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[This post relates to an ongoing discussion on our global child health forum CHIFA]

Dear HIFA Colleagues,

I am thrilled to say that Friends of Chitambo has been a beneficiary of MCAI (<http://www.mcai.org.uk/>) generosity. 3 huge copies of the textbook 'International Maternal and Child Health Care', donated by MCAI, were delivered to Chitambo Hospital in September 2015, as part of our Small Grant project on 'Strengthening emergency care communications in the Chitambo District.' These books will save lives in this remote, under-resourced area of central Zambia.

As previously explained, this project involves setting up an emergency care resource room in the hospital, as proposed by local health contacts, and linking it by mobile phone 'hotline' to rural health clinics and the community at large, for advice and information exchange.

The MCAI text books (pictured in our overview visit report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6Xci-Qh9PixSIVncTNGUldJbmM/view?usp=sharing>) are a major contribution to a range of hard and digital resources provided by the project.

As if that is not enough MCAI is now offering hard copies of their 2 new pocket books: 'Pocket Book of Hospital Care for Maternal Emergencies' and 'Pocket Book for Hospital Care of Neonates and Infants'. These books are available as pdfs. However, Professor Southall is offering hard copies to hospital staff and we are just deciding, with local staff, how many would be needed.

In addition, Professor Southall is offering a vast e-library of relevant videos, and other emergency care resources, on a USB stick, for use with our project. This can be used on our resource room computer and/or copied to computers in the Chitambo School of Nursing.

We cannot thank MCAI enough for these life-saving resources, donated completely free of charge to our project. I would urge everyone who is able to help fund this sort of donation by purchasing MCAI's high quality textbooks. I would also urge practitioners in lower resource regions to get in touch with them and see how you too can benefit from these resources. They are there specifically for your benefit. Go to their website, if you can, and check how to proceed.

MCAI is a Scottish organisation, based in the tiny Highland village of Poolewe, in the far North West of Scotland. This magnificent area of remote, rural Scotland is a tourist Mecca, famous for its beautiful botanic gardens: https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=poolewe&rlz=1C1BLWB_enGB558GB569&espv=2&biw=1024&bih=677&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0CDIQsARqFQoTCPb_kI38mckCFYXXFAodk6slfQ

Poolewe may be small. However, clearly it has a mighty heart and great things are emanating from there. Things that are good and true and make a difference in our troubled little world. Let's support them.

Best wishes
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5 Oct-5 Nov 2015: HIFA is hosting a thematic discussion on Achieving the new global health targets, sponsored by the Canadian Society for International Health, the Global Health Research - Capacity Strengthening (GHR-CAPS) Program and The Lancet. More info: <http://www.hifa2015.org/sponsored-discussions/achieving-the-new-global-health-targets>

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