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BMA Information Fund 2016

The British Medical Association (BMA) Information Fund provides health information and educational materials to health-focused organisations in developing countries and low resource settings.

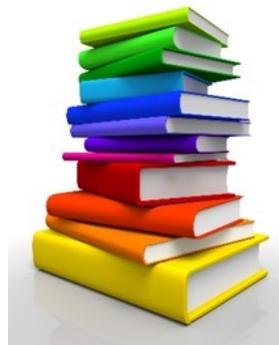
This year Unity in Health had the privilege of being one of several organisations receiving this valuable fund. Books, CDs and other educational materials will be sent to some of our partners in Sri Lanka, and made available to health care professionals, students and any others directly involved in health care provision.

On behalf of our partners we thank the BMA for its generosity and contribution to health care education worldwide.

Diverse range of materials

Awarded books and CDs include several copies of the:

- . *Anatomy and Physiology for Nurses*
- . *British National Formulary (BNF)*
- . *Common Medical Problems in the Tropics*
- . *Community Nutrition*



- . *Essential drugs*
- . *Disability with Dignity*
- . *Essential nursing skills*
- . *Helping health workers learn*
- . *INCTR Palliative Care Handbook*
- . *mhGAP Intervention Guide*
- . *Nursing and Midwifery - A Practical Approach*
- . *Oxford Handbook of Tropical Medicine 4th ed. 2014*
- . *Where There is No Doctor*
- . *Where There is No Psychiatrist*

Resources should reach UiH's partners in March 2017.

Unity in Health's AGM

Unity in Health's team held its second Annual General Meeting (AGM) in London on February 17th 2017.

With most of its members present, this was a great opportunity to review our organisation's activities and performance throughout the past year, and agree on UiH's strategy for the next

12 months. We also welcomed to our team a new trustee, Gayathri Santhi-MacBain.



UiH's team

Gayathri, who is based in Singapore, is an experienced professional with a passion for social development causes. We feel privileged to have with us someone as committed as Gayathri, and look forward to welcoming others to our expanding team!

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Mother and child, old Kathmandu

Credit: UiH

Unity in Health and Corporate Social Responsibility

Businesses play a key role in the provision and delivery of high quality healthcare across the globe. They make important contributions to the improvement of health and standards of living of the world's poorest by creating jobs and livelihoods for families, by encouraging the advancement of medical science and technology, and by supporting health related projects with indispensable financial and human aid.

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For UiH, 'corporate social responsibility' refers to an opportunity for businesses to contribute to the creation of most needed health care services in some of the world's poorest countries . It is an invitation to join forces and help to raise numbers of professionals and standards of care where these are low and unacceptable; it is a call for more equality in what remains a very unequal and unfair global society.

In this context, UiH would like to thank Euromonitor International, the world's leading independent provider of strategic market research, for supporting our work in Nepal. Through a well-structured and meaningful CSR Programme, Euromonitor has a long tradition of engaging in responsible business activities and of providing essential funds for social causes worldwide. By supporting UiH's current project in Nepal, Euromonitor is directly contributing to the improvement of healthcare to homeless people affected by mental disorders in Kathmandu. In doing so, Euromonitor plays an active and direct role in sustainable development, proving that everyone can contribute to a more equal, balanced and fair world.



Homeless women and children queue while waiting for a meal and warm clothes, Kathmandu. Credit: UiH

Conference for UK NGO's Operating in Nepal

On Friday 24th February 2017 The CAIRN Trust organised the second conference for UK NGO's operating in Nepal. The event was attended by representatives of 25 different organisations running development projects in Nepal, including Unity in Health.

This was a unique opportunity for networking, exchanging thoughts and experiences of working in Nepal, and discussing potential partnerships in a wide range of areas, including education, healthcare, humanitarian relief, and livelihoods.

The conference kick started with an overview of Nepal's past and current socio-political context by SOAS lecturer Stefanie Lotter, followed by presentations on the challenges of re-building infrastructures after the 2015's earthquakes, on the importance of empowering communities, and on the need of raising the quality of teaching in state-run schools.

After the conference, all participants were invited to PHASE Worldwide's exhibition "Nepal: Resilience on the Roof of the World" at the OXO Tower.

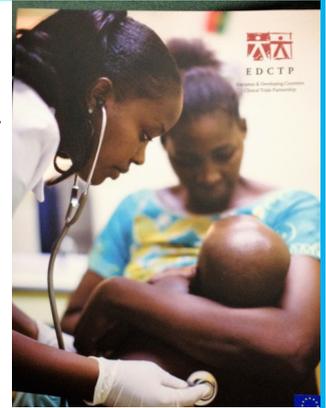


Credit: UiH

EDCTP—African-European Partnership for Global Health Benefit

Unity in Health was invited to the EDCTP conference hosted by Dr Daniel Pourter MP on behalf of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health (APPG-GH) , in partnership with the APPG on Malaria and NTDs, APPG on HIV and AIDS, APPG on Tuberculosis and APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health.

The Agenda included an overall presentation of the EDCTP business model, highlighting the benefits of intercontinental cooperation and joint work in research and medical care; an overview of the unmet medical challenges and policy-relevant demands attributed to PRDs in sub-Saharan Africa; the presentation of a case study on the development of paediatric fixed dose combination therapy for HIV infected children; and a final discussion on the value of partnership in generating new evidence on medical interventions against PRDs that can best be translated into policy and practice.



Credit: EDCTP

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) is a partnership between institutions mandated by their governments in Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, and supported by the European Union. It was set up to support high-quality collaborative research and to accelerate the development of new or improved medical interventions for poverty related as well as emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases affecting sub-Saharan Africa.



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We look forward to hearing from you!

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