

# Our Tanzania Partnership

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## Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre



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# Why we set up the partnership

## How it all started...

- + First visited Tanzania in 1999
- + Secured British Council Funding in 2001
  - + Small scale funding (up to £12K) for time limited projects
  - + Training in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, clinical coding and wound management
- + British Council funding ended in 2005



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# What we've achieved so far

## Some of the skills we've shared...

- + Introduced a BSc in Physiotherapy – first in Tanzania
- + Opened first and only endoscopy unit with equipment donated by the Trust
- + Improved the recording and reporting of statistics to the World Health Organisation
- + Laparoscopic surgery – the big challenge!



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# Introducing laparoscopic surgery

## The difference we've made...

- + Laparoscopic surgery means smaller incisions, quicker recovery, reduced risk of infection, less time in hospital
- + Equipment donated, surgeons and nurses trained and first keyhole procedure carried out in 2004
- + Remote training and support given through telementoring link





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# Commonwealth Fellowships

## Accelerating the impact...

- + Helps to fast track training
- + Wonderful opportunity for focussed periods of advanced training
- + Meeting UK colleagues increases support
- + Fellowships are recognised and valued by organisations at home and abroad



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# Next steps

## More fellowships...

- + Welcoming Dr David Msuya for surgical skills training on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011
- + Increasing capacity within the theatre department
- + Enables long term strategic development
- + Increasing cultural competency
- + The future – MSc Laparoscopic Surgery developed in Tanzania

