



Rwanda Heart Care and
Research Foundation
Impact Report
2020-2023

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Welcome

This Impact report outlines the extensive activities of the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation from 2020 to end of 2023

Dedicated teams are helping this special project to open the first Heart Centre in Rwanda for the Central and Eastern African region.

It is a real privilege to serve the people of Rwanda and to work with different multi-disciplinary teams to realise this vision of enabling access to cardiac health care for all, regardless of their ability to pay, their age, ethnicity, colour or creed.

Thank you for your support.

Radegonde Ndejuru
Chair

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub OM
Vice Chair

Professor William Wijins
Vice Chair



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Mission Statement

The Rwandan Heart Care and Research Foundation is the first NGO hospital offering advanced, vital cardiovascular healthcare services free of charge to the people of Rwanda and its regions. Our mission is to offer high quality care to all.

The Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation was created as a non-profit organisation in Kigali to build local capacity by providing vital cardiovascular services for the region.

Our aims are:

- To provide high quality, free of charge treatment for children and adults suffering from heart diseases.
- To enable access to care for all without any form of discrimination.
- To increase the prevention of correctable heart diseases.
- To train a generation of Rwandan cardiac professionals to the highest international standards.
- To expand critical research into neglected cardiac diseases affecting local peoples and to guide urgently needed prevention programmes.



Patronage of the First Lady of Rwanda

Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation was delighted when the First Lady of Rwanda, Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame agreed to become the Patron of the Heart charity. The First Lady came to the Laying of the Corner stone of the Hospital on December 29th 2021. Since then, the support of the First Lady has been of great support to the evolution of the hospital.

"Ending the year with the start of a construction project, of the necessity and scale of MY Heart Centre, is a perfect bridge into the healthy future we want to embrace as a people."

First Lady Jeannette Kagame



EAPD

The Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD) from the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has signed an agreement with the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation to donate the equipment of the hospital with two state of the art cardiac theatres, a catheter lab, intensive care, progressive care and ward beds.



Life Care Technology

The EAPD and The Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation are working with Lifecare Technology for the purchasing of the medical equipment and for the installation of the medical gases. The projected opening time of the hospital is Summer 2025.



Sawiris Foundation

The Sawiris Foundation is a founding partner of the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation, donating the start up funds for Phase One of the construction of the hospital. This grant has enabled the shell and core of the hospital (all concrete works) to be completed.

Mr Samih Sawiris as one of the directors of the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation is a driving force behind the hospital's establishment.



Chain of Hope

Chain of Hope UK is a founding partner for the establishment of the Rwanda Heart Centre, having donated start up funds for construction and being an active sponsor for the training programme.

Chain of Hope is currently sponsoring the tuition fees and costs for the ten nurses to train at the Aswan Heart Centre together with three perfusionists. The cardiologists, cardiac anaesthetists and cardiac surgical trainees are in the process of being recruited for training placements in Aswan.

Lisa Yacoub as Programme Manager of the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation is employed by Chain of Hope which enables her to donate her time to the Heart Centre's evolution.



Flux ARCHITECTS

Flux Architects

The Concept design of the Rwanda Heart Centre was done by Julia Backhaus, Founder of Flux Architects in the UK on a pro bono basis. Julia is also an Associate Professor and Director of External Engagement at the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London.

Julia is on the Board of Directors of the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation and represents the Board on construction related matters, working closely with Orascom and EEACON on the daily construction of the hospital. The hospital design promotes innovative and sustainable building methods, including passive cooling, locally sourced building materials and the integration of renewable energy sources.



Orascom Construction

Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation are working with Orascom Construction PLC as the main contractor for the hospital construction.

Orascom is a leading global engineering and construction contractor primarily focused on infrastructure, industrial and high-end commercial projects in the Middle East, Africa, and the United States.

Orascom Construction as the main contractor for the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation are working at cost (no profit) and on an open-book basis. Orascom started the concrete skeleton works in Jan 2023 and successfully completed it in March 2024, aligning and minimising costs with the nature and vision of the project. Orascom has also played a key role in the re-engineering and design detailing of the project and this lead to having optimised design-saving efforts, time and cost. Orascom has greatly relied on local labor, subcontractors and local materials to enhance the local economy by creating job opportunities and also to make sure that the knowledge and Construction experience is transferred to the local market in Rwanda.



EEACON

EEACON was assigned by the Heart Care and Research Foundation to work as the Local Consultant for the construction of the hospital. EEACON is a registered company in Rwanda since 2011 with a team of experienced teams of consultants, architects, administrators, MEP engineers, structural engineers and quantity surveyors.

EEACON's scope of work is to supervise the quality of works helping the main Contractor Orascom Construction to define the construction details. EEACON has been following the construction processes, working closely together with Orascom Construction to achieve the objectives of the project.

The progress of the site has proceeded smoothly with the advanced construction strategies and technology followed by Orascom that have enhanced the competence and execution of works on site. The structural part of the project has been completed, while the remaining works are under progress. Regular updates and transparent communication among all parties are ongoing, EEACON gives detailed reports through weekly site meetings and provides a monthly report that is shared with the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation board.



Training in Cardiovascular Medicine

Nurse Training Programme: Since 2022 there has been fully sponsored training of ten nurses from Rwanda at the Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation - Aswan Heart Centre in preparation for the hospital opening in Kigali in Summer 2025. Four nurses are being trained in cardiac critical care, two in cardiac cathlab, two in cardiac theatres and two in cardiac ward nursing. The training salaries and health insurance are sponsored by the Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation.

Perfusionist Training: From a panel of Rwandan applicants, three nurse anesthetists were selected for training as cardiac perfusionists. They began their studies in Aswan in summer 2024. Their recruitment was a collaboration between the Rwandan Ministry of Health and the Heart Care and Research Foundation. Like the nurses their salaries and benefits are supported by the Foundation, and their contracts include a commitment to work at the Rwandan Heart Centre for a minimum of five years. This secures an expert staff to provide care at the Centre.

Future Planning: In 2024-25, dedicated, accredited training for Rwandan doctors will begin in adult and paediatric cardiology, cardiac surgery and cardiac anaesthesia. Clinical experience will be acquired at Rwandan sites and the Aswan Heart Centre.





Heart Beat Gala Dinner in aid of The Heart Centre

In May 2022, the Rwanda Heart Centre was the recipient charity together with the Chain of Hope UK of a Heart Beat gala dinner held in Florence, by the Young Presidents' Organisations (YPO) of Italy and Egypt. The event was attended by Countess Noemi Cinzano, Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub and Mr Samih Sawiris amongst other guests who helped to raise the funds for the construction of the critical care unit of the Heart Centre.





Donation to the Rotary Club of Kigali Gasabo, Kaniga Model Village

In May 2023, heavy rains hit several areas of Rwanda, devastating infrastructure and villages in the Kaniga Sector, Gicumbi District, Northern Province. Consequently a grant of 100,000 USD was given to the Rotary Club of Kigali- Gasabo by Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation, board member, Mr Samih Sawiris in Spring 2023

The grant enabled the provision of permanent housing for ten homeless households on a 3,000 square metre lot.

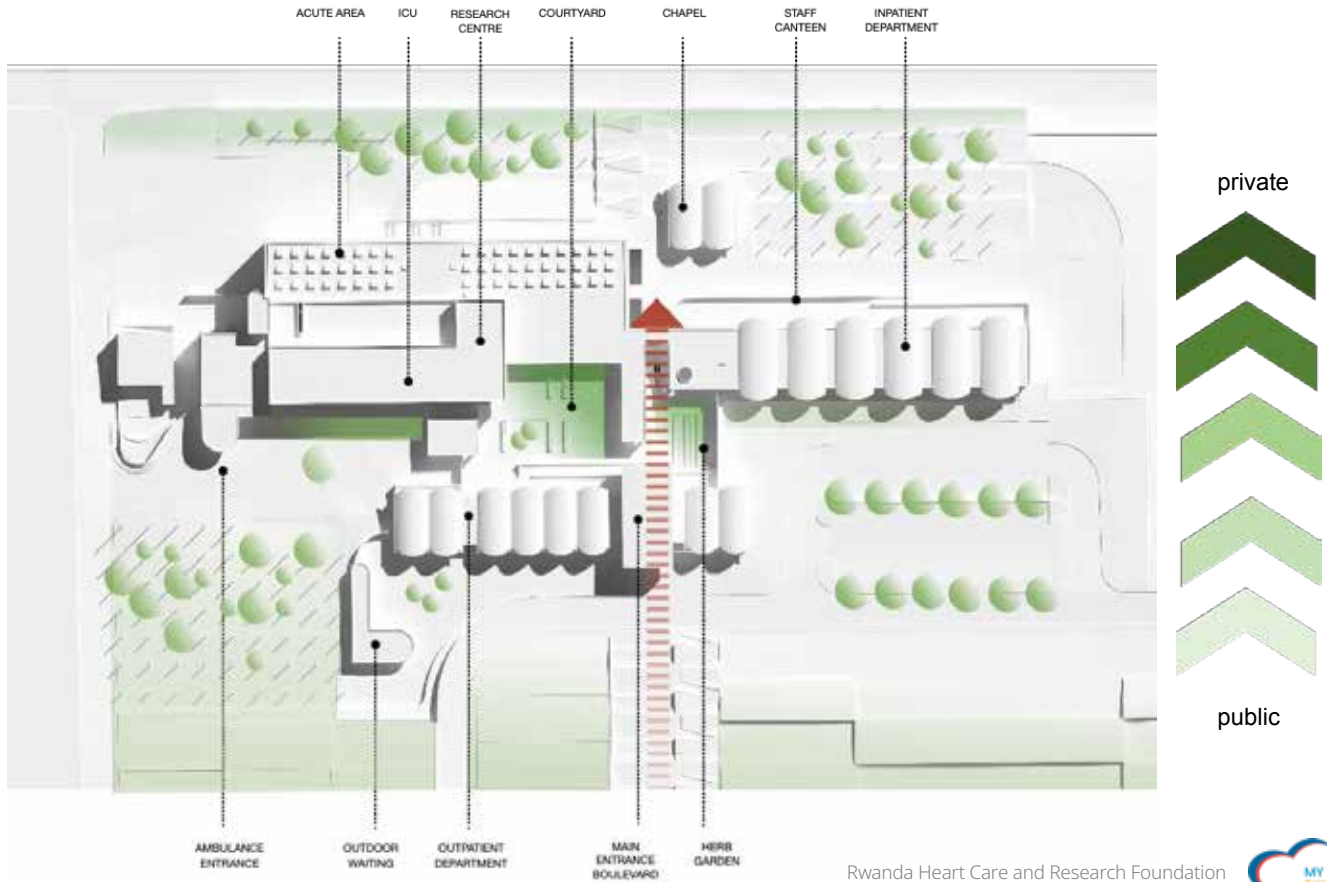
The grant included the cost of land acquisition, the construction of kitchen annexes, the installation of water tanks and toilets, a connection to the electricity grid, and the allocation of a small plot of land for household gardens. Construction for the project took place over a six-month period, from October 2023 to March 2024.

The impact of the project in the area included 90 job creations (55% women), access to water and clean energy, access to universal health coverage for the beneficiaries, and a solid nutrition programme with the creation of a vegetable garden for each house.

Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation Building Evolution 2023 - 2024



Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation Building Layout





Board Members

Madame Radegonde Ndejuru, Chair
Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub OM, Vice Chair
Professor William Wijns, Vice Chair
Ms Christelle Muvunyi, Treasurer
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Ms Julia Backhaus
Mr Kamel Saleh
Professor David Bradley
Professor John Deanfield
Mr Hany Azer
Professor Karen Sliwa-Hahne
Dr Emmanuel Rusingiza Kamanzi
Professor Thor Sundt
Dr Gavin Wright (Ex-officio)

Executive Team

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Training Board Sub-Committee

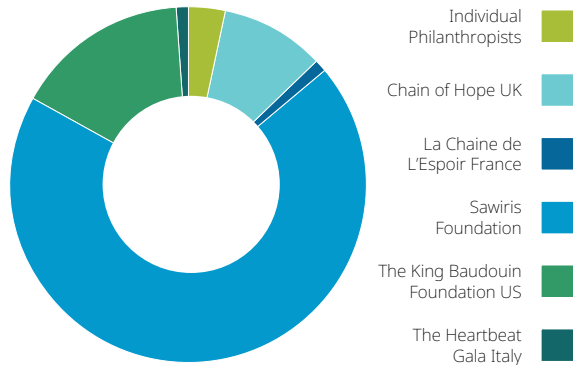
Dr Hatem Hosney
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Income & Expenditure 2020-2023

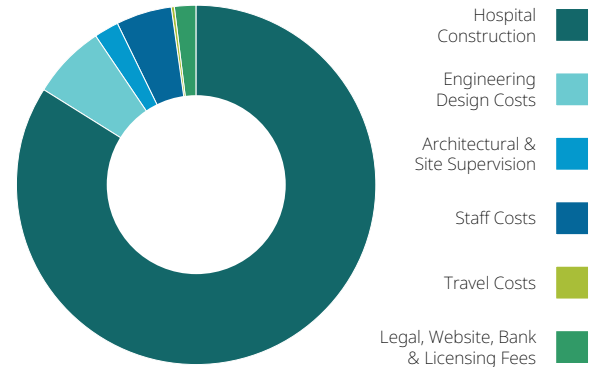
Income 2020-2023	
	\$
Individual Philanthropists	209,890
Chain of Hope, UK	607,584
La Chaine de L'Espoir France	58,851
Sawiris Foundation	4,349,963
The King Baudouin Foundation, US	977,985
The Heatbeat Gala, Italy	68,760
Totals	6,273,034

Expenditure 2020-2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Hospital Construction		19,790	1,500,153	4,236,075	5,756,018
Engineering Design Costs	75,294	322,852		65,504	463,649
Architectural and Site Supervision		7,080	44,840	85,859	137,779
Staff Costs			61,032	296,371	357,403
Travel Costs		700	4,360	9,030	14,090
Legal, Website, Bank and Licencing Fees	795	2,734	30,971	87,660	122,160
Totals	76,089	353,156	1,641,356	4,780,498	6,851,099

Income 2020 - 2023 (\$m)



Expenditure 2020 - 2023 (\$)



A copy of the audited accounts for the period 2020 - 2023 are available on request. Please email Professor Edda Weimann (edda.weimann@rwandaheartcentre.org) or Lisa Yacoub (lisa@chainofhope.org).

Auditors: RUMA CPA

Friends of the Rwanda Heart Centre and Research Foundation

FUND ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

December 01 2023 through December 31 2023

Expenditure \$	Current Period December 01, 2023 - December 31, 2023	YTD Through December 31, 2023
Beginning Balance	-	-
Additions		
Contributions	-	\$1,000,000.00
Total Additions	-	\$1,000,000.00
Withdrawals		
Grants Awarded	-	\$978,000.00
Management Fees	-	\$22,000.00
Total Withdrawals	-	\$1,000,000.00
Fund Ending Balance	-	-



Borderless Giving

The Friends of the Rwanda Heart Centre and Research Foundation was established in Summer 2023 in the United States in collaboration with the King Baudouin USA Foundation. This was done to enable tax-efficient donations in the USA to the Rwanda Heart Centre.

Since then the King Baudouin USA Foundation has merged into Myriad USA Borderless giving.



Rendered design of Rwanda Heart Care and Research Foundation



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We all have the right to... healthcare for ourselves
and our families..



“People helping one another can bring an elephant into the house”

Rwanda Proverb



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