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To the NSR Council Meeting,
the NSR Council Chairman Group (CC Group),
the NSR International Relations Committee (IRC Committee),
the NSR Organising Committee (OC) and other relevant parties.

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Responsible NSR Country: MD 106 Denmark

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Appendix: A_Executive summary (2019-20 decision material)
B_The Project Description (2019-20 decision material)

The November 2024 report regarding:

NSR Project 2021-23 “To build a Paediatric Ward at Heri Village Hospital, Tanzania”

The project period started 1 July 2021 based upon a decision taken at the 2020 NSR Council Meeting in Glostrup, Denmark. The formal project period is 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

According to the project plan and the budget presented as a part of the decision material in 2020, the NSR funding will cover the building project itself as well as medical equipment. For more information and details about the hospital and the project itself, see the project description that also this year is attached as an Appendix, hence no additional description of the project is made in this report.

In the same way as in the fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 there will be made a supporting Power Point slide deck to the January NSR Council Meetings with highlights from the report and additional recent pictures. Both this November 2024 report and the supporting Power Point slide deck will be made available to all Nordic Lions at the NSR Webpage in due time according to the NSR By-laws, before the NSR Council Meeting in January 2025.

All mandatory reportable elements, such as the final financial status including utilization of the NSR 2021-22 and 2022-23 contributions, the completed building of the ward and purchase of Medical Equipment were finalized last year and approved by the NSR Council Meeting in January 2024.

Hence, this very short and last report regarding the NSR 2021-23 project only caters for the first year after the project period ended 30. June 2023 and shall be seen in continuation of all previous reports.

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The finalized Paediatric Ward at Heri Village Hospital, Tanzania

The new ward including medical equipment was formally inaugurated in March 2024 at a formal handover ceremony attended by the project manager where also representatives from local authorities were present.



Before the handover, the project manager carried out a thorough – and this time onsite – inspection of all the project elements together with the Hospital management.

Swiftly after the Paediatric Ward opened patients were treated and it was clear that the ward - as expected and described in the project prospect – will make a significant difference regarding treatment of vulnerable children.

The corporation with the local Management at the Hera Village Hospital has been satisfactory and with confidence in relation to local management being able to utilize the potential in the new ward.

As a final remark it can be mentioned that the Tanzanian Ministry of Health visited the Heri Village Hospital after the Paediatric Ward was inaugurated and they only have positive statements about the new ward. A constructive recommendation from the Ministry is however, that the pre-neonatal part of the Paediatric Ward organizational and medically is moved from the Paediatric Ward to the Women's ward. A recommendation that the local hospital management responsibly complies with.

Finally, a big and warm "thank you" to everyone who have been part of the project and have contributed at all levels during the building of an Hospital Ward. It has been cumbersome but also rewarding, to be able to succeed with a highly needed project in Tanzania, furthermore carried-out during the Global Covid pandemic.



The above remarks conclude the reporting to the NSR Council on the 2021-2023 NSR Project.