



A NEW CHAPTER IN HAITI QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What has led to this decision?

It has become clear that our current partnership with CBH is untenable and continuing would risk our good stewardship of your generous support. Recent behaviour of CBH leadership has begun to affect staff and patients. Examples include acts of nepotism following unethical removal of key, long-term hospital staff, bullying and threatening behaviour (including public, unfounded defamation of innocent staff), and working outside agreed financial policies and procedures.

HHA's senior leadership team and trustees have worked tirelessly over recent months trying to overcome these challenges and, as the situation developed, we exhausted every avenue to preserve the partnership with CBH. Unfortunately there were a number of sensitivities that prevented us sharing anything publicly sooner, so we are delivering this update as soon as we could following the decision to end the partnership.

Is there no way to continue working with the hospital?

HHA co-founded the hospital with CBH on the principle of local empowerment. Hence the President of CBH has always assumed the role of the HCBH Board Chair, with HHA and CBH having equal representation on the Board, and CBH legally own the land and buildings at HCBH. However, this means that ending our partnership with CBH sadly entails our withdrawal from HCBH.

We have worked tirelessly to try and continue working with CBH, however, ignoring the behaviour we have witnessed would not only go against the Christian values by which we operate, but would conflict with our legal responsibilities as an international charity and potentially jeopardise HHA's wider mission to provide care for the most vulnerable people.

What does this mean for the hospital, its staff and patients?

Since co-founding HCBH, we've worked to equip and empower the hospital with the infrastructure, skills and capacity to run as self-sustainably as possible. Whilst we have made huge strides towards this, we cannot ignore the reality that certain services remain reliant on international support. This context has made the CBH leadership's behaviour all the more distressing for us. Nevertheless, we continue to hope and pray for a change in direction by CBH, in which case we would of course be open to exploring any possible future involvement to help HCBH.

However, HHA's new Haiti Hub will ensure that the core services that have been reliant on HHA can continue in a new location. Our work at our respite care centre for children with disabilities will continue, with the same staff and children, in this new location. Thanks to the continued support of our disability partners, we will transition our rehabilitation work, as well as our wheelchair distribution centre, to our new Haiti Hub. We are also preparing a new vision for maternal and infant healthcare, which we look forward to sharing with you in the coming months.

Does this mean HHA is scaling back in Haiti?

We have absolutely no intention of scaling back! We remain fully committed to delivering and expanding life-saving health and disability care to the world's most vulnerable people, and it is clear our mission can be fulfilled in new ways.

The existing services you are generously supporting will continue to flourish in our new Haiti Hub and we are already working with our major stakeholders to build on this.

Are HHA making any changes in East Africa?

No, this decision has no impact on our work in East Africa. However, failure to act on this difficult situation with HCBH would have impacted our capacity across all countries, due to our legal and ethical responsibilities as a charity.

What can I do to help Haiti and HHA in this new chapter?

HHA's history shows that even in the darkest, seemingly hopeless situations, with your prayers, support and generosity, hope always prevails. Haiti faces great uncertainty, but with your support, together we will continue to care for the most vulnerable. Please don't lose hope - pray with us, continue to stand with those we've come to love dearly in Haiti, and together we will see countless more lives saved and transformed.

A really exciting opportunity is approaching in May when, thanks to a generous match-funder, you'll have the opportunity to double your donation. So if you can support our work as we transition into our new Haiti Hub, and at a time when the country desperately needs our support more than ever, we ask that you consider doing so in May when your generosity will go even further.