The African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), known as Amref Health Africa, is a leading health development organization in Africa, and since the late-1970s it has been Wolfson’s adopted charity. AMREF is a truly African organization, with its HQ headquarters in Nairobi. It operates across the continent, aiming to provide the poorest and most deprived communities with skills and funds to achieve basic health and sanitation standards. The death rates in Africa from diseases such as HIV, TB, malaria and diarrhoea remain distressingly high. So, in more than 40 countries, AMREF seeks to improve this situation, by bringing affordable treatment closer to people’s homes, and especially by giving relevant training to local health workers.

Wolfson has been supporting AMREF for nearly 40 years, and each year since 1995 we have funded the Wolfson College, Oxford-AMREF Bursary. This year the Bursary was increased from £2,500 p.a. to £3,000 p.a., in recognition of College’s 50th Anniversary. The Bursary enables AMREF to make annual grants to one or more students taking its flagship Diploma in Community Health at its Nairobi HQ. This training has proved invaluable, and College gets regular reports from Bursary recipients: see the noticeboard for a letter of appreciation from the latest student we have helped support.

Over and above the Bursary, additional money raised in College each year enables us to support one or more specific projects, which AMREF regards as vital to its work. In 2012 we gave £4,000 towards the treatment in Turkana, north-west Kenya, of trachoma, a preventable eye disease that often causes blindness, and a further £3,000 towards surgical outreach for women affected by obstetric fistula, a distressing condition that is particularly evident in Ethiopia. Wolfson has also supported AMREF’s seminal 2012 ‘SU4AM’ campaign – “Stand Up for African Mothers”, a major fund raising and awareness initiative that sought to provide for the training of many more midwives all over the continent, in response to the tragic reality of maternal death rates in rural Africa, where 1 woman in 39 dies in childbirth. Wolfson funded the full cost of training two midwives to diploma level (£1,600 each), and it also funded the purchase of 50 second-hand bicycles for the use of local midwives (£1,000).

This year Wolfson has given £2,747 towards a Refresher Course in Essential Laboratory Services, which began in Nairobi in June, as well as £2,000 towards a Malaria Microscopists Course, which began last month. AMREF needs our continued support, and so …

**PLEASE SUPPORT COLLEGE’S FUND-RAISING EFFORTS FOR AMREF.**

TO THOSE WHO ALREADY SUBSCRIBE – MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT.

You can give a single donation, or a fixed sum each term, through battels. The Wolfson/AMREF Group welcomes new members with fresh ideas for fundraising: we are a friendly and informal group, and meet once a term on Tuesday of Week 1. Please contact the Chair, Mark Pottle (mark.pottle@wolfson.ox.ac.uk), if you would like to join.

The Wolfson/AMREF Group, November 2016

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