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Project nr. 2: Outreach Clinic Network

Summary: Increase participation in a healthcare micro-payment scheme (eQuality) by building remote clinics that reduce the distance to the healthcare provider.

Description: BCH relies on international donations for 90% of our annual budget. Eventually the people in our community will need a healthcare system that can be better supported locally. Indeed, this is an issue facing non-profit hospitals throughout Africa.

To address this long-term problem, we pioneered the eQuality healthcare insurance scheme. eQuality allows people to receive health insurance at a rate of only 6000 UGX (\$ 3) per year and 1000 UGX (\$0.36) per visit. While these fees are quite small, significant participation from the community will make the hospital much more self-sustaining, and also create a model for the community to participate in their own healthcare.

Health insurance is a foreign concept in Uganda, and the key to success of any healthcare scheme is broad participation – it is not viable if only currently sick people chose to join. We have addressed this issue by tapping into the strong village culture, in particular the “Battaka” system of managing death as a community, to ensure that whole villages tend to join eQuality together. This has worked well, and we’ve seen strong adoption of eQuality in areas close to the hospital. However one barrier remains for many people - which is difficult to overcome: physical distance from the hospital.

BCH is located on the edge of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a mountainous rain forest that is well described as impenetrable. The hospital is reached via very rough roads that can become inaccessible during heavy rains. Making matters worse, hiring a motorcycle taxi is financially out-of-reach for nearly all of our patients, so some will spend multiple days walking through the forest to reach the hospital. People in this situation are particularly disinclined to pay up-front for a healthcare system which is not easily accessed.

To address this problem, we have set up 2 network remote clinics that maintain the high quality standards which BCH is known for while providing easier access. One is in Impungu- Kanyashogye , which is 48 km from the hospital. The second one is in Byumba, which is 27KM. These clinics are staffed and supplied by BCH – providing outpatient care and the capable to make initial diagnoses for referral to the hospital. The clinics allow more timely healthcare delivery to the people in the mentioned areas and do remove a major barrier to participate in the otherwise extremely affordable eQuality healthcare system. We need the operational costs to run these clinics.

Cost: **31 911,60 EUR**

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