Welcome

Welcome to Mildmay’s Impact Report for 2013, as we look back at what has been an exciting and pivotal year for our charity. We look forward to sharing with you the incredible impact of our work in the UK and Africa.

In 2013, Mildmay proudly marked 25 years of working at the forefront of HIV treatment, services and care. We saw our brand new purpose-built London hospital grow closer to completion and now look forward to supporting even more people through our improved Inpatient Unit, Day Service and rehabilitation facilities. Over the years, the lives of countless people have been transformed through our specialised work in the UK and East Africa.

In the UK Mildmay’s intervention and treatment restores health and independent living to over 80% of our patients. Our Day Service supports and empowers people to maintain and manage their health and independence. This helps to keep people well, and out of acute NHS care, relieving pressure on beds, saving the health service approximately £30,000 per patient, per year.

In Africa Mildmay is currently providing HIV care and support directly to over 80,000 people. As well as our HIV care, treatment and education, we have to expanded our work to tackle other HIV related health issues. Some of our international work has been scaled back as funded projects come to a natural end. In many respects this marks the successful conclusion of programmes, as Mildmay hands over a legacy of work to government or to local non-government organisations. Mildmay in Kenya and Uganda now have local boards in place, so that decision-making can take place much closer to home.

As ever, we are grateful to our Trustees, Patrons, friends, supporters and to our dedicated team of staff. We simply could not do all we do without your unfailing support.

As we look to the future, deliver programmes, open a new hospital, and develop new services, our prayer is that everyone who comes to Mildmay will be able to experience their life in all its fullness.

Kind regards,

Ross White, John Richardson, Margaret Sentamu
Mildmay

Mildmay is a pioneering HIV charity delivering quality care and treatment, prevention work, rehabilitation, training, education and health strengthening in the UK and East Africa. Our inspiration and values derive from our Christian roots. These values, enriched and shared by many people, including those of other faiths and of no religious faith, underpin all our work. Our chaplains are part of our interdisciplinary team, offering spiritual, pastoral and religious care and support to all individuals regardless of their faith.

Our History

Mildmay origins stretch back to the work carried out in 1866 by The Reverend William Pennefather and his wife Catherine, to tackle the Cholera epidemic in London’s East End. In 1892 Mildmay Mission Hospital opened, becoming part of the NHS in 1948. Mildmay was closed down in 1982, then, re-opened in 1985 as a charitable hospital. 1988 Mildmay responded quickly to the escalating HIV/AIDS crisis, opening as Europe’s first hospice caring for people with HIV/AIDS. Princess Diana made several visits both formally and privately. She famously shook hands with a patient at the height of the frenzy of fear surrounding HIV; helping to break down some of the stigma, which unfortunately is still experienced by many people living with HIV.

Today

Mildmay UK is a charitable hospital in London’s East End, at the forefront of specialist HIV service delivery and care. Advances in medication, namely Anti-retrovirals, mean that our focus has turned from end of life care to rehabilitation. We are Europe’s only centre dedicated to rehabilitation for people with HIV related brain injury and successfully rehabilitate over 80% of our patient’s enabling them to return to independent living. We are currently building a new purpose built hospital on the site of our old Victorian hospital, and plan to move into the new building in late spring 2014.

In East Africa

Mildmay currently supports over 80 thousand people living with HIV. Our work in this region encompasses training and education as well as comprehensive health and HIV care.

As our understanding of HIV has evolved, and as medication and survival rates have improved, Mildmay continues to adapt and respond to meet new, often complex, and rapidly changing needs.

Our Vision

is of a world in which everyone living with HIV can have life in all its fullness.

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HIV is a virus that attacks the body’s immune system. Without treatment the immune system will become too weak to fight off illnesses. **HIV and AIDS** are not the same. When someone is described as *living with HIV*, they have the HIV virus in their body. A person is considered to have developed AIDS, when the immune system is too weak to fight off a range of diseases with which it would normally cope. **There is no cure for HIV.** Prescribed treatment with Anti-Retrovirals (ARVs) can keep the virus under control and the immune system healthy. People on ARVs can live a healthy, active life, although some may experience side-effects from the treatment. A person is more likely to develop complications if their HIV is diagnosed late. **Stigma** – Sadly, HIV remains a highly stigmatised condition. One in three people living with HIV have experienced HIV-related discrimination at some time. Since 2005 it is illegal to discriminate against anyone with HIV. **European HIV Testing Week –** Talk HIV. Test HIV – took place in November 2013 introduced to encourage testing and increase awareness and discussion. Early HIV diagnosis means that people infected can access treatment and prevent onward transmission. Mildmay’s Medical Director and HIV consultant, Dr Simon Rackstraw was interviewed on BBC London News, helping to promote this initiative.

**What is HAND and how does Mildmay help?**

Thanks to anti-retroviral medicine, normal, long and healthy life is the reality for most people who are diagnosed with HIV. However many people come in to our UK hospital diagnosed late and consequently seriously ill. Mildmay now specialises in treating the impairment caused through HIV entering and affecting the brain, also known as HIV Associated Neurocognitive Disorder (HAND). This is a form of dementia which Mildmay is usually able to reverse. Mildmay’s intervention, rehabilitation, treatment and holistic model of care means that we restore to health and independent living over 80% of our patients. Our Day Service supports and empowers people to maintain and manage their health helping to keep them well and out of hospital.
In the UK 98,400 people are living with HIV, around one quarter being unaware of their infection. Over the last decade, the number of people accessing specialist care for HIV has steadily grown. In 2012, 77,610 people in the UK were accessing specialist care: more than double the number in 2003 (35,970) and a 5% increase from 2011.

*Mildmay UK*

**Imitating on lives – restoring independence**

Mildmay treats some of the most complex and challenging conditions associated with HIV in the country. Many of our patients come to our hospital desperately ill, unable to walk, speak, or feed themselves, and are in need of 24 hour care. Our highly skilled medical care, treatment and rehabilitation means that over 80% of our patients are able to return to independent living.

“To know that the work we do here makes such a huge difference to a patient and their family is so rewarding – I know our work makes a difference to every single person who comes to Mildmay.”

Mahendra Mali – Senior Physiotherapist.

**Specialised training:** We provide training to UK health professionals on HIV and other complex conditions related to HIV, including HIV associated brain injury. Doctors and nurses based at major London hospitals including St Thomas’ and Barts, spend time at Mildmay to learn these skills.

**Day Service – keeping people well**

Our Day Service is a critical part of Mildmay UK’s rehabilitation work. This service helps to keep people stable, healthy and out of hospital; supporting and maintaining their independence.

 Clients benefit from sessions with a social worker, physiotherapist, dietician etc. Group sessions include gardening, art and music therapy. Service users are helped to re-learn skills that they may have lost, such as catching a bus, cooking or going shopping.

“The day I ended up in hospital with HIV everything I had ever known before was gone. Mildmay was my bridge back to becoming self dependent and getting my life back. I will never forget them, or can thank them enough for helping me to rebuild my life.”

Dennis

**Reaching out into the community**

In 2013 Mildmay employed a local community outreach worker, with the aim of reaching high risk minority groups to encourage HIV testing, and to offer support, advice and information.

**Our expert UK team** is led by Medical Director Dr Simon Rackstraw – a world renowned HIV consultant. As well as speaking at UK and International conferences about HIV, Dr Rackstraw is actively involved with the day-to-day care of patients as part of our unique interdisciplinary team.
Mildmay Uganda

Mildmay Uganda opened as a high quality and modern health facility in Kampala in 1998 and provides holistic HIV prevention, care, treatment, training and research. Mildmay Uganda has been a local non-government organisation (NGO) since April 2012 with its own board and Professor Samuel Luboga as Chair.

Our Mission is to equip communities to effectively respond to HIV and other priority health issues.

Every hour in Uganda 15 people become HIV positive. Enormous strides have been made over the last 20 years which has seen the HIV prevalence rate fall from 18.5% of the population in 1992 to 7.2 percent today. Mildmay Uganda is part of that success story.

Our work not only covers the Kampala area which has a prevalence rate similar to the national average, but we run clinics and home-based care services in 16 districts in the two central regions which have prevalence rates of 9% and 10.6% respectively.

Over the last five years our patient numbers have grown three-fold to over 60,000 people both at our hospital and centre in Kampala and through outreach work within 16 districts.

Our HIV testing, care, treatment and support has helped to reduce the spread of HIV by bringing people into treatment. Mildmay Uganda also offers STI treatment, cervical cancer screening, condom distribution and family planning services.

We know we can’t do all this work alone. The training of health professionals is vital to reach our goal of eradicating new infections and supporting people living with HIV and their families.

Our children’s HIV hospital in Kampala sees over 1,100 very ill children each year, with over 80% being restored to healthy future lives. As you will read in Patricia’s Story, we also offer vital support to orphans and vulnerable children.

In 2013, 78 students graduated from our work-based academic programs and over 1,000 benefited from short, skills-based courses. To date, our HIV-related training programs have trained over 25,000 multi-disciplinary health workers.

10 years transforming dental health care

Children Living with HIV are much more prone to dental disease. Every year our American volunteer dentists enable Mildmay Uganda, led by Dr. Paul Musherure, to provide children with much-needed and free dental care.

Changing the face of health systems

Mildmay Uganda and the Ministry of Health, in partnership with districts, are implementing a five-year Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) project in 16 districts of central Uganda.

Before Mildmay’s refurbishment of our laboratories we were just improvising rooms from where to work, sometimes from the corridor. Now we have much better equipment and recruitment of staff is great.

Namulunda Philo – Lab technician

Patricia’s Story

In 2013 Patricia was brought into Mildmay by Police Officers, having been found almost lifeless and living in a pig sty. She had been badly abused and had severe injuries. Patricia received around-the-clock nursing care and support from the multi-disciplinary team.

Patricia was extremely weak, emaciated and frail. She weighed a mere 12.6 kg, had bed sores, paralysed limbs and her body was swollen. She could not eat, talk or walk. It was evident that she had not eaten in a long time. Her lips were visibly swollen, as if she had been bitten by an animal.

Gloria Kirungi – Mildmay lead nutritionist

Patricia was discharged from Mildmay having made astonishing strides. She continues to benefit from our support to help her gain greater movement in her legs.
Kenya is home to one of the world’s harshest HIV and AIDS epidemics. An estimated 1.6 million people are living with HIV, 1.1 million children have been orphaned by AIDS, and in 2011 nearly 62,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses.*

*Mwww.avert.org/hiv-aids-kenya.htm

MildmayKENYA supports the delivery of holistic and sustainable health care services to communities through community participation and a strengthened health system. Our day to day work focuses on some of the poorest and most vulnerable groups, including women, children, and their families, involving them actively wherever possible.

Our impact includes: HIV training and education for health workers in government institutions. Supporting HIV research and working in partnership with the government and other local and global organisations to champion the rights of those people living with HIV.

APHIA Plus Western is a five-year project dedicated to improving the well-being and security of people who are marginalized and poor. The work includes initiatives to support economic security, and to improve food, nutrition, education, water, sanitation and hygiene.

BORESHA Programme:
The impact of this project was to support and empower people from vulnerable groups to manage their HIV, and maintain healthy and fulfilled lives. In turn, they are then able to support others within their communities. Many are now using skills learnt such as: income-generating activities, financial management, home-based care and public speaking: enabling them to encourage advocacy and promote and influence change in their locality.

An example of Boresha’s impact can be seen in Sangarota, a village on the edge of Lake Victoria where there is a high prevalence of people living with HIV. The formation of a group offering HIV support and education, has resulted in a high attendance at the health centre from people within the group. Mildmay has also supported the building of two ponds, dug by hand over a two-month period and then stocked with baby fish. When the fish were harvested, some provided food for the villagers and some were sold. The money raised was used to support the children who had lost their parents to HIV/AIDS.

Boresha came to an end in 2013, having supported 6,652 prisoners, 14,984 orphans and 179 health workers.

TEKELEZA Program aims to increase access to HIV prevention services for the most at-risk population.

Milday is working with a target population of 2,880 people living with HIV and AIDS among the fisherfolk community and commercial sex workers. The aim is to help them build self-esteem and coping skills through support services. Education and training is vital to support prevention, reduce transmission and re-infection and to empower people to improve their health and live more productive lives.

Tekeleza impact is seen in a reduction in the number of new HIV infections in Nyanza Province for fishing Communities and Commercial Sex Workers.

Rhoda is living with HIV in Western Kenya. At the age of 23 she became gravely ill and weighed just 24kg. A team of community health workers, trained by Mildmay, worked with Rhoda to help her to regain her health and strength.

“For so long I lived in isolation and felt hopeless. The community health team has helped me get back on my feet. They’ve helped me start my own kitchen garden; I now grow good fresh vegetables that are wonderful for my health. Mildmay has helped me to help myself.”

Contact:

Mildmay Institute is a pioneering health institute dedicated to developing leaders in health system strengthening. The institute had its first intake of 40 diploma and degree students in September. Mildmay Kenya recognizes the profound partnership of Uzima University College, Ministry of Health, Kenya Medical Training College and University of Manchester.
Fundraising for Mildmay

Thanks to your amazing support, we mark a year of fundraising and 25 years of HIV care and services.

As we reflect on our impact throughout an incredible year, I feel so proud to be part of our new Mildmay Fundraising team. In 2013 we met the year on year challenge of raising the £800,000 needed to continue our vital work. In these tough economic times this is a real achievement: one we simply could not meet without your support.

The jewel in our fundraising crown for 2013 was undoubtedly our prestigious charity reception at No. 10 Downing Street, hosted by Samantha Cameron. This was a wonderful and exciting opportunity to promote Mildmay’s unique work, and a great way to mark our 25th year working at the forefront of HIV services and care. There have been many events throughout the 2013 that have enabled us to raise essential funds, as well as our profile; and in turn raise awareness of HIV. We are looking forward to moving into our new hospital in 2014 and to increasing the impact of our work. There will be a Royal opening, as well as other events to celebrate this landmark in Mildmay’s long history.

Thank you all so much for your brilliant support in helping us to continue to transform the lives of people living with HIV. Here are just a few of our ‘fundraising memories’ from 2013.

Best wishes
Kerry Reeves-Kneip
Director of Fundraising
Supporting Mildmay

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It’s only because of the continuing generosity of our wonderful supporters, that we are able to make a difference to so many lives, both in Africa and the UK.

By supporting our Appeals, Fundraising, volunteering, leaving a legacy, taking on a challenge or supporting one of our events, you are doing something truly positive that you can be so proud of.

Thank you for your incredible support in helping us in our work – Transforming the lives of people living with HIV.

“I feel a really important part of Mildmay, and am continually impressed with the incredible work that takes places here and the positive impact it has on people’s lives.”

Kerry Reeves-Kneip.
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Could your company play an important role in our vital work, whilst meeting your corporate social responsibility needs? We can create a bespoke programme, working with you and your team to meet your objectives. Become a part of our work at this exciting time in the development of our charity, as we move into a brand new London hospital in 2014.

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Thank you
Accounts

Financial governance is a key priority at Mildmay. In 2012 we faced considerable funding challenges. In response, as part of our on-going strategy, we have continued to implement our radical reorganisation. This has resulted in reductions being made in non-programmatic expenditure, and the move of some support activities closer to the programmes.

We continue to strive to be efficient and forward looking, promoting value for money across our programmes and sharing best practices, knowledge and experiences. This year we are delighted to report a Mildmay group surplus.

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