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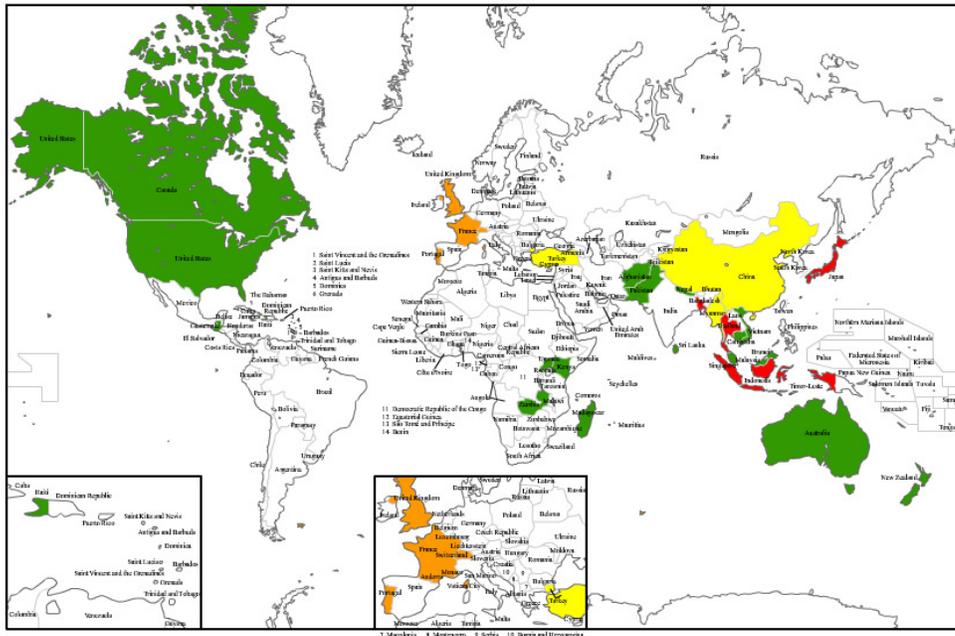
NETWORK REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Since 2010 Rose Charities has both expanded and consolidated. 22 countries are now involved either as member organizations, running projects, as donors or in an advisory role. There are active projects in 16 countries. Some countries have more than one project or several project components. Countries locations added since 2010 (previous international meeting) include Guatemala, Afghanistan and Singapore. Rwanda however has been terminated (internal administration reasons) and Nepal is currently under assessment by Rose Charities NZ though some coordination is still in action



Key: Green – Active projects and/or registered organizations
 Red – Direct Rose Charities Network emergency relief activities carried out
 Yellow: Material support to close partner (AMDA) s for emergency relief activities
 Orange – Donor only countries
 (nb there may be overlap within the categories)

Nationally registered member organizations: Australia, Canada, Cambodia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam (nb Singapore in process, not yet completed)

Active project countries: New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar, USA, Canada, Haiti, Guatemala

Donor countries: New Zealand, Australia, UK, Canada, Switzerland, USA, Portugal, Spain, France, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore

Emergency Relief: Emergency relief activities that have been carried out in the past year have included Japan (Tohoku earthquake and tsunami), Thailand (flooding) and New Zealand (earthquake)

- a) Rose Charities Canada assisted the Tohoku disaster through AMDA Japan and AMDA Canada www.amdacanada.org and through limited monitoring and assistance visits. Mainly though through contacts with individuals and other organizations, support activities were carried out (fundraisers etc) resulting in around \$Canadian 100,000 being raised for assistance. Further fundraiser(s) are planned in conjunction with AMDA Canada to assist with rehabilitation projects in the Tohoku area.
- b) Thailand Flooding. Direct assistance was facilitated by both Rose Charities Singapore and Rose Charities Malaysia in the form of collection and sending of supplies and resources
- c) Rose Charities New Zealand and Canada collected assistance funds for the Christchurch earthquake. Rose Charities New Zealand member(s) assisted on location with an ophthalmic health initiative

Rose Charities generally has limited 'on alert' disaster facilities. However, can usually, depending on which branch, draw upon a professionals (nurses, physicians etc) to assist as well as generating funds through emergency events. Development in this area continues. Rose Charities also at times works with close partners AMDA International, an organization very focused on rapid emergency response. AMDA is one of the few organizations which has ability to enter areas of political difficulty. AMDA teams for example operated both in Myanmar (typhoon) and Sichuan, China (earthquake) in 2009 to which Rose Charities Canada contributed funding. Direct Rose Charities emergency assistance tends to be directed much more commonly to areas where there is a Rose Charities presence, or where or closely associated projects already exist. Such initiatives have been carried out in Vietnam (typhoon), Sri Lanka (flooding) and Pakistan (flooding – initiative through Frontier Primary Health, New Zealand (earthquake)

On the occasions when Rose Charities has become involved in new emergency relief efforts, a policy of trying to remain to work longer term in the country is, resources permitting, implemented. This has been notably successful in both Sri Lanka and Haiti. The rapid response of many of the large organizations of the world attracts the bulk of the media attention and the resultant funds. Often however the efforts generated by these are relatively short lived. Rose Charities is far more concerned with sustaining any efforts made, even if the deployment scale is small.

Rose Charities multisectorial approach has continued to work successfully in allowing each group to place its own focus where it considers it to be most effective. The advantage of the Rose network is that it provides a spectrum of skills and resources to assist local groups to work on local needs and develop local expertise. Examples of this are Rose Charities New Zealand www.rose-charities.org which has concentrated on eye

surgery / sight restoration in Asia, the Rose Charities Canada Microcredit group www.rosemicrocredit.org, the Hillman Fund group www.hmef.info (medical education in Africa) or Rose Charities Australia www.rosecharities.org.au which focuses on physio- and other therapies by assisting Rose Cambodia Rehab Centre www.roserehab.org

The Rose Charities mission states: ‘ Rose Charities supports communities to improve quality of life.’ The multi-sectorial approach of Rose Charities that promotes direct, accountable hands-on projects is consistent with this, and effective, though sometimes hard to describe.

Rose Charities funding sources are varied, but overall have seen an increase since 2010. The diversification of funding is a strong point in Rose operations as it does not place too great a reliance on one specific source. However difficulties still lie in this area: core funding remains overall fairly weak and some very worthy projects would be considerably more functional with more funds. Every project needs a fairly specific fund flow and too much can be as damaging as too little.

Funding sources throughout the network include individual donations, large and small, business donations, grants from foundations, fund-raising activities and (formerly) government grants. Rose Charities International does not have any fund-raising role.

Rose Charities International Council and Executive. As a result of the growth of Rose Charities from 1998 – 2008, Rose Charities International was formed to provide a structure that answers accountability and transparency for all organizations and projects. There are currently 10 locally registered (or soon to be) Rose Charities member organizations with projects in 16 countries. It has an elected International Council and an Executive. The bilaws were approved at the inaugural meeting in Penang in February 2008. Rose Charities International continues to benefit from the, much appreciated work of Ms Linda Roberts, under whose direction the International Charter was crafted. The Charter itself was introduced at the first International Rose Meeting in Penang in February 2008. The International Council was voted into existence at the second meeting in Ho Chi Minh City Feb/March 2009. There is now an Executive of Sec General, Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary . Executive meetings are held by Skype. It is anticipated the council will be reorganized at this meeting (Penang 2012

Project support within the Rose Charities Network. The following report is laid out in a ‘project-centric’ fashion, consistent with the ground-up philosophy of Rose Charities ie. the hands-on field work is the primary focus with the support structures organization details being important, but secondary There is a wide spectrum of the ways a project can link with the Rose network but in all cases that linkage is present. With some local variations the authorities of the countries of the ‘developed’ world apply strict criteria for any project to be linked to a registered organization. These have tended in recent years (with issues of global unrest) to have become stricter and a high degree of monitoring, both financial and operational, with written agreements and strong degree of ‘ownership’

are needed. This does not, however prevent a given project from being supported by more than one Rose organization as many are.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND ROSE CHARITIES ORGANIZATIONS

Oceania

New Zealand

Rose Charities New Zealand

General. Rose Charities New Zealand is a registered NZ Charity. Registered 2001 Distinguished Patrons. Dame Silvia Cartwright (Ex Gov General of NZ) and June, Lady Hillary (wife of Sir Edmund Hillary). Current Chair Mrs Trish Gribben. Centers of involvement. Christchurch, Auckland. Accounts managed by Midgley Partners Chartered Accountants. Christchurch New. Zealand

Fund raising: Private donors and fund-raising events.

Grant disbursement: Gives small scale grants to both local and overseas projects.

Project assistance: Gives technical and material support to mainly overseas projects.

Foci of interest: a) International eye surgery / sight restoration. Has been pivotal in assisting Rose Charities Cambodia Eye clinic in material, technical and financial support. Many hands-on teaching and assistance visits by NZ eye experts to Cambodia and a considerable amount of ophthalmic equipment obtained for the clinic. Much of the teaching and eliciting donations of equipment have been by Mike Webber. NZOM (New Zealand Order of Merit) (2009 Charity Rose Award recipient and), Dr David Sabiston NZOM, and John Veale. Supporting coordination project with Lumbini Eye Institute in Nepal to train village female eye care workers. Planning to assist with optometry /refraction services / training with Rose Charities Sri lanka b) Local NZ project assistance particularly to refugees. Has been assisting education for refugee children from S.Asia. Also has assisted centres for disabled and disadvantaged children in the Christchurch area

Other: Has donated to and participated in relief: Donations to Indonesia tsunami relief 2005 and to Samoa 2010. Arranged to send trauma counsellor member Liese Groot-Alberts to Samoa 2010 for Samoa tsunami and donated funds for relief. This initiative picked up by Oxfam NZ and continued under their auspices. . Also supported Liese Groot-Alberts for palliative care project(s) in S.E. Asia. (Malaysia, Philippines)

Website: www.rose-charities.org

Australia

Rose Charities Australia

General: Registered Australian charity but not yet with charity tax status (this is very difficult to obtain in Australia). Registered 2007 Current Chair. Dr Theresa Ly. Sec/Treasurer Penny Kendall. Centers of involvement: Sydney, Melbourne, Perth. Accounts managed by Walker Wayland Chartered Accountants, Sydney

Fund raising: Private donors.

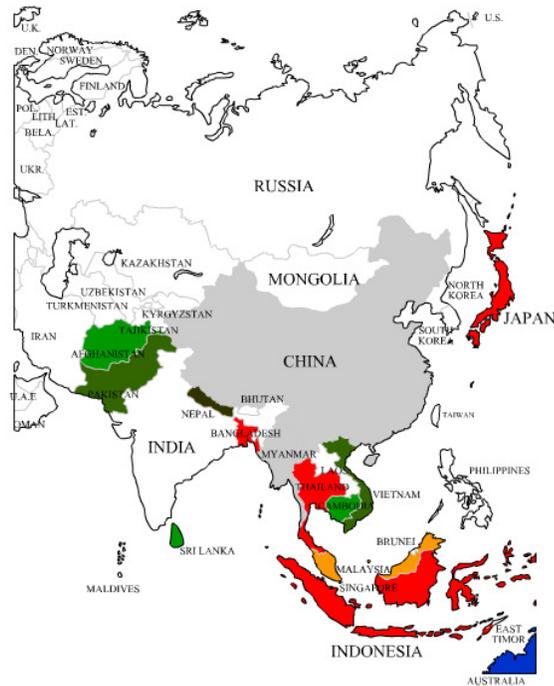
Grant disbursement; Limited to date – focused on project assistance to Rose Cambodia Rehabilitation Centre, founded and run Rose Charities Australia board member, and physiotherapist, Ms Joanna Thomson,

Project assistance: Material support and expertise to overseas projects. Helped purchase vehicle for Operation FIRST Cambodia. Directed by Ms Joanna Thomson (physiotherapist) has founded a holistic rehabilitation project www.roserehab.org in the Chea Chumneas hospital complex in Cambodia which works in conjunction with Operation FIRST (arrangements currently under review) This project aims to bring together whatever adjunct therapies that are necessary, along with physiotherapy, in the rehab. Process.

Focus of interest: Physio- and other peripheral surgical therapies as well as rehabilitative medicine and surgery in Cambodia

Other: Website www.rosecharities.org.au . Rose Cambodia Rehab Centre www.roserehab.org

SE Asia



Key

- Greens / Yellow - Rose Charities projects with registered (Rose or non Rose) organizations
- Red – emergency relief operations in recent years
- Pale blue: direct assistance to partners relief operations
- Dark blue: Rose Charities Australia

Malaysia

Rose Charities Penang Malaysia

General: Registered Penang (Malaysia) Charity, 2008. Has office in Penang City. Current Chair. Mr Lawrence Cheah. Patron Mr Martin Bek-Neilsen. Center of administration George Town, Penang Island.

Fund raising. Local fund raising events and individual donations

Grant disbursement: No donations to date outside of own projects

Project assistance /operations: a) Health screening camps both in own state (Wellesley) and in neighbouring for poor and also for indigenous ‘Orang Asli’ people. b) Health monitor displays at Penang ‘Health Expo’s (general health Expo and Expo for Women’s Health). c) assistance to the aged.

Foci of interest: Health care and health support for the poor of Malaysia. Investigating possible Sumatra and Sarawak projects in the future.

Other: Mr Lawrence Cheah is also current Chairman of Rose Charities International as well as having strong links with the Lions Club. Website www.myrosecharity.org

Singapore

Rose Charities Singapore www.rosesingapore.info

General: Founded 2012 by Ms Christina Leong and several colleagues. Not yet nationally registered (somewhat complex in Singapore)

Fundraising/funding: Local donors. Not only financial contributions, but has also elicited valuable material donations such as laptop computers.

Grant disbursement: To date mainly to emergency relief (Thai Flood relief)

Project assistance: On founding, immediate material relief sent to Thai flood victims. Other local projects include old peoples homes, orphanage assistance and animal rescue assistance

Vietnam

Rose Charities Vietnam

General: Registered Vietnam Charity. Registered 2007. Chair. Mr Nguyen Phuoc Chi. Admin location(s), Ho Chi Minh City, Hue

Fundraising/ funding.. Local fundraising events. Individual donations. Individual donations and fundraising events in Canada through Rose Charities Canada. Some corporate sponsorship through Rose Charities UK (Rose Rehab Trust UK)

Grant disbursement; Disbursement to orphanages in HCMC and blind projects Hue

Project assistance: Assistance in expertise, materials and funds to Sia Blind School Hue. Emergency relief within Vietnam ie Hue. Assistance to sight restoration program., orphanage assistance. Homes for blind and income generation. Paper flower industry in Thanh Tien . Most recent Rose Charities Vietnam report see <http://www.rosecharitiesreports.blogspot.com/2012/03/rose-charities-vietnam-2011-12.html> . Jan and Bill Johnston (co-founders of Rose Charities Vietnam) and also Louis Lap Nguyen have recently re-visited Vietnam to update on progress and current logistics

Foci of interest: Assistance to blind, sight restoration, orphanage assistance, income generating projects for the poor.

Other: Considerable project activity largely due to Mr Phuoc Nguyen (2010 recipient of Charity Rose Award) and Mr Louis Lap Nguyen

Website.. www.rosevietnam.org

Cambodia

General: Four main projects 1) Rose Charities Cambodia. Local NGO registered 2002 - focus on eye surgery and sight-restoration at Eye Center at Kien Khleang National Rehabilitation compound. Known as Rose Cambodia Sight Centre www.rose-eye.info Chairman. Dr Hang Vra. www.rose-eye.info 2) Operation FIRST. Local NGO registered 2004 – focus on rehabilitative surgery (cleft lip / palate, burns, congenital abnormalities, tumours etc). Base moved recently to Military Hospital but still coordinating with Chea Chumneas (Rose Cambodia Rehabilitation Program) , Takmau, South Phnom Penh area. Chair and founder Dr Nous Sarom. www.firstrose.org 3) Physical therapy project. Founded by Joanna Thomson (Rose Charities Australia) 2010. Based at Chea Chumneas Hospital, Takmau, Kandal Province (just south of Phnom Penh) . www.roserehab.org 5) Educational support. Support for higher education students, in conjunction with FDCC (Australian NGO). www.roseeducation.wordpress.com In addition the Hillman Fund is currently giving sponsorship assistance to the Cambodian Physial-Therapy Associations, ‘Advanced Physiotheapy Training course’

Fund raising/funding. Limited local fundraising. Funding from Rose Charities Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia

Grant disbursement: None

Project assistance: Run projects as described above. (Eye surgery and Rehab surgery, Holistic Rehab, Education)

Foci of interest: Eye surgery and sight restoration projects. Rehabilitative surgery including cleft palate and lip, burns and other surgically correctable abnormalities. Physiotherapy and other rehabilitative therapies. Education. Training Cambodian professionals in these disciplines. Assisting with coordinated efforts of Ministry of Health to improve health services to the poor of Cambodia. Advancing health disciplines in Cambodia. Eye clinic sees over 10,000 patients per year and operates on 1 – 2000, mostly resulting in sight restoration or blindness prevention. Operation FIRST www.cambodiasurgery.info is a center for coordination also with IMPACT (ear surgery and community projects), Operation SMILE and SmileTrain Organizations (Cleft lip and palate), Operation Rainbow (Cleft lip / palate and other rehabilitative surgery). It is plays host to teaching involvement(s) with international teams.. Outreach missions. Both centres (eye and rehab surgery) Rose Charities Cambodia supports the SCPBL (Ministry of Health Sub, Committee for the prevention of blindness). Also supported the first ‘COS-ROS Eye Conference together with the Cambodian Ophthalmic Society. Dr Hang

Vra is a graduate of the higher Cambodian ophthalmic surgeon studies, the training for which was supported by Rose Charities NZ. The Rose Charities Sight Centre runs both an outreach program assisted by a van purchased by Rose Charities USA (mainly) and Rose Charities UK.

Rose Cambodia Rehab Centre (RCRC) www.roserehab.org has been established over the past 2 years months by Joanna Thomson of Rose Charities Australia. The project is formally registered as a local NGO in Cambodia . Funding has been obtained by Australian Govt Grant as well as from fundraising by Rose Charities Australia Facilities have been considerably upgraded as well as building a large physiotherapy ‘therapeutic playground’

Non-medical project support: Rose Charities groups from outside Cambodia (Canada, USA etc) have given limited grant support to orphanage projects. In addition a higher education support program has been established with FDCC Australia (Ms Sarah Miller – Rose Charities Australia)

S.Asia

Pakistan

Link to Rose Charities: Hillman fund (Rose Charities Canada) supported.

General: Frontier Primary Health Care (NGO) project in training traditional birth attendants being assisted by Rose Charities Canada through the Hillman Fund. The project is aimed at augmenting traditional methods with safe medical principles to help reduce the neonatal mortality. Emergency relief operations carried out in flood crisis of 2011

Funding: Through Rose Charities Canada – The Hillman Medical Education Fund,

Project assistance. Financial only through The Hillman Medical Education Fund committee

Website (shares with other Hillman projects) www.hmef.info

Nepal

Link to Rose Charities: Rose Charities New Zealand supported

General: Women village eye screener training program of Lumbini Eye Institute assisted by Rose Charities New Zealand. The project is aimed at reducing blindness caused by diseases such as trachoma or glaucoma through early detection by women within the villages. Financial assistance also given to the building of the Kapilavastu Eye Clinic, raised through local NZ donations and fundraiser(s)

Funding. Rose Charities New Zealand assists with the funding of these programs.

Other: The cooperation was established by Dr Basant Sharma, Rose Charities International Vice Chairman and Senior Consultant at Lumbini Eye Institute. Dr Basant in addition has made Rose Charities Canada-sponsored teaching visits to Cambodia for many years. This year he will continue around the time of the conference and in addition is organizing the first Cambodia Ophthalmology Society (COS) with Rose Charities (ROS) International Eye Meeting in Phnom Penh. Rose Charities Canada is partly sponsoring this initiative.

At the present moment assistance to Nepal eye projects are under review..

Sri Lanka

Rose Charities Sri Lanka

General: Originating as a branch of Rose Charities and AMDA Canada, post tsunami 2004, Rose Charities Sri Lanka became a fully registered Sri Lankan charitable organization in 2006. Pivotal in this process has been the outstanding efforts of Mr Richard Anthony who remains CEO of the project. Rose Charities Sri Lanka operates out of Kalmunai though the area of operations extends widely within the area and covers many diverse fields.

Funding: Current funding is mainly by grant from a Swiss foundation, though Rose Charities Canada also contributes a certain percentage. The Swiss foundation took over from where a CIDA post-tsunami reconstruction grant left off and commenced in late 2009. Other sources of funding are through an on-line education assistance organization and through private and institution donors for specific areas (for example microcredit).

Project assistance: Rose Charities Sri Lanka runs its own projects through various mechanisms, the main of these is through the Swiss foundation grant, followed by the microcredit and further education initiatives. An eye clinic for refraction services and training has recently been established.

Foci of interest. Rose Charities Sri Lanka has a large spectrum of foci of interest: These include. Education – all ages and special needs, but special targeting to women and girls. Early child care and development (ECCD) Vocational training (special emphasis on women and girls) , sports for peace, counselling (originally post tsunami and conflict needs, but now moving more to special needs children), microcredit,

Other: Rose Charities Canada is a partner in the Swiss Foundation Project providing administrative overview and financial contributions. The overall leader of the project is Dr Yoga Yogendran of Rose Charities Canada. This project and others are supported by a very active Rose Charities Canada sub-committee which assists in advice, eliciting material support and helping organize fund-raisers. The Rose Charities Sri Lanka microcredit program also has its own Rose Charities Canada Sub-committee and also its own website www.rosemicrocredit.org . Website www.rose-charities.com Rose Charities Sri Lanka is developing a business plan to open an English language school as a profit making enterprise that will provide funds for their free education programs for the poor. MS Linda Roberts spent 3 weeks in Sri Lanka helping to develop their business plan and teach project proposal writing and other skills.

East Africa and Madagascar



Kenya

Link to Rose Charities: Supported by Hillman Fund (Rose Charities Canada)

General: Rose Charities involvement in Kenya is through the Hillman Medical Education Fund of Rose Charities Canada. The fund is run by an advisory board on which is Professor Elizabeth Hillman herself. Professor Hillman and her late husband were two of the most distinguished paediatricians in Canada, and both are recipients of the Order of Canada.

Fund raising: The HMEF draws considerable support from individuals who are devoted to the Hillmans and from generous donations from Professor Hillman herself.

Grant disbursement: Grants and programs are administered by the Kenyan Pediatric Association that works in close partnership with HMEF

Project assistance: Support of an international workshop to re-write the African Primary Health Care Manual used in all teaching hospitals in East Africa, assistance in the publication of 3000 free manuals Awarding prizes to medical students and pediatric residents from every Kenyan medical school showing outstanding leadership qualities. Training of 30 trainers of an emergency medicine program 'ETAT' (Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment. <http://rosecharities.blogspot.com/2010/04/etat-training-in-kenya-irimu-g-wamae.html> This course is now being implemented also in Uganda (see below)

Foci of interest: The purpose of the fund is to support medical education, particularly in East Africa and to promote leadership in medicine.

Other. The Hillman Fund board has formed working links with the Laura Case Trust (UK) which shares goals and aims. The Hillman Fund website is www.hmef.info

Uganda

Link to Rose Charities: Supported by Hillman Fund (Rose Charities Canada)

General: Rose Charities Canada has four member project involvements in Uganda though no registered organization of its own there. These consist of the 1) 'Stand Tall Education Network which has built and supports a school for slum children outside Kampala. www.standtalleducation.com, 2) HMEF support of the Faculty of Family medicine in Makerere University in Kampala and development of ETAT+ training through the university. 3) support of 13 AIDS orphans through a Ugandan registered charity, Volset 4) 'African Hearts / Brighter Smiles', which supports a number of notable initiatives, including a school/home for street children, assistance to Makerere University, community health initiatives. Dr Macnab is also an active promoter of 'health promoting schools' a concept where children are taught to promote health throughout their communities.

Fund raising: All through Rose Charities Canada, from the member project collection networks. Also similarly from USA including HMEF. Funds raised through individual donors, with a planned fund-raising event this year in Vancouver.

Grant disbursement: No individual grants. Funding efforts go to project work

Project assistance: Assistance to projects described above in the form of teaching/training (ETAT+ African Hearts, infrastructure development (Stand Tall) and support of orphans (Volset) funding, and networking.

Foci of interest: The projects span teaching and training in medicine and health both at tertiary level (ETAT) and at school level (African Hearts), HIV social assistance (Afr. Hearts) , education (Afr Hearts, Stand Tall) and infrastructural support (Stand Tall).

Zambia

Link to Rose Charities: Rose Charities Canada member project: Name: Malambograssroots: Web: www.malambograssroots.ca

General: This well established and organized project has now been linked as a member project in Canada with Rose Charities Canada. Its is involved in child education (school), income generation for women particularly and health in the form of a health clinic. It has a very active group of organizers and supporters in Vancouver

Fund raising: This is through the Malambograssroots Committee in Canada. Donations from individual donors may be augmented later this year by specific fundraising events

Grant disbursement: There is no specific grant assistance, all funding going to Malabograssroots

Project assistance: To date has consisted of small scale funding as well as a field monitoring visit.

Foci of interest: Health care, education and income generation. There is a very high incidence of HIV/ Aids in Zambia

Madagascar

Rose Charities Madagascar

Linkage to Rose Charities: A special sub-group of Rose Charities Canada

General: Rose Charities Madagascar is an active committee running under the Rose Charities Board. It runs projects in Madagascar in conjunction with the local Mahatsara Organization (founded and run by Mr Binar) It has built and supports a school as well as community projects in sustainable agriculture, environmental, health and other areas of education.

Fund raising: Rose Charities Madagascar (committee) carries out all its own fundraising though will be participating in an Africa oriented fundraiser later this year with other Rose Charities Africa projects.

Grant disbursement: All funding goes to the field project.

Project assistance: Assistance both in funding and expertise. Regular visits from the Rose Charities Madagascar Committee some of them prolonged. Strong support from all committee members.

Foci of interest; School maintenance and education, community environmental projects
Website. www.rosemadagascar.squarespace.com

Europe

UK

Rose Rehabilitation Trust UK (Rose Charities UK)

General: Rose Charities UK is a registered UK Charity under the official name of the 'Rose Rehabilitation Trust'. Registration was in 2001. Main geographical administrative area(s), London and SE.England, specifically Sevenoaks where there are strong historical connections with some of the members of the board. Current Chair is Mr Jonathan Riley. Accounts are managed by Betaways Chartered Accountants.

Fundraising: Private and institutional donors.

Grant disbursement: Has made small grant to eye care in South UK (4 Sight) otherwise, directed project grants. (see below).

Project assistance: Directed grant assistance to Rose Charities projects in Vietnam (orphanage and blind centre Hue), Madagascar, Nepal, and Cambodia.

Foci of interest: Rehabilitation, education, orphanage support

Other: Website www.rosecharities.org.uk

Switzerland

Link to Rose Charities: Funding and advisory.

General: Foundation funding for Rose Charities Sri Lanka project. Consultancy source through personal links with tropical medicine Consultant. Dr(s) Biays-Odermatt, International Schistosomiasis experts at Basel Institute of Tropical medicine.

Grant disbursement: Major grant from local philanthropic organization for Rose Charities Sri Lanka community project(s).

Project assistance: See 'grant assistance' above.

France

Link to Rose Charities: Consultant

General: Individual consultants who assist Rose Charities and donate funds and expertise. Admin focus area. Toulouse. Ms Sumiko Berat very great help in early days of 2004 tsunami in coordinating with Japan on a possible joint effort.

Fund raising: Individual donations

Project assistance: Directed donations to projects including disaster relief.

Foci of interest: All

Austria

Link to Rose Charities: Consultant

General: Individual Consultants who have or are assisting with specific projects or expertise. Dr M. Kitchen, International HIV expert assisting with Zambia project. Admin focus area. Innsbruck, Tyrol.

Fund raising. None

Project assistance: Expertise with Zambia project and other HIV/AIDs consultations

Foci of interest: HIV/AID's, Africa projects

Portugal

Link to Rose Charities: Advisory and Funding

General: Corporate and private donations through one of the leading vineyards in the Vidiguera Region both in financial support and in kind donations in wine for fundraisers in the USA and Canada.

Caribbean



Key:

Green – active project countries

Pale green/grey – countries under consideration for projects

Dark blue: USA see www.rosecharities.us

Haiti

Link to Rose Charities: Programs run by Rose Charities Canada

General: Rose Charities (Canada and USA) became involved with Haiti through emergency relief efforts, at first assisting AMDA International through AMDA Canada and then establishing their own role. All project work to date has been run through Rose Charities Canada using counterpart contacts and organizations. Of crucial importance were the contacts of Mrs Jan Johnston in Montreal whose links were pivotal in assisting both the AMDA International and Rose Charities relief missions. In total, 9 teams were sent, some arranged by Rose, some arranged by AMDA but assisted with AMDA Canada / Rose Canada medical personnel to a) Gonaives or Saint Marc (mainly orthopedic and

acute surgery) and b) Port-au-Prince (either Hopital Adventiste or Hoptial Communaute) for pediatric assistance. The focus has now shifted to long term pediatric support in 3 areas: 1) The State University School of Nursing was completely destroyed by the earthquake and 74 students killed. Rose Charities has provided counselling to the surviving 30 students and are supplying textbooks and equipment to re-open the school. 3) Rose has sent teams to develop teaching programs and teach directly nurses in pediatrics and neonatology

Funding: Funds were collected by Rose Charities Canada from individual donors including very generous donations from the Vancouver Sikh community. Rose Charities USA organized a major fund-raising event PhotoRelief in February 2010. Returning nurses continue fund-raising activities.

Project assistance; Assistance given as described above and below. Expertise, direct-hands-on, and consultative, funding, materials some tents, textbooks, teaching equipment and medical supplies shipped to Haiti.

Foci of interest: Efforts continue in neonatal nursing training

Guyana

Link to Rose Charities: Project under assessment

General: The Rupunini region of Guyana is in its hinterland, close to the Brazilian border . Project would assist with teaching programs

Funding: To be decided

Project assistance: Expertise and funding at community level

Foci of interest: Village community level social projects

Guatemala

Link to Rose Charities: Two individual member projects a) www.mayanproject.org 'The Mayan Project' runs a school for Mayan children and b) www.safemotherhoodproject.org 'Saft Motherhood Guatemala' runs a safe birthing training program for Mayan women in under serviced areas .

Funding: Funding is met from the member project funding networks through Rose Charities Canada

Project assistance: Funding and expertise directly to the projects

Foci of interest a) child education and b) safe birthing and motherhood

General: Both projects are strongly liked to their individual founders. The Mayan Project was founded by Dr Ellen Coburn (Vancouver) and Safe Motherhood, by Mrs Annette Borkent (Midwife consultant). Safe Motherhood operates by way of specific missions to an area which will have been prepared for the teaching initiative. The project has operated for 10 years. The Mayan Project runs a specific school in Huixoc, a Mayan village in the mountain highlands near the Mexican border

North America

Canada

Rose Charities Canada

General: Rose Charities Canada, initially a B.C Registered Charitable Society (1999) and then a fully tax registered Canadian Charity 85944-2303 0001 (2005) continues as the Rose organization with the most inclusive reach and the base from which the International Board and Charter were developed. Current Chair is Ms Maggie Francis, Hon Secretary Josephine de Freitas, and Hon Treasurer, Eric Accounting is donated by Vanderluit Chartered Accountants www.vanderluit.com and legal assistance by the 'Benefic' office. www.beneficgroup.com

Fund raising: Wide spectrum of methods, including individual and corporate donation and fund-raising events. Fund raising events have several times been supported by Supermodel Noot Seear (who herself co-founded Rose Charities USA in New York) . Events have included dinners, fashions shows, dance events (Sari Soiree), theatre productions etc, and school donations. During major disasters (tsunami, Pakistan and Indonesian Earthquakes, Haiti Earthquake) press profile has assisted and a public relations committee now exists to assist with this process. For fundraising, member projects often hold project dedicated events, such as quiz nights, scrabble evenings, music, dinners. Events are promoted via the events blog www.rosecharitiesevents.blogspot.com as well as (usually) on the individual websites, facebook and twitter sites

P.R.Committee : Rose Charities Canada has a P.R. committee

Grant disbursement: Is given to local Vancouver initiatives such as the 'Under one Umbrella Society's' Annual Homeless Service Fair. www.underoneumbrella.net

Project assistance: Assistance to its own or member project is carefully monitored and made through direct grants, hands-on assistance by consultants or volunteers, project proposal writing, networking for the project to other resources or continuous funding

Rose Charities Canada has a strict list of criteria for any project to become a member of its group.

Rose Charities Canada has a number of ad hoc working sub-committees that advise, monitor and run projects or other aspects of Rose Charities Canada activities. Some of these are the Canadian arms of other international Rose groups registered in other countries. There are also several member projects which are run by their own board and committees. The sub-committees include Microcredit, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Haiti. Member projects include Rose Charities Madagascar, Stand Tall Education, Brighter Smiles, African Hearts, Voset (all Uganda) Asolate (Rwanda), Hillman Medical Education Fund, (Kenya and Uganda). Fund Raising groups develop the fund-raising events. The executive of Rose Charities International met regularly in Vancouver to develop the charter.

Foci of interest: Rose Charities Canada has developed over the years a strong network of expertise in fields from medical, through education and counselling to Microcredit and Sports. The organization is well integrated into Vancouver and is now, fairly well known. Interests are multi-sectorial with no special bias in any direction. Microcredit, African medical education and Sri Lanka affairs are strong due to vibrant, energetic sub-committees. The Rose Charities Vietnam group is also fairly active both in the Vancouver area as well as Montreal. Website www.rosecharities.ca

Synopsis of Rose Charities Canada

Main board:

Subcommittees / Focus groups

- Rose Microcredit
- Sri Lanka projects
- Vietnam project(s)
- Hillman fund (Pakistan, Uganda, Kenya, Cambodia, Afghanistan)
- Public Relations
- Safe motherhood
- Cambodia projects
- Emergency relief (combined with AMDA Canada)

Member projects

- Stand Tall Education (Uganda)
- Voset (Uganda)
- Brighter Smiles / African Hearts (Uganda)
- Malambo Grassroots (Zambia)
- Rose Charities Madagascar
- The Mayan Project (Guatemala)
- Safe Motherhood (Guatemala)

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USA

Rose Charities USA

General: Rose Charities USA (Rose Charities NY) was registered in NY State in 2005 and is a full 501(c)(3) USA non-profit organisation. Executive Secretary. Ms Rachel Greene. The Board of directors are young professionals largely from the fashion and arts industry in New York who are able to organize high profile fund-raising events. Increasingly field project involvement has started to expand with a particular focus of interest in Cambodia, Vietnam and Haiti In addition it has implemented a hands-on (as opposed to simply grant-giving) project within the USA: “Our Voices” teaching digital art to Native American children in Idaho

Fund raising: Rose Charities USA continues to be very strong on fund-raising hosting both major and minor events. The latter include, dinners, and street hockey tournaments Each event raises between \$35,000- \$55,000 Generous support from Milk Gallery, and other businesses and foundations has allowed annual fashions shows and photographic exhibitions to be successful events. Rose Charities USA benefits both from individual as well as institutional donations. Noot Seear has a personal involvement with the Somaly Mam organization which rescues and supports sex-trade children in Cambodia.

Grant disbursement: Rose Charities USA has almost exclusively donated to projects within the Rose Charities groups (see below).

Project assistance: Project assistance has been fairly wide within the Rose Charities projects. Areas have included Sri Lanka (counselling, education, community center, running costs), Vietnam (orphanage), Cambodia (eye and rehab surgery) and Haiti medical relief.

Rose Charities directors have made field visits to Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Vietnam both for observation, monitoring but also to teach skills in digital art and photography. In addition digital art teaching project has been started (Hunter Barnes and Jason Rosenstock) with children from the Ne Me Po Native American nation in the Idaho/Washington State area.

Foci of interest: The primary focus is fund-raising and expansion of the Rose Charities USA network of support. Areas of support to date have been Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Cambodia. Plans are in train to expand the work with Native American youth to other reservations in US. Board member Hunter Barnes was invited to address the United Nations, in April 2010, as part of a panel on how to engage youth back into society. A joint fund-raising event with actor Sean Penn is planned to raise funds for the Native American programs.

Other. Partnership discussions with Education Generation are underway to develop a joint university scholarship web-based funding program that will pay fees for students in the developing world.

Website www.RoseCharities.us

OTHER INITIATIVES AND ADMINISTRATIONAL ASPECTS

Web policies and Rose Logo

The use of the Rose Charities logo is one of the privileges of membership of Rose Charities international and member organizations are encouraged to use the logo as part of their identity and as a way of developing a recognizable group image. Many members of Rose Charities have expressed a desire for a stronger and more unified web presence for the many Rose Charities groups. With such an expanding and diverse group of projects it is hard to make a unified policy regarding websites. Multiple languages and considerations of the main access pool give different needs. Rose Charities has an international 'hub' site www.rosecharities.org which will link to the individual sites of the various projects and national organizations. Debate remains however as to how 'local' these organizations web presence should be i.e in Vietnamese, Khmer, Bahasa etc or in English. In addition cultural differences in concept make standardization difficult. 'The Web' itself changes continually. A few years ago the term 'social networking' and video capability (YouTube etc) was non-existent. Graphical capabilities continually develop with increased bandwidth and software. The organizers of Rose Charities see individual or community choice and creativity central to the core of its philosophies; however it is felt that certain key elements, such as fonts, graphic layout and logo can create a unifying look that will identify each site as part of the Rose Charities family. Three volunteers in Rose Charities Canada have spent many hours developing websites for Rose Canada, Rose USA, Stand Tall, Rose Microcredit and Rose Sri Lanka. These sites use the same fonts and similar layouts and are instantly recognisable as part of the Rose Charities group. These volunteers are happy to assist any other group of Rose Charities to develop a similar site that would increase the unity of the many organizations. In recent months Rose Charities USA, specifically Rachel Greene (Exec Sec) has taken a lead in (re)organizing the 'social networking' aspect of the organization through facebook group and page and twitter.

SUMMARY

The Rose Charities network in early 2012 is a far bigger organization than it was even 3 years ago. Historically, its progress to date can be roughly divided into three phases.

Phase 1 was from its inception in 1997 in Cambodia to the 2004 Boxing Day Asian Tsunami. This was one of mixed success with periods of both growth and setback Phase 2: From the Tsunami was one of sudden local expansion within Canada and a steady initiation and growth of other international Rose Groups. This lead up to the First Rose Charities International meeting (10 year Anniversary meeting) in Penang in February 2008 at which time the plans for the International Charter and Rose Charities International were launched (Linda Roberts). From then until now growth has been steady and predominantly organic.

From the beginning of 2010 until now there has been considerable new work in the Caribbean area due to the terrible Haiti Earthquake. Initial purely 'hands-on' emergency relief has now been converted to helping with teaching, retraining and re-establishing previous teaching programs in both nursing and pediatric medicine.

Projects in sub-Saharan Africa have expanded both in breadth and depth of operations, the dropping out of Rwanda being replaced by increased activity with Brighter Smiles, African Hearts and Malambograssroots (Zambia)

The incorporation of two new projects, both in Guatemala as well as early initiatives with the Tabesh Organization in Afghanistan has increased the spectrum of Rose Charities International involvement. In addition, the Hillman Fund activities have increased with sponsorships of Cambodia's advanced physio-therapy training program and Safe Motherhood / womens health program Afghanistan sponsorships

One phenomenon, well observed after the Sri Lanka tsunami and arguably prevalent again in Haiti is the considerable amount of funding available for the country in relation to what is actually implemented on the ground. With \$100,000 in Sri Lanka initially, Rose Charities was able to implement a considerable number of programs from hospital refurbishment, through counselling, education and refugee relief. Now in Haiti, Rose Charities has three large programs underway with minimal overhead costs. This highlights several pivotally important aspects of Rose Charities working principles. 1) Bureaucracy should be minimized (some is of course necessary); 2) targets should be kept to a scale which can be understood (processes will invariably try to increase not decrease scale, so starting small will allow for expansion up to, and not beyond manageable levels; 3) organizers should be sought for their charity, dedication and enthusiasm, not lured in by financial reward 4) communication should be maximized between all involved, preferably face-to-face. We have learned that it is far far better to carry out a small initiative, even just helping person to person, well, rather than trying to implement a mega-project with limited plans and sparse resources. Assisting is inevitably a two way process, and does not lend itself easily to quantification. This defines one of the main tenets of Rose Charities.