



GREENLAMP

A bright future for women and girls

GreenLamp President's Report 2015

Dear members, donors and sponsors,
Dear friends,

It is with gratitude that I reflect on another successful year of GreenLamp's work for a bright future for women and girls. Without your support this work would not be possible.

Let me start with sharing some experiences from my recent visit to our projects in Ethiopia together with my fellow board member Henriette Becker and our members Inger Wulf and Sara Nilsson.

During this inspiring trip we had the chance to visit four health centers where GreenLamp-funded Solar Suitcases are installed, among them the health center Teticha in the southern region SNNPR (Southern Nations and Nationalities People's Region). This is where GreenLamp-sponsored midwife Belen Kakabo has been working since her deployment last October. Belen is a very dedicated young midwife who treats all her patients with great care. She is using the Solar Suitcase when assisting deliveries at night and emphasised its importance for her work.

The first three days of our visit were dedicated to a GreenLamp lead Interpersonal Skills workshop in Nonviolent Communication for the final year students at the Hamlin College of Midwives. The workshop was a great success, empowering the midwives to act as role models for girls and women in an empathetic and caring way, in the communities where they will be deployed as of October 2016.

The programme also included observing a fistula operation, visiting the Desta Mender Rehabilitation Center for fistula patients and the physiotherapy department at the Hamlin Fistula Hospital. We discussed with our local partner, the Hamlin College of Midwives, the need to further improve the working environment of the midwives at the health centers to ensure they have running water, light, good hygiene and maintenance for the delivery wards.

2015 at a glance

During 2015 we consolidated our work, funding six midwifery students in their four year Bachelor in Midwifery, as well as completing the installation and implementation phase of the GreenLamp Light for Life project, with a total of 166 Solar Suitcases deployed. In conjunction with Addis Ababa University and UBS Optimus Foundation (UBSOF), the monitoring and evaluation phase of the project will continue for another two years, in accordance with the Grant Agreement between GreenLamp, UBSOF and Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia from 2014. We are also securing the maintenance and sustainability of the solar suitcases with a plan elaborated in cooperation with We Care Solar and the Hamlin College of Midwives.

In 2015 we held two successful fundraising events as well as a movie screening of the Ethiopian film Difret, with Angelina Jolie as executive producer.

At our Strategic Philanthropy Flying Luncheon in January, GreenLamp was privileged to have Ann-Marie Sevcsik, Program Director at the UBS Optimus Foundation, as our guest speaker. She spoke on the topic of Strategic Philanthropy and the importance of ensuring a strategic approach to charitable projects to increase their success.

In October we had a showing of the movie DIFRET at our very own Lunch Kino. We were all moved by the courage of both the girl Hirut, and Meaza Ashenafi's fight to stand up for the rights of girls and women in Ethiopia. We were honoured to have Meaza as one of our guest speakers at our LEARN. LIGHT. LEAD. Fundraising Event a few weeks later on October 30.

We were delighted to raise over CHF 50,000 at this event. Guests were treated to an insightful keynote discussion with Dr Kate Molesworth, Reproductive Health & Social Development Adviser at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, and Meaza Ashenafi, LL B, MA, who is now an Advisor on Women's Human Rights at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

Our strategic plan for 2016

The projects that we will work on in 2016 include the following:

- funding of additional midwifery tuition fees,
- further installation of Solar Suitcases to health centers where Hamlin midwives are deployed,
- personal and professional development training for midwifery students, teachers and deployed midwives at their yearly meeting at the Hamlin College of Midwives, including Interpersonal Skills training in Nonviolent Communication.
- in conjunction with our project partners, we are also evaluating several project ideas in order to strengthen our positive impact in Ethiopia. These include:
 - improving the working conditions at the delivery wards,
 - training in and supply of a portable ultrasound in the rural health centers,
 - supporting the physiotherapy department at the Hamlin Fistula Hospital with the Basic Body Awareness Therapy, a biopsychosocial approach to physiotherapy.

The board is very happy to officially welcome two new board members since the last AGM; Joanna Boyd and Michelle Vejtorp Birch. Joanna is working with the funding and projects team, with her key responsibility as role of Treasurer. She takes over from Maria Gardemyr who is sadly leaving us for her native Sweden - she will be sorely missed and we thank her for her huge contribution to GreenLamp. Michelle has joined as our new Secretary and responsible for administration. She replaces Kathleen Hedman who is now full-time on the project team.

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