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Hello and welcome to my contribution to this year's Annual Report. It has been an exciting year for all of us at ECPP.

In Europe we continued to attend Think Tank meetings in Brussels, and to be actively involved in a number of issues of importance to patients within the European Union. We continue to give input to the ongoing debate around Information to Patients, as well as contributing to debates about Clinical Trial Directives. We also became members of the European Alliance for Access to Safe Medicines Initiative (EAASM) which was launched at the European Parliament in November.

There was an interesting meeting at Chatham House on Corporate Responsibility, which our Executive Director was invited to contribute to.

Our work in Malawi continued apace, and there were a number of visits by various members of ECPP throughout the year. There was another visit by a party of Roche employees in June, and I had another opportunity to visit the projects and to see the achievements this year. Among other events to affect the Malawi project was the arrival of a second pick-up from UK. This means that food deliveries and medical visits should be more reliable. We are happy to inform you that the educational programme has taken off in partnership with RE&ACT and UNICEF.

Both the Executive Director and the Director of Operations were pleased to be able to attend the annual Roche Employees fundraising walk in Basle. This regular worldwide fundraising event contributes a large proportion of funding to our Malawi projects.

There were a couple of visits to Uganda mainly to identify new directions for the project.

Overall 2007 was a good year which ran smoothly without any major hiccups.



Dr Ruth Webb,
Chairman



*Ruth Webb
Chairman*

Dear all,

Here is the Executive Director's statement for 2007! With the help of all our supporters we have seen expansion of our operations and tremendous achievements in our activities.

In Europe we continued to be part of the Think Tank that meets in Brussels, and to be actively involved in a number of issues of importance to patients within the European Union. Some of the ongoing debates were Information to Patients, as well as Clinical Trial Directives.

We have attended meetings on Access to Safe Medicines and worked with other EU members in provision of awareness of such medicines entering the health system.

We are delighted all the six planned centres are now up and running with over 3,000 orphans registered. Thanks to all our staff in the London and the Malawi offices for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the success of this project. We would like to thank all our centre volunteers who give so much of their time in running these centres. This year has had a good harvest and we have had enough food for the children. With the purchase of a new pick up vehicle the distribution of food and equipment has been regular to all centres.

The educational programme commenced this year and has paid for 100 students' secondary school fees. There has been an improvement in academic performance from both girls and boys.

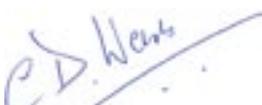
The Uganda project is undergoing redesigning and restructuring with intention of establishing new partners. We appreciate the assistance provided by Ministry of Health and National Drug Authority.

2007 has been a challenging but positive year for all of our teams in the London and Malawi offices. It has been a year of behavioural change for the orphans as more children are now going to school.

On behalf of all the orphans we would like to thank you all our supporters who make their lives and our work easier.



*Colin Webb
Executive Director*



Colin Webb,
Executive Director

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The European Coalition of Positive People (ECPP) is a coalition of people living with HIV and Hepatitis infection in the European Union (EU). We are a Patient Group¹, and meet the European Union definitions of an NGO², representing people living with HIV in the EU.

ECPP works in Europe, mainly promoting patient involvement in the development of public policy, delivery and monitoring of services. Where appropriate, building networks of People Living with HIV and AIDS.

In Europe we continue to actively participate in the Information To Patients debate.

This has enabled us to assess the different political legislative and regulatory frameworks in the different countries that impinge on patients both directly and indirectly.

We have been greatly involved in issues such as Biotechnology, Information to Patients, Standards of Care, HIV & Human Rights, Harmonisation of the Pharmaceutical Regulation between member states, Equity of Access in the EU, Rational Prescribing, Clinical Trials and Access to Medicines both in the EU, the Applicant States to the EU, the Newly Independent States (NIS) and the developing world.

In 2007 we have continued to expand our networking capacity both within the European Union.

In Malawi and Mozambique, ECPP promotes community participation in project development & implementation, supports orphan care projects within the home-based care programmes whilst maintaining co-operation with all key players in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In Uganda we started up a treatment programme for people living with HIV as well as designing a youth programme involving skills training and empowerment.

1 A Patient Group is defined as genuinely representing the needs of patients as consumers of healthcare. Patients Groups are run by patients, for patients and are represented by patients. (International Alliance of Patients' Organisations)

2 Comprehensive Report, European Forum Social Policy 98, Brussels 24-26 June 1998; European Commission

Network Partners

We have many crossover links with other organisations these include: European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), European Patients' Forum (EPF), European Federation of Neurological Associations, TB Network Association, International Alliance of Patients' Organisation (IAPO) European AIDS Treatment Group, European Alliance for Access to Safe Medicines (EAASM), Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), Multiple Sclerosis Europe, Euro-Ataxia, Association with AIDES Fédération Nationale France, ABRACO Portugal, UK Coalition, THT-Lighthouse UK, IUNICEF (Switzerland)Lila Cadius Italy, Federation Estatal de Escuelas de Prevencion de Sida Spain, Centre for Inspirational Living Greece, HIV Vereniging Nederland, Project Hope, Imperial College, Royal Free Hospital, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, British Council (UK), MANASO (Malawi), CONGOMA, MASAF (Malawi Social Fund), UNICEF (Malawi), NUSAF (Northern Ugandan Social Action Fund) and the Ministry of Gender and Social Development in Uganda.

We believe that patients should be central to the relevant debates about health and social policy. We are seeking to establish a democratic and accountable patient voice at a national and international level, promoting patient involvement in the development of public policy and the planning, delivery and monitoring of services.

VALUES

Our ethos is one of self-help. We believe that patients should be central to the relevant debates about health and social policy. Patients who have the right information, backup and role models, can deal effectively with the world on their own or with each other's support.

ORGANISATIONAL AIMS

To establish such projects as may be deemed necessary to relieve the suffering of people living with HIV and AIDS.
The protection and preservation of health.

ORGANISATIONAL OBJECTIVES

To work with other stakeholders to influence governmental policy in such areas as human, civil and disability rights, immigration and migration, access to health care and treatments, standards of care and social policy.

To influence the regulatory authorities, the pharmaceutical industry and the medical treatment system on such issues as biotechnology, drug trials, drug development, drugs access, pricing, animal testing etc.

To promote user involvement in the development of public policy and the planning, delivery and monitoring of services.

To encourage and assist in the development of local, national and international groups of patients.

To further establish and strengthen the European Coalition and secure its resource base.

EUROPEAN UNION

In Europe our work has concentrated around the Information to Patients, Animal Testing Access to Medicines, and Stem Cells & Biotechnology debates. We continue to work with the Patient Pharmaceutical Industry Think Tank, the European Patients' Forum (EPF), European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) and the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI).

INFORMATION TO PATIENTS

We continue to participate in talks with patient groups, pharmaceutical companies, European parliament and European commission on this very important and highly emotional debate.

Over the year we have attended and influenced the debate at various meetings "Empowerment of patients and their role at EU level, the informed patient and the sustainability of patient organisations into the future" was one of the conferences where we participated this year

ANIMAL TESTING

In the debate we contributed to the discussions on the Safeguarding Quality Biomedical Research in Europe, with its implications on health, science, jobs and ethics.

The directive suggests not to ban animal testing but to use second generation (in captive) breeds. The complication with this is that there aren't that many second generation breeds, hence this might lead to the decline in animal testing which will be disastrous to new drug research.

ACCESS TO MEDICINES

In Europe research and development has played a major role in providing new medicines. This involves pharmaceutical industries using clinical trials which are carried out in an ethical and transparent manner. The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) Think Tank debates and monitors the regulatory systems of clinical trials in all member states. Open Access to clinical trial information is one area that all stakeholders are pushing for in order to change the negative perception of clinical research.

The issue of safe medicines in Europe is high on the agenda. Most European patients take medicines believing that regardless of their efficacy, they are above all safe. We continue to contribute to the discussion on counterfeit awareness and lobbying policy makers in Brussels on regulatory measures to stop these counterfeits entering the EU countries.

In Sub Saharan Africa, access to medicine is still a widespread problem, with governments unable to afford the cost of providing treatment especially to HIV positive people. We have worked with local clinics in providing anti-retroviral treatment to the most remote areas in Northern



MALAWI

2007 has been a busy year for teaching the children about behavioural change, HIV prevention and the benefits of education. It has been a year of getting to know the communities we work with, identifying problems and learning from them how to resolve these issues.

One major factor these communities face is food security caused by lack of rains and inadequate land. This leads to poor harvest hence food shortages which directly affects the children. This year was a particularly good year for farming as the rains came in time. Another major problem is lack of funds for fees for secondary school making children and mostly girls drop out of school due to this.



An educational programme has been initiated in order to resolve this ongoing obstacle that hinders children from completing secondary school. 100 students have their fees paid and are provided with school uniforms and other scholastic materials.

All the centres run different skills training activities which include tailoring, knitting, carpentry, tinsmith, pottery, broom-making, music, and sports. The children are encouraged to take part in at least one activity for a period of twelve weeks.

The ECPP office in Malawi continues to support and monitor the smooth-running of all projects and centres.



CHAMBE CHILDREN'S OASIS

Chambe Rock Children's Oasis has continued to support 400 orphans from ten villages in Nkanda Traditional Authority. This year only 50 children, aged 3-5, were registered and taught how to play and share in groups at the nursery. They have also learned to write using donated slates. Among the activities for the older children, the football and netball teams have been playing other centres and have improved immensely. This has enabled them to develop and foster better community relations



where children from different communities are learning from one another. All the children are provided one meal of maize and beans a day and have a weekly health check by the ECPP nurse. Chambe Rock's band and choir attracts a lot of children and continues to flourish.

Piggery has been introduced and the pig, Mable, had five piglets. The children and volunteers have enjoyed caring for their livestock.

This year 30 secondary school students went on an educational visit to Coca Cola Plant in Blantyre. They had an insight into the operations of the production of the soft drinks. They met different departmental staff who were happy to explain their daily roles and qualification required for these jobs.

CHIUTA CHILDREN'S OASIS

This centre is well situated near the main road with easy access from Blantyre and supports 300 orphaned children. The building has been renovated and equipped to provide life skills activities

and provide the children with one meal a day. Some of the activities run here are: tailoring, knitting, music & drama, carpentry, tinsmith and sports. This is the only centre with an upright piano which the children enjoy playing and there is a growing number of girls learning to play musical instruments. Piano maintenance has turned out to be an unexpected challenge as there is no piano tuner in Malawi.



ST THERESA UNDER FIVES CHILDREN'S OASIS



St Theresa Under Fives Children's Oasis continues to be used as a day nursery equipped with toys and books. 110 children are fed and cared for. The centre is a great support for the community stricken by the epidemic, enabling the carers to carry out their daily tasks without having to worry about the orphans. The children are fed daily on likuni pala, a high protein porridge, they also get soap every month and uniforms every term.

TITHANDIZANE CHILDREN'S OASIS

ECPP introduced skills training activities at Tithandizane Children's Oasis. The bore hole and latrines were completed and the centre was equipped with sewing machines & stools, cutting tables and benches. It supports 400 children with sewing and carpentry skills. The chiefs at this centre had difficulties working together and this caused friction in the management committee. This internal conflict within the committee led to disruptions in the smooth running of activities. The problem has since been resolved and the centre is one of the best in tailoring, carpentry and tinsmith.

TIPEWE CHILDREN'S OASIS

Tipewe has developed into a beacon for the area that has a growing number of orphans caused by the epidemic. The centre has also become a sanctuary for people living with HIV/AIDS. Here they meet and discuss issues that affect them whilst providing comfort to each other. The Social Welfare department has acknowledged this initiative by providing an ambulance bicycle. There is an increase in orphans looking after orphans in this area and the centre now supports 400 children. The activities provided are: nursery, tailoring, knitting, music and drama, carpentry, tinsmith and feeding. It is important that the children learn some farming skills therefore a vegetable garden has started and this year they harvested eight bags of maize. In addition to ensuring the sustainability of the centre piggery will be started as there is ample land.



MILANJE CHILDREN'S OASIS

The centre is supporting seven areas with 650 children. The main activities are sports and tailoring.

The children enjoy playing football and support the national team (Mambas) who are their role models.

MPALA CHILDREN'S OASIS

The construction of this last centre commenced having been delayed for a year due to various factors.

The community are very pleased with the developments and the Social Welfare department has welcomed this initiative of supporting orphans in this densely populated area of the district.

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS

- A new vehicle was purchased in order to facilitate the food deliveries mainly during the rainy season.
- An accounts assistant and an office administrator were employed to improve project operations.
- The education programme is now well known at district level. It has freed the district's limited resources and enabled the department to provide bursaries to other vulnerable children within the catchment area.
- One female student was enrolled for T2 Teachers Training at DAPP College in Lunzu.
- Four boys were sent to college to undertake different courses in: Shipping and Clearing, Business Administration and Rural & Community Development.
- A group of Roche employees visited the ECPP supported centres to see how their support is changing orphan lives.
- One week training for all centre nursery teachers in Early Childhood Development was conducted in conjunction with the District Social Welfare Department using the UNICEF/Government Child Development guidelines. The training involved Children Rights, working with disabled children, child centred approach to learning and language development
- One day workshops for ECPP representatives from all the centres were orientated in basic project management
- ECPP support to this project has included provision of infrastructure, employment to the local communities, and psycho-social help for the children who would otherwise find it difficult to cope with the problems they face.

UGANDA

ECPP has been collaborating with other stakeholders such as local community-based-organisations which are involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. One of the organisations that has been involved in consultations was Northern Uganda Social Action Fund (NUSAF), which is concerned with community empowerment.

Most of the communities in the Northern Region are marginalised and suffer poor service delivery.

ECPP has identified such groups which include orphans in order to devise a project that meets their needs.

Two pilot centres in Gulu and Nebbi, were designed where a total number of 400 youths between the ages of 10-19 in need of care and support were targeted.



One of the main issues that emerged was unsatisfactory service delivery in health services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Using a Rapid Result Approach (RRA)¹, ECPP rolled out a free ARV programme. This programme was created to supply ARVs for the clinics in these districts. However, these clinics are in remote rural areas which can be inaccessible. This is exacerbated by intermittent insecurity in the region. This has made it extremely difficult to ensure that the targeted groups receive all the services. The challenges have been lack of appropriate infrastructure and trained personnel for the delivery of this programme.



1 - A Rapid Results Approach is a set of management tools, processes and skills that help leaders in organizations use a series of short-term projects to translate long-term goals into concrete action, results and impact. The engine of this approach is the rapid results initiative.

The European Coalition of Positive People
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Financial Statements

for the year ended
31 December 2007

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Statement of Financial Activities - 31/12/07



	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.12.07 Total funds	31.12.06 Total funds
				£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Activities for generating funds		56,773	342,102	398,875	330,129
Investment income		<u>4,245</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>2,057</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>61,018</u>	<u>342,391</u>	<u>403,409</u>	<u>332,186</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,172	-	1,172	926
Other resources expended		<u>49,915</u>	<u>254,959</u>	<u>304,874</u>	<u>282,096</u>
Total resources expended		<u>51,087</u>	<u>254,959</u>	<u>306,046</u>	<u>283,022</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		9,931	87,432	97,363	49,164
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>(9,567)</u>	<u>218,678</u>	<u>209,111</u>	<u>159,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>364</u>	<u>306,110</u>	<u>306,474</u>	<u>209,111</u>