Heslop-Harrison)

PHH raised difficulties that Gondar visitors, through the GCRF (Global Challenges Research Fund) to the UK (UoL), have experienced in obtaining their visas.

6. Visits to Gondar

- HIV Mother to Child (Christine Iliffe) – 11th – 24th May 2019

7. Fundraising Plans & Events: Health Action Leicester for Ethiopia (HALE) -

- London Marathon 2019 – Sunday 28th April 2019. 1 runner place awarded to Helen Tunnicliffe (physiotherapist). Any donations gratefully received, please visit - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenTunnicliffe4>
- Charity Meal – Wednesday 26th June 2019. Venue the Pug and Greyhound, Great Glen. Contact Kathy Astbury, email ka289@le.ac.uk
- Jazz in the Garden – 14th July 2019 (TBC).
- Great North Run 2019 – Sunday 8th September 2019. 5 runner places awarded (2 x MH, 3 x HALE).

8. Finance Report:

HALE/LGL Unrestricted fund currently stands at £9,609.

Main financial activity has been recorded for the Mental Health, Play Project and Orthopaedic (LGOP) accounts.

HALE/LGL 2018-19 year end is 31st March 2019.

9. Any Other Business:

- LGL Newsletter – next issue expected May/June 2019.

Suggested articles:-

- Kindu Trust event (EC)
- London Marathon (Helen Tunnicliffe)
- HIV Mother to Child (CI)
- Great North Run (KA)
- Articles from Gondar colleagues/Dr Sisay/Dr Desalegn (HD)

ACTION – LGL members are asked to submit their submission articles to KA (A4 including photographs)

- Thank you to members who use, and reminder to other members, of the online shopping fundraising avenues available to HALE – www.smileamazon.co.uk, www.easyfundraising.org.uk and www.giveasyoulive.com.

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 18th July 2019 @ 5pm, George Davies Centre, Room 1.38

ACTION: KA to email LGL Executive members asking to confirm they wish to attend future LGL Executive meetings and whether there are any days/times they would prefer

UPDATE: Completed, email sent to members 26/3/19.