

## ANNUAL REPORT

# HAROLD AND ETHEL PUPKEWITZ HEART FOUNDATION (NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED UNDER SECTION 21)

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Harold and Ethyl Pupkewitz Heart Foundation was established in 2011 by the late Harold Pupkewitz to support research into heart disease in Namibian children. This is the first Annual Report.

### 2. DIRECTORS

- a. Mr Tom Alweendo, Chairman
- b. Dr Salomo Amadhila
- c. Mrs Meryl Barry
- d. Dr Henning du Toit
- e. Dr Christopher Hugo-Hamman, Public Officer

### 3. INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- a. The financial affairs of the HEPHF are healthy and we report a bank balance as at 29 November 2013 of N\$ 1 063 465.63.
- b. Income
  - i. Descendants Trust \$ 1 000 000
  - ii. Mediclinic \$ 148 834.75
  - iii. REMEDY (from the Global Registry RHD) \$ 17 873.18
- c. Expenditure
  - i. Salaries \$ 49 000
  - ii. Conference / Abstract Expenditure \$ 21 512 (plus \$ 6822 in previous financial year)
- d. The Annual Financial Statement will be done on year end 28 February 2014 by SGA Chartered Accountants.

### 4. WORK PLAN

- a. Namibian Registry for Rheumatic Heart Disease  
To date the work of the HEPHF has been to support the research done by the Namibian Registry for Rheumatic Heart Disease (Principal Investigator, Dr Hugo-Hamman). The clinical and echocardiography data has now been obtained on 344 patients with Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD). Patients have been recruited from the RHD Clinic at Windhoek Central Hospital but also on outreach visits undertaken by the Registry team, to Oshakati and Rundu Intermediate Hospitals. The portable echocardiographic equipment recently purchased by the Ministry of Health and Social Services has been used on outreach visits, negating the need for HEPHF to purchase a similar machine.

b. Welcome H3 Africa RHD GEN

Based on our performance through the Global Registry, in 2012 we were co-applicants, with the University of Cape Town in an application to the Wellcome Foundation to extend the Global Registry to study the genetics of RHD. This application was successful. The question explored in the study is, "which genes are responsible for increasing or decreasing the risks for developing RHD". This is the biggest grant ever given to RHD research and is an important African collaboration.

The HEPHF will support project including Dr Liina Sikwaya who will do a Masters degree at UCT as part of RHD GEN (protocol attached).

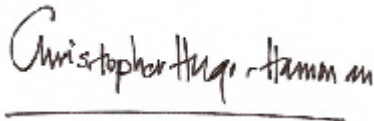
5. PUBLIC LAUNCH OF THE HEPHF

A public launch for HEPHF was initially planned for May and then September 2013. However, Mrs Barry requested postponement.

The launch will assist the HEPHF build a coalition of support for heart disease research in general and RHD awareness and prevention in particular. We anticipate a launch event in the new year.

6. OTHER INITIATIVES

In the New Year the Logo for the HEPHF will be finalised and we will launch an RHD awareness and prevention campaign (using posters and booklets) with MHSS which will support the RHDGEN research project but also our primary goal, the eradication of RHD in Namibia



C T HUGO-HAMMAN  
Public Officer

Signed at Roman Catholic Hospital 2 December 2013