# FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG (JSS) IN UK TRUSTEES'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2020

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

## **Type of Governing document**

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model Constitution). The constitution was adopted on October 15, 2015.

## How the Charity is constituted

A group of 8 Charity Board Trustees, who are supported by around 50 Friends of Jan Swasthya Sahyog in UK (FOJSS in UK). Our charity was entered on the English Register of Charities on 27 November 2015.

## **Trustee Selection Methods**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by advertising at the 'FOJSS in UK' charity meetings which are held regularly. The appointees are from the Friends of JSS in UK, most of who are NHS doctors and are passionate about our charity work and possess relevant interest and experience. All the Trustees are Consultant physicians or Surgeons and have undergone Criminal records Bureau check before appointment and at regular intervals in line with then statutory requirements. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits from the charity. They have read and accept the Trustee guidelines issued by the charity commission.

## Organisational Structure and decision making

Day to day issues concerning our charity is managed by a small working group of Charity Secretary, Treasurer and the Chair. Any such decisions are further ratified in the FOJSS UK Trustee board meetings. Major policy decisions are made by consensus at the Trustee board meetings which are held regularly. Correspondence between Trustees is by phone and e-mails.

## Risk management

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that systems are in place to mitigate those risks. The risks are re-assessed regularly and when circumstances dictate.

Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS) JSS (translated as people's health cooperative) is a unique charitable NGO running a comprehensive rural health programme in parts of impoverished central India. The movement was started more than 18 years ago by a group of like-minded doctors to improve the health care of rural India. The organisation has been recognised nationally and overseas for its sterling work in the field of low cost health care. Friends of JSS in UK is a group of 3 such friendly but independent associations (Friends of JSS USA and Friends of JSS Germany) who support JSS.

## **Objectives and Activities**

- To promote, facilitate and support exchange of health care professionals between JSS and FOJSS in UK for providing various health related services including training and research.
- To support JSS in acquiring various health-related technologies, skills and equipment.
- To raise funds for JSS for its various health related activities including provision and development of health related services, training and research and welfare of its staff.
- To support health programmes and organisations providing healthcare and development programmes to less privileged parts of India.

## Achievements and performance for the year ending 5 April 2020

## **Fund Raising events**

During this period fund raising events were organised by the Friends of JSS in UK to support the various health related projects at the JSS hospital in Bilaspur.

## **June 2019**

On 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2019, FOJSS in UK organised its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting at Bromley, London. The meeting was well attended by FOJSS UK members. The meeting was kindly hosted by Dr Sunil Gupta and Dr Meenal Gupta at their residence. The event was preceded by a video demonstration on The 'Art of Living' and Yoga demonstration by instructors from the 'Esha Foundation'. The Friends of JSS enjoyed the presentation and actively participated in the Yoga session. This was followed by an excellent meal and the AGM kindly hosted by the Gupta's at the same venue. Friends were given a copy of 'Atlas of Rural Health' published by JSS Bilaspur. Valuable cash donations were raised for the 'FOJSS in UK' to support its various health related programmes. Friends are grateful to the host for their kind generosity. Detailed report and minutes of the AGM are appended on our website.

## October 2019

On 20th October 2019, FOJSS (UK) celebrated Diwali at their 'Diwali Mela - A Musical Evening & Charity event' at the Woodside Hall in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The event was very well attended and heavily enjoyed by the Friends of JSS in UK.

Dr Alok Prasad and Dr Samick Sofat who had previously worked at the JSS Bilaspur made a small presentation highlighting the excellent community health programs undertaken by the JSS in tribal villages of Chattisgarh, India. This was followed by an evening of Bollywood dance and music and an excellent dinner. FOJSS in UK is grateful to all the colleagues and

friends for their enthusiastic participation and valuable donation to our charity. The funds will be used to support the surgical training program at JSS Bilaspur. Detailed report is appended on our charity website.

Your charity also receives funding from various UK friends through monthly direct debits. Our cost of delivering aid to JSS remains less than 3% of our income.

# **Education and Training**

Unfortunately the planned trustee visit to FOJSS Bilaspur was cancelled due to ongoing Covid -19 crisis. This has not affected our support for various health related programmes which continues as planned.

# Achievements and performance for the year ending 5 April 2020 (continued)

## Promoting health care volunteering at JSS

FOJSS UK continues to encourage and facilitate volunteering at JSS by UK medical students. No UK medical students visited JSS in the year 2019-20.

## Other health related voluntary programme/activities

Currently FOJSS in UK is supporting setting up of post-graduate training program in Surgery and essential equipment purchase at the JSS base Hospital, Bilaspur, India. The support includes a direct financial grant for the salary of Surgical Registrars, appointing an extra Consultant General Surgeon as per the requirements of DNBE program and purchase of Laparoscopic stack and instruments. The proposal on Surgical Training program proposal was submitted by the JSS Bilaspur and approved by the FOJSS UK board in June 2019. The details of the training project are appended to our website (<a href="www.fojss.org.uk">www.fojss.org.uk</a>).

The project has been running for almost a year now. Two first year surgical trainees under the DNBE training program and an additional surgical consultant have been appointed. A detailed progress report for the 2019-20 is appended to our website.

## Trustee report for the year ended 5 April 2020

## **Grant making policies**

The charity's grant making policy in accordance with its constitution to support the work of its local partner JSS. Grant making decisions are made by FOJSS in UK Trustee board on the merits of the individual projects submitted by the JSS.

## **Fundraising performance**

The charity's fund raising activities are mainly seeking funds for various JSS projects from private sources via on line appeals and various fund raising events organised by the charity.

## **Investment Performance**

Currently charity has no Investments.

## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have reviewed the aims of the charity as stated in the Objects, and are satisfied that they meet the requirements for public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that public benefit is an integral part of its activities. The charity supports a wide range of projects within its stated aims. Each project is assessed by the Trustees to ensure they meet the public benefit criteria. The Trustees are confident that all the projects presently being supported are of public benefit in accordance to the requirements of the Charity Commission.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees policy to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable the charity to meet its obligations.

## Details of any funds in deficit and how this will be rectified

There are no funds in deficit. The charity has over £10,000 in reserves of unallocated funds to cover any future deficits.

## **Principal funding sources**

Private donations

## **Expenditure and key objectives**

The trustees are satisfied that the expenditure of the last financial year were appropriate to the support for key objectives given above.

## Plans for the future

The charity will continue to work to raise funds for all the activities appropriate to its objectives. We will continue to support ongoing healthcare projects of JSS Bilaspur. We will also continue to promote work done by JSS here in the UK to increase its awareness especially among the local medical community.

# Trustee report for the year ended 5 April 2020

On behalf of the board of trustees

Dr K Thakur (Trustee-Chair) Dated 10.6.20 Dr S.Gupta (Trustee-Secretary) Dated 10.6.20