



2021 annual report

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am sitting at my desk in Zimbabwe to draft my report to you, happy to be back after a 2-year pandemic hiatus. Where to start? As predicted, the challenges wrought by the Covid epidemic continued into 2021 but thankfully at the time of this writing our schools are open and our programs are running at full speed.

Our biggest news this year was that, after nearly 10 years as our country director, Karl Riber stepped down. Following an extensive interview process involving a number of international candidates, our own, Hillary Tanyanyiwa was selected as Kapnek's new Country Director. Given his close working relationship with Karl, the transition has gone exceedingly well.

Key areas of health programming for the trust continue to include programs to diminish pediatric and adult HIV infection rates, manage the large number of HIV-positive parents coinfected with tuberculosis and more recently to expand cervical cancer screening, treatment and prevention.

Meanwhile, our programs to support children also continue to thrive. The Preschool-Child Health Program, Childhood Disabilities Program, The Harare Children's Hospital, and our scholarship program for young women interested in medical careers all continued apace this year, largely thanks to support from you - our generous donors. And this year, we are beginning to look at ways we can leverage our programming to address the growing threat to human health from climate change.

Together we are unstoppable. Your generous support has been hugely impactful this past year and we look forward to doing even more together in 2022.

With great appreciation, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy year.

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making strides in
challenging times





you make the difference

With your support, the past 20 years have been filled with inspiration and great achievement. While Zimbabwe continues to struggle with a challenging political-economic situation, we are providing for the needs of thousands of young children with the enduring hope that things will improve over the years ahead. Meanwhile, your generous support will allow us to protect these vibrant young lives and help them onto a path toward a brighter future.

Over the next 20 years we hope to eliminate HIV/AIDS, help develop a national preschool- child health program and support the development of Harare Children's Hospital into the center of excellence it is destined to become.



preschool-child health program

Our preschool child health program was reduced to **152** schools over the past year as funding to support activities at Sanyati District's **65** preschools was eliminated. That said, we continued to support over **14, 975** young children at **152** rural primary schools with daily nutritional support, quarterly health check-ups and an early childhood education program. And 389 new parents received education around early infant stimulation techniques.

The Preschool-Child Health program remains a model of how to efficiently improve the health and education of disadvantaged children around the globe. Our focus this year will be to seek the additional funding required to return Sanyati's 65 preschools back to full functionality.

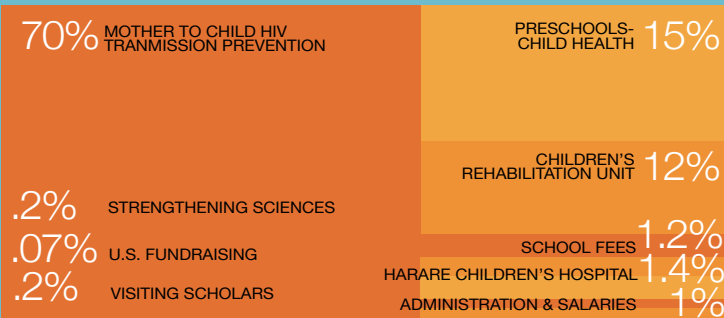
harare children's hospital

With your support this 325 bed pediatric hospital is being renovated; sometimes a coat of paint, new lighting and bathrooms can really change the feel of a place. More importantly, the hospital is seeing the expansion of its medical staff with more pediatric sub specialists completing their training in Cape Town, South Africa and returning home to provide much needed specialty care. In partnership with Direct Relief and VIDA USA the Trust has sent over containers and coordinated air freight shipments of life saving medications and supplies this year.

hiv, tb, covid & cervical cancer

We continue to make huge strides in diminishing the impact of these diseases throughout the districts where our teams are working. In partnership with the Ministry of Health we have expanded our footprint to involve both community **and** health center based programming. New diagnosis of HIV has dropped to 5% of patients tested. More importantly 93% of all patients are on antiretroviral treatment and 63% are also on concurrent Tb preventative regimens. Finally, our cervical cancer screening and treatment program reached 27,785 women. This treatment initiative combined with our support for the distribution of the highly effective HPV vaccine will reduce new cases of cervical cancer by more than 85%.

allocation of funds 2021



disability program & the children's rehabilitation unit

With your support we built a new disability specific building that significantly enhances the care of infants and young children newly diagnosed with disabilities. This program reaches 1,235 disabled children each year. An important achievement has been the newly adopted national effort to identify children with disabilities and develop an 'AR' (at risk) sticker which is attached to their health card. This alerts nurses, who often assess over 50 children a day, to which patients and families require extra attention.y

strengthening sciences for women scholarship program

It is always inspirational to see the impact of this relatively simple intervention. By identifying and supporting exceptionally bright young rural women who have an interest in medical careers we have been able to add significant capacity to the health care system, and drive social change by increasing gender equity. We are excited to expand this scholarship program with two additional scholarships to young women interested in Environmental Sciences. By doing so, we hope to draw increasing attention to the effects of climate change and help develop local capacity to respond to those changes.

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