Nyhedsbrev foråret 2026.

First, we would like to thank all our loyal supporters who, in 2025, helped us reach the required number of fee-paying members (DKK 100 each) as well as the required number of donors (minimum DKK 200 each).

We, the board of the support association, are very grateful for this, as it means that you will continue to retain tax deduction rights for the gifts/donations we receive from you.

If you have not yet paid the DKK 100 membership fee for 2026, we kindly ask you to do so. So far, we have only received about half of the required membership payments. Payments can be made to Skjern Bank, Esbjerg branch, account 7780 1257930.
Donations can be made to Skjern Bank, Esbjerg branch, account 7780 1409622.
If you wish to receive a tax deduction for a donation, we need your CPR/CVR number.

Tanzania.

Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world measured by GDP, and a large part of the population lives below the poverty line. However, there has been noticeable progress, especially in and around larger cities. Heri Hospital, however, is located in a very poor region af Tanzania more than 80 km from the nearest medium-sized city (Kigoma), near the border with Burundi. In recent years, there have been improvements in infrastructure, including more paved roads (supported by China) and better internet access.

Poor Hospital Patients .

Again this year, we have helped several poor patients who could not afford their operations/treatments.

Examples include:

A 17-year-old girl living alone with her younger sister who broke her femur after being hit by a motorcycle. She required major surgery for proper healing.

A 56-year-old widow who had lived with a large ovarian tumor for a long time before it was removed.

A 17-year-old boy who injured his finger while cutting grass with a machete to earn money for schoolbooks. His wound required treatment over three weeks, which we partially supported financially.

Elias

Another case involved a patient with goiter who had difficulty breathing. Two operations with hospitalization cost DKK 3,800 and DKK 2,000—an overwhelming amount for poor families struggling just to meet their daily needs.

Motorcycle accidents remain common, with broken limbs anad other fractures, often due to unsafe driving with multiple passengers, no helmets and high speeds on rough roads.

Nursing School .

The school currently has 110 students enrolled in: Nursing (3 years) and Clinical Medicine (3 years, Clinical Officer level) , which is the start of a doctors education, but you can get work at hospitals as CO already with this education only, but if you want to, you can proceed with a doctors education at the university. Both programs at Heri are now state-recognized diploma programs.

Many students come from poor families, often with single mothers, the farther is either dead or has left both wife and kids. Families struggle to save for the education.

But If a student performs well and shows the right attitude, we feel obliged to help with tuition, though the family must also contribute their part.

Education (including room and board) costs about DKK 10,000 per year.
Only orphans receive full support.

7 of the 10 students we support

This year, we supported 10 students, including one fully funded orphan.

The school plans to introduce a new **Dental Assistant program** (between dental hygienist and dentist).

Six training mannequin heads with replaceable teeth have been purchased, with the association covering half the cost.

The program is expected to start in October 2026. , so we are excited to see how that will turn out.

Due to the October 2025 presidential election, all education in Tanzania was delayed by one month, meaning students had to complete the same curriculum in less time.

During our last 4 weeks there, students had exams almost daily and appeared very exhausted.

The Orphaned Boys: Baraka and Krian.

Baraka

The association with the added help of a sponsor has supported these two boys since their mother died 11 years ago. Luckily the boys have always performed well in school.

Baraka (21) has started Clinical Medicine (CO) training at Heri, and is doing well, passing exams with good grades. He enjoys interacting with patients.

Krian (19) is finishing secondary school with top marks in mathematics and hopes to study business, which is a 3-year diploma education, after which he can get work as an accountant in schools or other institutions.

Both attended boarding schools with strong English instruction, which benefits them greatly, as higher education is conducted in English. Students from government schools (where Swahili dominates) often struggle with English instruction at Heri.

New Hospital and School Buildings.

A children's ward funded by Lions was completed but is not yet in use due to the lack of a pediatric specialist. The doctor from Heri, who was specialising as a pediatrician (kids decieses) and supposed to lead this section, "jumped ship" and took hire elsewhere. The hospital is therefore searching everywhere to find a replacement who will take on this challance.

New school building behind the original "Bluewater" building

As the nursing school gets more educations and students in the near future, new class rooms are needed. So last year they started on the foundation for a new school building with space for 2 new class rooms. And this building is almost finished now, but because of lack of funding not quite ready yet.

Our association contributed this year to help complete it. Spare rooms in the old hospital building are also being repurposed for teaching.

With the rising number of students in the near future, there will also be a need for additional dormitotory buildings. Plans are underway for a new multi-story dormitory building, but funding is not yet secured. Area for such building is plentiful available, so a contribution from our association or larger donor are welcomed.

At the end of 2025, the association also funded half the cost of 25 solar-powered streetlights for the hospital area.

Support Request: Poor Sanyu (14 years old) for Secondary School.

For approximately 15 years the hospital had an electrician named Telesphore from Rwanda, he married a woman from Tanzania born with a malfunctioning hip, so she had difficulty walking. For that reason she never went to school and sustained analfabetic.

They got 3 children while he worked at Heri. His wife received a sewing machine from Denmark and started sewing clothes, which she could sell to support the family.

During the previous President John Magufuli (2015 - 2021) it was decided, that all foreign workers should be deported, so the family was sent to Rwanda where he came from.

Telesphore, could not find any work there, and after spending their last savings from Tanzania, they fled illigally back to Tanzania, after Magufuli's death.

Sanyu

He got help to buy a small piece of land with a small house in a rather remote area near Geita. Telesphore is therefore illegally there. His wife of course has the necessary identification papers.

They had very little when they fled, but the sewing maschine never left her. The area has very little rainfall so the agricultural yield is very low. The wife still sew clothes, which they can sell.

Dr. Ine and his wife has maintained contact with them, and several times sent them a little money for food.

Recently they visited them, when they were traveling in the area. They were very sad to see, just how poorly they were doing, they had no beds, but sleped on some blankets on the floor, and the children looked somewhat mal nurished.

Dr. Ine says the children are bright enough though, and that it would help the family considerably if the eldest child Sanyu (girl of 14) could attend a boarding school.

THEREFORE we ask for money/sponsor that she can start at Secondary School in october 2026.

New business manager.

The hospital has a new business manager, Yustino, who appears highly dedicated, and was present in the office every day, which was a welcomed change, comparred to the previous one.

Ustino

Yustino became an orphan at age 12, together with his 3 other siblings. They were sent to some family of their mother's, who didn't cared much about them, and he lost 2 of his siblings due to neglect. With help from the church, he managed however to to complete his education.

Today he is married with 3 biological children, and 3 adopted children. He wishes to give back and is supporting education for these children, though finances are tight. The eldest girl who just finished Secondary school wants to study Clinical medicin (CO). He has difficulty paying intuition for her and all the kids, as he already pays for the 5 other children. But we managed to get a sponsor for her first year at the Heri Nursing school.

Closing

We had a successful visit to Heri Hospital in February–March and enjoyed reconnecting with both old and new friends.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Spring greetings from the Heri support Association in Denmark.

Marianne and Morten Øster