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Tansen

Beds: 200

Outpatient visits: 72,159

Charity care costs: £127,436.68

Patients helped: 1,850

Okhaldhunga

Beds: 50

Outpatient visits: 32,598

Charity care costs: £131,126.60

Patients helped: 1,279

Amp Pipal

Beds: 50

Outpatient visits: 41,171 Charity care costs: £232.39

Patients helped: 13

Patan

Beds: 650

Outpatient visits: 460,187

Charity care costs: £100,256.72

Patients helped: 1,813

The Trust's income from investments is given each year to support the treatment of impoverished patients. While unable to meet all the charity care costs, the Trust alongside other donors facilitates the provision of this service.



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The United Mission to Nepal first established health work in Nepal in 1954 with a maternity clinic in Bhaktapur and a hospital in Kathmandu was opened a month later. This was to become Shanta Bhawan Hospital, evolving in 1982 into Patan Hospital. 1954 also saw the start of medical work in Tansen, and by 1957 a school and a dispensary were established in Amp Pipal. By 1959 a dispensary had been established in Okhaldhunga, from which Okhaldhunga Community Hospital evolved. Other Community Health programmes were also started, and the UMN to this day continues to be a major contributor to health care.

However, the UMN vision was to develop, educate and eventually empower local communities to play a much larger part in the general management of its hospitals, and now both Patan Hospital and Amp Pipal Hospital have achieved that independence. The desire to continue the impartial and, where necessary subsidized, care to all who come for help regardless of status, caste, creed or resources is intended to remain integral to their work, whether under the UMN umbrella or under local management. In 2000 the United Mission to Nepal Hospitals' Endowment Trust (UMNHET) was set up to enable this commitment to continue.

Nepal has a population of approximately 29.6 million, 80% are rural and 28% of rural people are poor (UNDP 2021- Multidimensional Poverty Index). Nothing akin to our NHS exists in the country, so there is a great need for the funding of subsidized and charitable care. The pandemic of 2020/21 has worsened health care delivery and added to the increasing requests for assistance, and the trustees urge you to consider giving even a small contribution to the general 'Medical Assistance Fund'.

Grants are sent to the hospitals and health care programmes every year for their 'free care budget' and are always received with much gratitude. Both patients and staff are always encouraged by your concern.

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15 day old Kumar was brought by his parents because he had stopped breast feeding and had a fever for 3 days. He was critically ill with neck and back spasm so bad he was continuously arched backwards.

The two possible diagnoses were tetanus (but his mother had been given protection immunisations during pregnancy) or meningitis. He was treated in the simple wooden incubator and given intravenous antibiotics and fluids.



He remained seriously ill for three days and then started to improve. 14 days later he was discharged completely well, with very happy parents (and staff).



Laxmi was 9 years old when she came with swelling of her whole body and face for 3 weeks. She was diagnosed with kidney disease (Nephrotic syndrome) and started on steroids.

She also developed a very painful swollen abdomen, which looked like peritonitis. After 4 days of intravenous antibiotics she made a dramatic recovery and the swelling and pain disappeared, leaving her looking like a different person.



Snake bites are not very common in Okhaldhunga and the main danger is the tourniquet that is placed (because of fear of poison) around the limb, stopping the circulation and endangering the limb, potentially causing gangrene and amputation. This lady had put a tourniquet for 4 hours and the hand was blue and swollen. After a few days of elevation and pain killers the hand completely recovered.





Little Sumitra, aged 2, had a cough, fever and breathing trouble and a swollen abdomen for a month. A chest X-ray and Ultrasound showed the right chest cavity was full of fluid and the abdomen was full of biscuits and noodles!

After starting antibiotics and putting a wide tube in the chest, 300ml of thick pus was drained immediately and continued to drain for 3 days. She made a full recovery and the tube was removed 6 days later when it dried up.

Her parents were then persuaded to feed her with healthier snacks!

