

**A LIFE SAVIOUR IN THE NEED OF HELP**

# **Magbenteh Community Hospital**



**This document is an appeal to donors to support the Magbenteh Community Hospital, MCH, so that it can continue its extraordinary work in saving and changing lives**

# The Magbenteh Community Hospital, MCH

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# 1. Why support the Magbenteh Community Hospital, MCH

- The Ebola crises in 2015 threw the Sierra Leone economy into shambles with large parts of the economy grinding to a halt. This came as the economy was just starting to recover following the civil war
- As a result, Government grants declined from USD 340'000 in 2015 to USD 60'000 through 10/2017
- In addition, several foreign companies having left, an important source of revenue from paying patients declined from USD 314'000 in 2014 to USD 168'000 through 10/2017
- As a result, the hospital's revenue declined from USD 728'000 in 2015 to USD 451'000 through 10/2017. With no Government grants in sight and with an uncertain amount of donations, at this point, the 2018 budget of USD 120'000 is limited to what the reduced staff and a lack of medicines and supplies can handle
- The consequence of these reductions is that numerous sick will have to be turned away at the gates of the hospital. Many of the deceases that were the very reason why the hospital came into being can no longer be treated. Prime examples are maternal deaths, female fistulas, severe child starvation and the Children Under 5 program with over 5'000 children being directly affected
- Without funding the very existence of the hospital is in peril

**This is why support of the Magbenteh Community Hospital is urgently needed, now!**

## 2. The help needed – now

- At this very moment, cash in hand is down to less than USD 100'000, making payment of staff and medical supplies after the month of February highly uncertain. In addition there are no funds for the repair of equipment
- Therefore, money is most urgently needed now and any donation, whatever the size, is welcomed with gratitude
- The uncertain funding outlook for 2018 is forcing us to budget for only a small number of paying patients leaving more than 7'000 women and children under five including severely malnourished children without care
- In parallel to the appeal for emergency cash, we are looking for private donors ideally willing to commit for a rolling three year period in order to ensure a certain degree of forward planning and stability
- Such donations would enable us to ensure somewhat of a stability for the staff and the purchase of medical supplies so that the mission of the hospital to save and change lives of the local population can be maintained
- In addition, in 2018 we will create the “Friends of Magbenteh Community Hospital”. Our target is to sign up 500 friends each contributing with CHF 50.00/USD 50.00 per month via a standing order. Through this program we will endeavor to raise an additional USD 300'000 per annum.

### 3. Donor Impact, example



	2012	2013	Jan-Jun 2014	Jul-Dec 2014	2015	2016	Current 2017 (As of 15th Oct)	Budgeted 2018	Donor Impact 2018
Revenues (\$)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outpatient fees (\$)	227,905	271,118	314,045		216,855	240,947	168,025	120,000	120,000
Donations (\$)	246,658	212,876	250,694		170,688	125,360	128,571	0	300,000
Government grants (\$)	0	0	0		340,000	138,462	57,143	0	0
Other (\$)	39,469	4,770	4,230		0	0	0	0	0
Liabilities (Suppliers) (\$)	113,228	95,226	157,676		0	63,142	96,859	0	0
Total (\$)	627,260	583,990	726,645		727,543	567,911	450,598	120,000	420,000
Male & Female	5,497	6,976	5,884	1,408	8,895	7,332	4,438	1,700	1,700
Maternity	1,825	2,746	1,053	967	3,421	3,915	2,950	300	300
Children and Under.5	4,870	7,638	4,870	0	1,538	4,861	4,007	0	6,000
Total			11,807	2,375					
	12,192	17,360	14,	182	13,854	16,108	11,395	2,000	8,000
Malnourished children treated	2,435	3,819	1,461	0	13	50	26	0	0

## 4. Our commitment

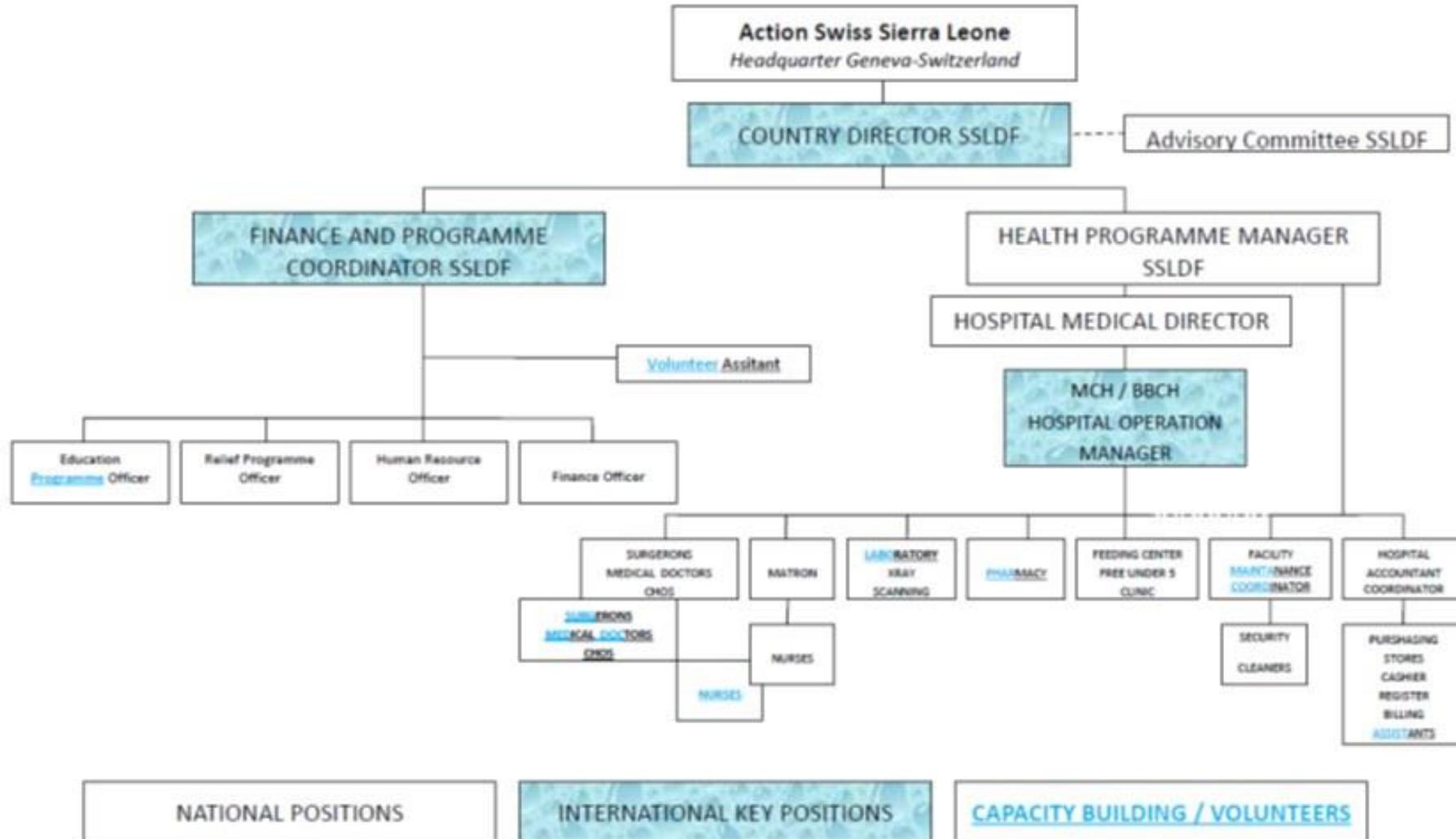
- 100% of your contribution goes directly to the hospital
- A quarterly newsletter reporting on the number of cases treated and testimonials will be sent to the donors
- An annual plaque made in Magbenteh as a token of our gratitude
- Each donor and Friend of the MCH will receive one ticket for a draw of an artwork from Sierra Leone
- The Association Suisse Sierra Leone (ASSL) is a publicly recognized Swiss foundation and the donors will receive an annual certificate allowing for the possibility to offset your contribution against your income for tax purposes

### See for Yourself

- In January each year we organize a trip to the MCH. This will allow you to see for yourself the fantastic work done at the hospital and the importance of your contribution

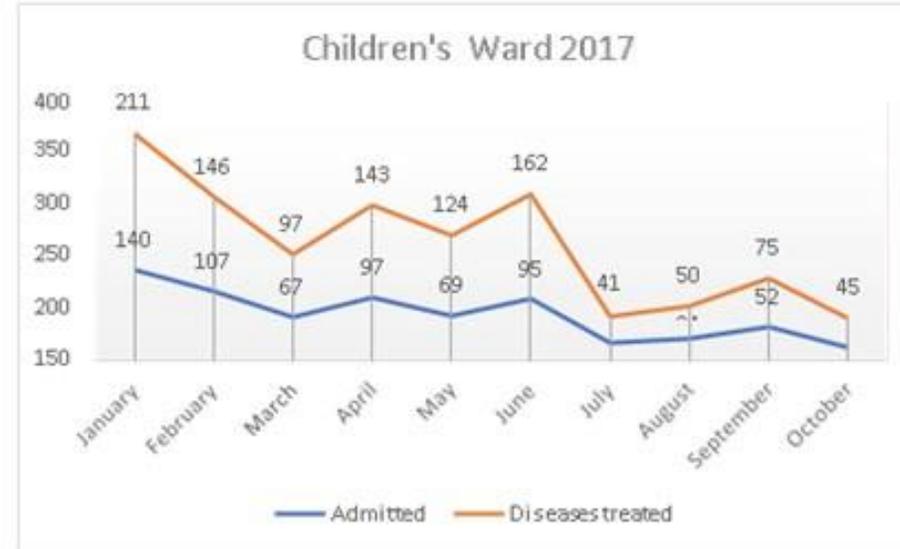


# 5. Governance



# Appendix 1 –Impact on children treated due to lack of funds

In 2017 the lack of funding has led to a dramatic decline in children being treated



	2012	2013	2014/1H	2H	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018
Malnourished children treated	2,435	3,819	1,461	0	13	50	26	?	?

## Appendix 2 – History of the hospital

- Beginning in his forties, the founder of the hospital, Harald Pfeiffer travelled frequently to Sierra Leone delivering medicines and other necessities to the local population. In 1988 he met a young man, Mr Abdulai Daniel Sesay or ABD
- ABD, who worked as a laboratory assistant in a local leprosy hospital, was sponsored by Harald and other Europeans to study medicine and became a medical doctor in 1994
- In 1996, at the end of the civil war, ABD, asked Harald to help him to set up a hospital for the local population in desperate need after most medical facilities had been destroyed during the war
- Though having no funds of his own, apart from his salary as a physio therapist, Harald agreed to help him to get the necessary funds together
- After much personal sacrifice, hard work, donations and with the help of numerous people, the construction started in 2002 and in 2006 the hospital was inaugurated
- Today, 20 years later the MCH has 100 beds in separate men, women and children's wards and to the original buildings have been added a building for severely malnourished children and their mothers, an operating theatre, x-ray facilities and several other buildings
- The hospital today is staffed by a mix of Sierra Leoneans and Europeans with a number of visiting volunteer doctors, nurses and physio therapists

# Appendix 3 – 2018 Budget in a snapshot

<b>Sources of funds:</b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018 Budget</u></b>
1. Outpatients' fees	217	240	200	120
2. Government grants	340	140	75	?
3. Donations	171	125	130	?
4. Friends of MCH, contributions via standing orders*	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>?</u>
5. Total, USD (000)	728	505	405	120

## **Impact, patients treated**

• Male & female		7'300	4'400	?
• Maternity		3'900	3'000	?
• Children under five		4'900	4'000	?
• Severely malnourished		50	35	?

## **Explanations to 2015 revenues**

- USD 217'000. A major part came from paying patients being employed by foreign companies. A small part came from the local population. Thus a large part of the "foreign" patients' fees went to subsidizing the local population. As many foreign companies have left, this source of income has largely dried up
- USD 340'000. Sierra Leone government grants. As the latter has run out of money, the grants have declined to USD 75'000 in 2017 with little hope for more, if anything, in 2018
- USD 171'000. Private donations ranging from fifty dollars to a couple of thousand each. We have difficulties seeing how this amount can be increased with current donor structure

\* Under formation, starting in 2018

# Appendix 4 – MCH and education

**MCH fills an important role in the education of two distinct groups**

1. The local population for hygiene, child nutrition, malaria, HIV prevention & family planning
2. Foreign visitors coming as volunteers and from western hospitals to gain experience in tropical medicine



**Adequate funding will contribute to ensure continued focus on these important tasks**

# Appendix 5 – Sierra Leone, the country

**Sierra Leone is located on Africa's west coast bordering to Guinea and Liberia just north of the Equator giving it a hot tropical climate with rainy season from May – December.**

1. Population, 6.2M with 60% below the age of 25. 61% work in agriculture, 6% in industry, 33% in services. 60% of population is Muslim, 30% other and 10% Christians
2. Maternal mortality is highest in the World and child mortality 10<sup>th</sup> in the world with 18% of the children being underweight. The risk of infectious disease is very high with Malaria, HIV and TBC
3. The economy suffered terribly during and after the civil war which ended in 2002 then to be hit by the Ebola crises. It is now growing by about 6% p.a. with iron ore, diamonds, titanium, bauxite and gold being the major minerals. Oil exploration is ongoing but has so far not had any major impact on the economy. The GDP per capita of USD 1'700 p.a. places Sierra Leone as 212 worldwide with 70% of the population below the poverty line
4. The literacy rate is about 48% over the age of 15
5. The distance between Freetown, the capital and Makeni where the MCH is located is about 180 km or 3 - 4 hrs. by car

# Appendix 6 – Banking details

**There are four ways in which you can contribute to the Magbenteh Community Hospital**

1. By making a donation

Beneficiary: Action Swiss Sierra Leone

Bank: UBS SA, 1260 Nyon, Suisse. CCP 80-2-2

BIC (Swift) : UBSWCHZH80A

**IBAN : CH31 0022 8228 5536 27M2 J**

2. By becoming a “Friend of the MCH”

Beneficiary: Action Swiss Sierra Leone

Bank: UBS SA, 1260 Nyon, Suisse. CCP 80-2-2

BIC (Swift) : UBSWCHZH80A

**IBAN : CH41 0022 8228 5536 27M3 U**

Account «Action Swiss Sierra Leone»

Permanent monthly order of CHF 50.00

3. By talking to your family and friends about your involvement and motivating them to make a donations or to “Friends of the MCH” in their turn

4. By including the MCH in your will

# Appendix 7 – Picture Gallery



Women in assembling for health check



Screening for malnutrition



Pavilion in 2006



Doctors & nurses with volunteer