

UMNHET newsletter, September 2023



Dear Friends of UMN Hospitals' Endowment Trust,

Change and continuity. UMNHET is about providing continuity of funding for the charitable work of the UMN founded hospitals (Tansen, Okhaldunga, Amp Pipal and Patan), at the same time as recognizing the changing situation and needs.

During the pandemic, many of you responded to the urgent needs of the hospitals to cover staff salaries while there weren't enough patients coming to the hospitals to meet their running costs. As a result, all the hospitals did come through the pandemic intact, and they are in a good place to continue serving their local populations. Thankyou!

You will all be aware of the cost of living crisis affecting us in the West. The same issue is felt even more acutely in places like Nepal. Now more than ever, for many Nepalis falling sick brings a decision of whether to pay for health care or have enough money to eat; to pay for an operation, or for the education of your children. As supporters of UMN Hospitals' Endowment Trust you are protecting families from having to make those tough choices, by allowing the hospitals to identify those most in need and paying for their care through the Medical Assistance Fund (MAF).

There are inspiring stories of the lives that have been changed through the MAF in both the Friends of Okhaldunga and the Friends of Tansen newsletters which I'd encourage you to have a look at. Women like Premi, who

fractured her spine in a fall and has needed many years of rehabilitation and support. Or Suresh, who was found by the police and brought to Tansen where he needed treatment for his tuberculosis and mental health issues. They are stories of hardship but also of hope and love.



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The UMN endowment fund is invested and the income generated each year is given in full to the four UMN founded hospitals to provide a sustainable income for the MAF. In

2022 we were able to give £31,405. The total given by UMNHET since 2005 is £596,271 from its endowment funds, and £40,629 from direct appeals



Doctors at Okhaldunga hospital

The value of the investments decreased slightly this year, probably due to the Ukrainian war. We have been looking at ways to increase the value, whilst also ensuring that the money is invested in the most ethical way possible.

Extra donations from supporters like yourselves totalled just over £16,000 during the past year and this has been added to the Endowment fund so that it doesn't lose its value over time.

We are so grateful for the support you give the Trust, enabling the four UMN affiliated hospitals in Nepal to serve the poor in need of medical care, regardless of caste, religion or resources. Please continue to pray for these hospitals, their staff and patients.



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Could we ask you, too, to share this newsletter with one other person to see if we can extend the support we give in the coming years? If you shop with Amazon, you can also sign up to smile.amazon.co.uk and nominate United Mission to Nepal Hospitals Endowment Trust to receive a small donation every time you order something, at no extra cost to you.

We wish you every blessing in the coming year

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