Bridge2Aid celebrate six years of Hope Dental Centre in Mwanza

Bridge2Aid (B2A) are delighted to celebrate six wonderful years of the Hope Dental Centre in Mwanza, Tanzania and share this success with the UK Dental community, without the support of whom, improving oral health in this area would not have been possible.

Hope Dental Centre was officially opened in February 2005 by B2A as a response to the lack of dental care in the city of Mwanza, where only eight dentists existed at that time to treat one million people. Through B2A funding and donations from the dental industry, the Centre now provides a wide range of high quality dental services with affordable prices, to ensure that the oral health needs of all members of the Mwanza community are met.

The Centre, which has grown over six years to include two surgeries, three clinicians, four nurses, a practice manager, receptionist and admin staff, with most staff of Tanzanian origin, sees around 250 patients per month on site, as well as visiting an additional 250 patients at remote mine sites and has greatly improved oral health in the region.

With all profits from Hope Dental Centre donated to the work of B2A, the Centre and B2A clearly would not be where it is today without the help and support of the UK dental community. Thank you to the dental professionals who have tirelessly fundraised to support the Centre and our teams, the support of the UK dental trade who continue to donate material and equipment, and an extra special thank you to A-dec who have donated, shipped, installed and now service, two chairs.

For further information on Hope Dental Centre visit www.hopedentalcentre.com or to find out about how you can help us to continue to improve oral health in Tanzania over the next six years visit Bridge2Aid now at www.bridge2aid.org or contact us directly on info@bridge2aid.org or 0845 0047559.

Dr Ian Wilson, founder of B2A and HDC

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