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# Partnership News

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Dear Members and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this first edition of the Partnership News detailing the achievements of the charity so far. Since the launch in May we have been amazed and delighted by your very generous support which has enabled us to help the David Gordon Memorial Hospital.



While visiting the hospital in July I was very impressed to see good work going on, many people were being cared for in the hospital and the work of outpatients and the outreach clinics was going well. The Primary Health Care Department was also working hard to tackle the basic issues that lead to ill health.

The hospital however continues to struggle with issues of under funding. Difficult decisions prioritising spending have to be made daily, and it is often the staff who suffer when there is not enough money to go around.

With funding from the Partnership I was able to carry 30kg of necessary medicines purchased from the International Health Partnership. I also brought vacuum extractors used in maternity and a few other small pieces of equipment.

On hearing of the debts the hospital had we were able to give £10,000 to help alleviate some of this.



Mr Robertson Gondwe (In Charge) receiving the medicines as Mr Pethembe looks on.

The Livingstonia Hospital Partnership are striving to provide a regular donation of £2000 per month, which will provide some security and allow financial planning.

There is also need for specific hospital equipment and it is hoped that a container of beds and medical equipment will be sent in late October.