

Annual Report 2021-22

for

Familia Moja Community Project UK

Registered Charity Number 1185386

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The Trust was formally recognised by the Charity Commission on 18th September 2019 and so this is the second full year of operation.

We exist primarily to support the work of Familia Moja Itetemia [FMI] in an area on the outskirts of Tabora in Tanzania. This continues the relief work that was started by Dr Ruth Hulser when she was working as a missionary doctor in a Diocesan Clinic run by the Anglican Church. [She was employed by CMS – The Church Missionary Society – part of the Church of England] On her return to the UK, it was suggested by one of our Trustees [a member of Dr Ruth's home church - Bunyan Baptist Church in Stevenage] that we should set up this UK Charity to continue to fund and support this work.

Her former clinic workers and others in Tabora joined together to form a 'Community Based Organisation' [CBO] as recognised and encouraged by the Tanzanian Government. They received their licence in August 2018 This further increased the credibility of this local group with the local authorities and by having a formal structure and governance processes, made it a group that was safer to fund from the UK.

Our formal 'Objects' as per our original 'Declaration of Trust' are:

The prevention or relief of poverty and the prevention or relief of sickness in Tabora and the surrounding villages in Tanzania by making grants or donations to Familia Moja Tanzania¹ or, at the trustee's discretion, to individuals in need, other charities and organisations, in particular but not exclusively to provide or assist in the provision of:

- (a) emergency food and/or medical aid,
- (b) housing or accommodation to people who are homeless,
- (c) items and support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

When FMI submitted their Annual Report at the close of 2021, they reported that they were serving 27 households with 73 family members receiving 'client services' [eg food, home-based medical care, basic medicines, the occasional trip to hospital, school supplies for children and other basic necessities that would generally be unaffordable]. They were also providing three of our frail elderly clients with basic housing.

All of these individuals had been assessed as having no means of helping themselves [eg they were unable to work and had no family that were able to support them].

¹ This Declaration of Trust was drawn up about 18 months prior to our Charity Registration and it should be noted that the reference to Familia Moja Tanzania predates the name chosen by the local Tanzanian staff of Familia Moja Itetemia [where Itetemia is the locality of Tabora where most of the staff live and where most of the work is based]

The work of FMI in Tabora has generally been 'business as usual' in the last 12 months. Despite the pandemic continuing to ravage much of the world, there was little evidence of Covid-related deaths in Tabora. This was probably masked by several things:

- the lack of testing procedures to determine accurate causes of death
- the rapidly rising cost of food
- the fact that much of the population is under 25 and so the effects of Covid19 are reduced,
- and possibly by the fact that malaria and TB – helped along by HIV infection - are often the key causes of death in the city.

But the problems faced by the poorest in the region continued to be exacerbated by the increased costs of food, poor harvests and inflation making any income worth less than it was before. So, feeding the clients has often become a priority and large amounts of food needed to be purchased and securely stored [ie stored securely against theft, rodents, rotting and spoiling]. Some of this was purchased by FMCP-UK [about £2100 in July and £1500 in Dec + £360 of seed maize for planting] but much more was supplied by other donors.



Masoudi Shabani [a blind client] receives a bucket of maize to keep him going for a month or so.

Work has continued to help both our workers to grow food for themselves and also to aid the local population. About £640 has been sent this year to help with the agricultural projects, providing seed and materials to create the compost piles that will enrich the soil.





To enable that to be of use we also granted £2,400 to rent an excavator for about 4 days to create two more ponds to store the rainwater that only falls for about 2 months each year. These ponds enable the growth of several harvests often for 10 months of the year. Where there is only one month of water, there is only one harvest. Where the water is available for most of the year, multiple harvests are possible. Here is one of this year's ponds.

This year has seen a slight shift in the patterns of our payments to FMI, a shift that the Trustees will [in the next financial year] be considering reversing. This year we took on two clients with significant injuries requiring surgery. One was a woman from a Moslem family, who presented with multiple fractures to elbow, hip and femur. It is not clear how these were caused. They could have been the result of being hit by a vehicle or they could have been inflicted as part of a beating. Whatever the cause, this woman needed surgery to enable her to maintain her mobility and independence. The other was a 14-year-old boy who, having just 'graduated' from school, sustained a nasty broken leg while playing football. This was an open fracture [ie it broke the skin] and as a result the wound became infected and required surgery to remove the infected bone and provide a temporary replacement section made with 'bone cement'. But his was only temporary! Once the infection healed then further surgery was required to replace the bone cement section with a proper bone graft and then support it using an external frame for several months until healed.



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the woman's surgery didn't go ahead this year. But the boy's operation went well, and the leg has been saved and he will walk [and possibly even play football] once again. £800 goes a long way in Tanzania, particularly when there are good relationships with local surgeons. But his could also buy substantial amounts of food and basic medicines, so FMCP-UK will be reviewing whether our funding should be focused on providing aid to many using that or maybe one or two with bigger needs that could be funded from other sources as 'special projects'

Fund Raising here in the UK

This has been another year where much of life in the UK has been disrupted by Covid19. Any opportunities to have fund-raising events were trashed and the only things we could do were to reach out to the local churches [and some other slightly further afield who had supported Dr Hulser in the past] and pray!

And yet at the end of the 2021 we again report that our finances are in a far better position than we could have ever imagined! This is God's work, and he provides in ways that surprised us all.

Much of our funding this year has come from members of supporting churches, plus a few regular donors and one or two donors who have been kind enough to make some significant 'four-figure' contributions.

Regular reports have been provided back from Tabora via Dr Hulser who, despite being a hard worked GP dealing with a pandemic in the UK, has kept in weekly contact via the internet. Photos and short video clips have been sent and some of these images and reports have been used to update our website at www.familiamoja.co.uk

So how much has this cost?

FMCP has provided two grants to FMI this year totalling £16,080. The figures below are those requested on the bids. However, there was a slight variation between what was asked and what was sent due to rapidly changing exchange rates [hence the £190 / 1.17% disparity in the figures]

Part A - Care for 'One Family' clients	Approx GBP
Drug fund (special drugs for sickle cell/epilepsy etc)	1460.00
Christmas Food Parcels & Presents	800.00
Regular Food Aid	1460.00
Emergency food aid to assist when prices rocket	2100.00
School uniforms , exercise books	820.00
Money for surgery for one client	800.00
Miscellaneous	320.00
Sub total	7760.00
Parts B & C - Projects work	-
Fuel / maintenance for vehicles / motorcycles	1,350.00
Agricultural project + seed maize	600.00
Digger hire for two ponds	2,400.00
Health Fund for partners [including stipend + maize seed]	4,160.00
Sub total	8,510.00
Minor adjustment due to fluctuation of exchange rate	190
Total	16,270.00

The 'Health Fund' is a fund held by FMI which will cover any reasonable medical costs incurred by staff. It also provides them with a small stipend which will allow them to buy clothes, school uniforms and books for their children and other essential items. This year there was also an allowance for maize seed as the cost of such materials has increased dramatically over the last few months.

How has this been funded?

The UK charity was set up partly to be able to receive donations that had been collected by various churches that had supported Dr Ruth Hulser over several years. Once she had ceased to work for CMS [The Church Missionary Fund] under the auspices of the Diocese of Tabora, this money needed to be channelled to the work in Tabora by a means that could be shown to be 'above board' and where there was accountability. This is why the Tanzanian CBO, and the UK Charity were set up.

In this financial year we received donations amounting to £12,014.49 collected by 'funding churches'. The amounts are shown in the summary of the accounts below.

[Note: these figures are the final figures paid into the bank account after fees have been deducted, so may be slightly less than the original figure submitted by the donor churches]

These have been supplemented by individual donations amounting to £4,618.12 over the last twelve months.

We had planned to send a volunteer to Tabora in spring 2020 to collect publicity material. He was a professional fund raiser who used to work for Mercy Ships and is also a semi-professional photographer. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic he was unable to go to Tabora and eventually managed to get a refund on the second of his air fares. Having received a refund of the air fare, he repaid it to us bringing in another £124.13.

How does FMCP-UK operate and who are the Trustees?

We currently have four Trustees:

- Denise Beach
- Rebecca Birch
- Barbara Francis
- Derek Hyde

Due to the Covid19 pandemic most of our work has been carried out on-line though the amount of business that we were able to do or were required to do was very minimal.

However, the work in Tabora continues, and in this budget year we have received and approved two grant requests. The money has been sent to the FMI bank account by bank transfer from our CAF Bank account as this is considered the safest way to do this.

There are now three non-Trustees who are involved as unpaid volunteers:

- Dr Ruth Hulser – who acts as a UK-Africa link, regularly in communication with staff on the ground in Tanzania and providing us with reports of what is happening. As a Swahili speaker, she is best able to communicate with staff on the ground in Tabora. Unfortunately, opportunities to visit in person have been somewhat curtailed during this 12-month period.
- Gill Whiting – a community development specialist adviser
- Eric Beach – Administrator and author of this report.

Current Financial Position and Risks

This small charity was set up with the view to engaging primarily in local fund raising through churches and those who have previously supported the work of Dr Ruth Hulser. There were hopes that we might be able to hold various fund-raising events during the year, but all of this has had to be put on hold for a second year running due to the presence of the Corona Virus.

We also encourage people who have supported Dr Ruth's work in the past to become regular donors. While we are not allowed to directly contact people who supported her through CMS [the Church Missionary Society] due to data protection issues, we are hoping that news about the continuing work will gradually spread, and regular donors will be collected.

Our total income within the period 1st April 2021 to 30th March 2022 was £16,756.44

All of our funds are allocated as **General Funds**.

The accounts below show where the money has come from and where it has been spent.

We do not have a Reserves Policy as we have no necessity to keep reserves, having no staff or property to service.

Other than the cash in the bank, we have no assets or investments, nor do we have any liabilities / bills to pay.

A balance of £18,388.15 has been carried over into the 2021-22 financial year

This means that we accrued £420.41 more than we spent and could add that to last year's balance of £17,967.74.

Accounts - Apr21 - Mar22

First Quarter	Date [for larger items]	Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	01-Apr-21	Carried Forward from previous year	£17,967.74		£17,967.74
	Apr-21	Small Donations	£91.87		£18,059.61
	May-21	Small Donations	£101.87		£18,161.48
	10-May-21	Refund of air fare	£124.13		£18,285.61
	Jun-21	Small Donations	£490.25		£18,775.86
	Q1	Bank Charges		£24.00	£18,751.86
Second Quarter					
	Jul-21	Small Donations	£91.87		£18,843.73
	22-Jul-21	Grant to FMI		£9,880.00	£8,963.73
		Payment Charge		£25.00	£8,938.73
	Aug-21	Small donations	£120.97		£9,059.70
	Sep-21	Small donations	£100.44		£9,160.14
	Q2	Bank Charges		£24.00	£9,136.14
Third Quarter					
	Oct-21	Small Donations	£141.88		£9,278.02
	11-Oct-21	Large personal donation	£960.00		£10,238.02
	15-Oct-21	Facebook birthday appeal	£402.50		£10,640.52
	Q3	Bank Charges		£24.00	£10,616.52
	04-Nov-21	Policy Bee [insurance]		£110.33	£10,506.19
	Nov-20	Small Donations	£83.30		£10,589.49
	Dec-20	Small Donations	£379.94		£10,969.43

	10-Dec-21	Donation from Bunyan Baptist	£1,000.00		£11,969.43
	13-Dec-21	Donation from Holy Trinity Stevenage	£1,004.30		£12,973.73
	20-Dec-21	Large personal donation	£1,000.00		£13,973.73
	14-Dec-21	Grant to FMI		£6,200.00	£7,773.73
		Payment Charge		£25.00	£7,748.73
Fourth Quarter	Jan-22	Small Donations	£91.87		£7,840.60
	04-Jan-22	Donation from St John's Carlton	£3,609.69		£11,450.29
	17-Jan-22	Bunyan Baptist Fair Trade Stall	£100.00		£11,550.29
	Feb-22	Small Donations	£107.30		£11,657.59
	11-Feb-22	Bunyan Baptist Christmas Appeal	£3,272.50		£14,930.09
	Mar-22	Small Donations	£100.44		£15,030.53
	01-Mar-22	Donation from Holy Trinity Stevenage	£2,628.00		£17,658.53
	01-Mar-22	Donation from St Andrews Yeovil	£250.00		£17,908.53
	09-Mar-22	Large personal donation	£353.62		£18,262.15
	10-Mar-22	Donation from Stanmore Methodist	£150.00		£18,412.15
	Q4	Bank Charges		£24.00	£18,388.15
End of Year			£34,724.48	£16,336.33	£18,388.15

Overview

Church Donations

Bunyan Baptist Church	£4,372.50
Holy Trinity, Stevenage	£3,632.30
St John's Carlton	£3,609.69
Stanmore Methodist	£150.00
St Andrews Yeovil	£250.00
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5 x Major personal donations [£300+]	£2,313.62
Facebook Birthday appeal	£402.50
Small donations	£1,902.00
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Total donations	£16,632.61
Other income	£124.13

Grants to FMI	£16,080.00
Insurance	£110.33
Bank charges	£146.00
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	£16,336.33
Carried forward from last year	£17,967.74
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