
Charity work

Tanzanear

Our relationship with Tanzanear initially developed after one of the board of directors of the charity serendipitously met David Baguley, Head of Department. He enquired whether we as a department would be willing and able to work with and alongside Tanzanear in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. After further meetings with the charity, all agreed that this would be a brilliant opportunity for the department to gain a huge amount of experience and provide audiology support beyond the walls of Addenbrooke's.

Audiology department will primarily be helping the Buguruni School for the deaf. The school aims to provide education for hearing impaired children in line with their peers by means of an alternative communication method i.e. sign language. The support that the school provides means that the children's future prospects are not limited by a lack of education. The school has children with varying degrees of hearing loss. The school has previously used Swahili sign language as the sole mode of communication but the charity is hoping that they will be able to support some children where possible to access the auditory (hearing) world so that once they have left school their mode of communication is not a barrier to future careers.

The charity has had input from hearing aid manufacturers with regards to providing hearing aids but they are unable to provide ongoing support. There is an audiologist permanently based at the school and they receive advice from teachers of the deaf at Mary Hare School. The charity would like us to support the audiologist at the school by providing clinical support i.e. testing the children's hearing, fitting hearing aids and then providing ongoing care of the hearing aids. We will be training the schools own staff, so that the school can be as self sufficient as possible whilst our clinicians aren't directly in Tanzania. We will be providing an expert resource base here in the UK and helping to develop resources for use in the school, for example the charity has secured funding to develop an audiology block at the school and they require our help finalising building plans.

This will be an ongoing project with no definite end date. Hearing and hearing aids require continuous support which with the guidance of Addenbrooke's Abroad and help from several volunteers we as a department are hoping to provide.

Nepalese Ear Camps

Audiologists from Addenbrooke's Audiology Department regularly support Nepalese Ear Camps by providing both audiological testing and fitting hearing aids. The camps are run bi-annually by the International Nepal Fellowship (INF) which is a voluntary, non-governmental organization working in Nepal. Their aim is to provide clinical care to Nepalese people who do not always have access to services like ear surgical specialists or audiology as provided by the NHS in the UK. The Ear Camps usually run in the March and November of each year and require at least two audiologists.

An Addenbrooke's audiologist
testing hearing on the 29th INF
Nepal Ear Camp

The audiologists at Addenbrooke's are committed to continuing their support to the Ear Camps by attending ear camps and fund raising. Audiologists take annual leave to attend the camps. For more information about the ear camps and to find out about the new Ear Hospital and Training Centre or to make an online donation please visit [Ear Aid Nepal](#)

If you wish to make a donation towards the work of audiology staff at the Nepalese Ear Camps then please contact Elizabeth Hough Tel: 01223 217797, or by post to:

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Audiology professionals and companies can also support this project by donating equipment (see [Ear Aid Nepal](#)) for details.