17.3.10 Salisbury-Sudan Link Committee Meeting Report for mid-December '09 to mid-March '10

Activity generally a quiet time of the year, but

1. Training

- A fresh intake of CHWs was due and Dioceses were being asked for names of candidates.
- The report on last July's Lainya MU course in grass roots health training had been received. It had not made very encouraging reading, perhaps because of modest leadership and Mama Linda being distracted by +Peter Amidi's illness. While the basic concept was sound, the implementation of future such initiatives would need to be watched.

2. Medicines

- It had been pointed out that delivery of next year's bulk consignment of medicines might coincide with the scheduled 2011 CPA referendum. Consequently, shipment would be advanced to the autumn of this year.
- An attempt would be made to match medicine allocations more closely with the needs of each recipient Diocese, rather than sending one-size-fits-all health kits which corresponded to WHO recommendations.

3. ECS Health Commission

- Between them ++Daniel and Dr Katie Rhoads had been seeking our support with the salary of a co-ordinator for a year. Details of the latter's job description and the likely quantum involved were awaited before we remitted anything.

4. Infrastructure

- Several years ago a commitment had been made to assisting with the reconstruction of a clinic at Kozi Archdeaconry, Maridi Diocese. The project was coming out of hibernation and arrangements were being made for stage payments.
- The roof of the ECS clinic in Malakal Town required to be replaced. A group of Salisbury Diocese churches had undertaken to assist.
- Ezo clinic infrastructure was still required and funds would be remitted once details were finalised. This coincided with the graduation of several CHWs from Ezo who would man the clinics.

5. Miscellaneous

- The final Bishop's Garden Party before +David's retirement would be held on 13 June, organised as in the past by Sarah Stancliffe. On the assumption that the event would continue, a successor organiser was being sought.

Finances

- With a brought-forward figure of £103k, expenditure of some £109k and income of some £58k, the balance at the end of 2009 was some £52k. There had been virtually no expenditure for the first two months in 2010 but income of some £8k. The surplus therefore stood at some £60k. Hence, allowing for a budgeted reserve of £25k, there was some £35k to spend, in addition to income for the rest of the year, budgeted at £42k.
- Advice had been received from executor solicitors that the Medical Link could expect a significant bequest in the coming months.