



## FUTURE HEALTH AFRICA<sup>1</sup>: purpose, vision & core values

### Purpose:

The purpose of Future Health Africa is to contribute to sustainable improvement in the health and well-being of people in low and middle- income countries through the sharing of knowledge and skills.

### The Charity Commission registration describing the purpose of the charity is as follows:

*For the public benefit, particularly but not exclusively in Africa and other low/middle income countries (LMICs):*

- 1. the relief of sickness and the preservation of health, particularly but not exclusively by promoting the sharing of healthcare knowledge and skills and assisting in the provision of medical treatment*
- 2. the advancement of education in healthcare, in particular by the delivery of quality improvement and leadership training in a healthcare context and other health- related education and training to those involved in health and care delivery at all levels and to the wider public, and by raising awareness of global health issues*
- 3. to develop the capacity and skills of members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities in LMICs in which the CIO is working, in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more in society.*

The charity's work is carried out within respectful partnerships, by healthcare professionals who work, or have worked, in the UK National Health Service (NHS), alongside volunteers from within Africa.

### Vision: **'Sharing skills, transforming lives'**

To create sustainable improvement in healthcare through understanding and responding to the needs of rural communities, health and care institutions and governments, and by empowering staff to improve their own systems. Projects/programmes include

- side-by-side clinical practice (especially trauma surgery), training and development of services through the **Future Health Africa Trauma Team** projects<sup>2</sup>
- clinical training programmes directed at management of sick patients (accompanied by development of local trainers) through the **GRASPIT** course
- quality improvement and leadership skills training to support system improvement and enhance patient safety through the **SPRINGBOARD** Programme
- education and personal health empowerment programmes for children and adults in communities including **TeamTalk**, mentorship and individual sponsorship
- **primary care** development
- **maternity** education
- **opportunities for individuals** in our partner country to visit the UK and vice versa to broaden the education and perspectives of all participating individuals

### Core values: Future Health Africa

- only works where invited by local people and where we can contribute appropriate skills
- always aims to train local people to continue what we have taught
- always ensures alignment with local, regional and national policies & practices
- volunteers adhere to the Principles of Partnership outlined by the Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET)<sup>3</sup> supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- project leads monitor, evaluate and learn from the outcomes of their work
- volunteers bring back what they have learned to support the NHS
- is a secular organisation which respects others' values and beliefs
- promotes equality and diversity in all that it does

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<sup>1</sup> Previously working as Exploring Global Health Opportunities (EGHO)

<sup>2</sup> formerly known as Kenya Orthopaedic Project (KOP)

<sup>3</sup> THET Principles of Partnership <https://www.thet.org/principles-of-partnership/>