

Over the past 10 years Wales for Africa has supported people to be more actively involved in international development; the programme has delivered this in a number of ways by working and collaborating with individuals, communities, the third sector and the public sector. Since its launch in 2006, Wales for Africa has been working with its partners to build a fairer world. This 10th anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the successes, and also to look to the future – at the world we want to live in and the Wales we want to be.

Welsh Government international development activities must provide a benefit to Wales. This ensures that supported activities are based on genuine partnership, with both sides gaining from the interaction.

The Wales for Africa programme:

- encourages placements and twinning which contribute to United Nation sustainable development goals (SDG) delivery
- builds the capacity of small Welsh International Development Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and aid the co-ordination of the sector.
- promotes international sustainable development volunteering
- facilitates the work of diaspora communities in Wales in maximising their impact on SDG delivery in their home country
- promotes best practice in Fair trade and ethical procurement across the public and private sectors in Wales.

For more information please email: walesforafrica@wales.gsi.gov.uk

To find out more visit the <u>website</u>

PARTNERSHIPS IN WALES AND AFRICA

Hub Cymru Africa is a partnership bringing together the work of Wales Africa Community Links, the Wales for Africa Health Links Network, the Sub Saharan Advisory Panel, Fair Trade Wales and the Wales International Development Hub.

Hub Cymru Africa is hosted by the Welsh Centre for International Affairs at the Temple of Peace in Cardiff.

To find out more visit the <u>website</u>.

International Learning Opportunities

Since 2007 the International Learning Opportunities programme has delivered over 130 projects in sub-Saharan African countries, such as Uganda, Lesotho, Zambia and Cameroon. These assignments offer Welsh managers and leaders the opportunity to develop their skills and experience whilst contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals to eliminate poverty. Since 2013 the programme has focused on sending participants to Uganda and Lesotho, adding value to and enhancing the sustainability of existing Wales for Africa links The International Learning Opportunities (ILO) programme offers you a fantastic opportunity to work for 8 weeks in either Lesotho (in Southern Africa) or Eastern Uganda on projects that support these developing countries and stretch your personal and professional skills.



This programme is aimed at experienced managers and leaders who are permanently employed within the public and voluntary sectors in Wales. There is a full assessment process to select participants for the programme. If you would like to find out more, please visit the website.



Life for African Mothers is a Maternal Health charity aiming to make birth safer in Sub Saharan Africa, by providing medication to treat eclampsia and post partum haemorrhage.

By providing medication to treat the complications of child birth, we have been able to support hospitals and health centres across Africa and see huge reductions in maternal mortality.

Angela Gorman is a member of our group, she is also Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Life for African Mothers.

Angela puts her heart and soul into improving Maternal Health in Africa. Angela has been a qualified nurse for 30 years. Since 1986, she has worked on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University Hospital in Cardiff.

Life for African Mothers is a unique Maternal Health charity with simple goals; supply very cheap medications; enhance the skills of midwives and ensure babies are warmly clothed

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After hearing a speech by Professor Martin Chobley in a medical conference in 2004, Professor Judith Hall, founder of Mothers of Africa decided to make a difference for mums in sub-Saharan Africa.

Since then, the charity has had projects with five sub-Saharan countries. These aim to educate staff and citizens, improve conditions for health and to help them to help themselves. They support building work which supports our projects.

To find out more visit the website.

Go Zambia project



The **Go Zambia project** started with a fact-finding visit in March 2012, when meetings with Government officials, senior medical officers and local community's leaders lead to an agreed programme of teaching in the Chongwe District Hospital and community support in the Shiyala village, approximately 10 km from the Chongwe town.

In the hospital the charity has helped establish a new operating theatre, teaching local doctors and clinical officers practical skills in anaesthesia and hernia repair, orthopaedics and obstetrics. The team have also supported the hospital in advising on how to develop their administrative infrastructure.

In the village, in conjunction with the Abesu Women's Cooperative, Mothers of Africa has helped build a solar-powered classroom. The classroom is equipped with low-energy, ruggedized computers and is available for both children and adults to develop basic computer skills. In the last two years the resource has been developed to include simple electric sewing machines, with Mothers of Africa volunteers teaching local women basic needlework skills and providing simple patterns for garments such as school uniforms.

The Shiyala village has an un-adopted school. Staffed by unpaid local teachers, the school receives no government funding. Mothers of Africa volunteers have working with the teachers, helping them to develop their skills and develop school records.

Go Zambia was conceived as a community project and included in the brief was an exploration of how art might play a role in the addressing some of the issues faced by the community in this healthcare setting. Over the past two years Mothers of Africa have worked with children in Shiyala producing artwork using solar printing techniques. These were then exhibited in the hospital in Chongwe.



Penarth and District Lesotho Trust



In the past 10 years there have been a number of group visits from Penarth and District to Lesotho. Children, young people and adults who have been part of these groups have described the impact that this has had on their lives. Some young people have been inspired to carry out voluntary work after a visit; others have described the experience as "life-changing". Most visitors have developed an ongoing interest and support of projects in Lesotho.

Whilst visiting Lesotho there has often been the opportunity to actively participate in school lessons, church services and community events. The experience of being welcomed in a community in Southern Africa, as visitors rather than tourists, of having the opportunity to see firsthand how people live there and of being able to make friends and chat with individuals has been extraordinary. We believe that these friendship links not only enrich our lives in Wales, but are also valued by those we meet in Lesotho.

To find out more visit the website.



Vale for Africa works with TOCIDA in the Tororo district of Uganda. Africa, to improve healthcare, education and library services, through fostering community. Based in the Vale of Glamorgan, we are a friendly charity that is open to all who have an interest in our work and would like to get involved.

They are a members of the groundbreaking Wales for Africa programme of more than 100 charities that works to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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