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<td>Dentaid’s mobile dental unit visited Unity House in Chippenham to start a new project with Alabaré. Our volunteers provided dental checks and treatment for homeless people in the town – some as young as 16. We’ve been back several times since and helped many people out of pain.</td>
<td>The first of four volunteering teams set off for Uganda. They ran oral health education programmes and emergency clinics in schools, remote communities and orphanages where people have no other access to dental care. Working alongside local dentists, our teams have treated 5,017 Ugandan patients this year.</td>
<td>On a cold day in March, we headed to Bridlington harbour to run a mobile dental clinic for fishermen. Many fishermen don’t receive regular dental care and live with chronic toothache. We’ve teamed up with the Seafarers Hospital Society to run dental clinics in ports around the UK.</td>
<td>A new volunteering trip was launched to Malawi with volunteers visiting the remote region of Bulala and Embangweni. The team and our Malawian partners were faced with huge queues of people who needed dental care, but they did an amazing job and saw 1,400 patients. We’ll be back this year!</td>
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<td>The 16 dental chairs we reconditioned and shipped to Malawi were installed at Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe. We also helped to train local engineers who will look after the new equipment. The chairs will be used to train a new generation of desperately needed dentists and dental therapists.</td>
<td>We held an open day to celebrate our move from ageing temporary buildings in Landford to new premises in Totton. Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers and supporters, we now have offices, meeting rooms and a warehouse fit for our growing charity.</td>
<td>The mobile dental unit returned to Leeds and York where our volunteers treat homeless people supported by The Crypt and Kitchen for Everyone. 80 homeless and vulnerable people have had extractions, fillings and oral health advice this year, thanks to these projects.</td>
<td>We bought a second mobile dental unit so we can help more of the most vulnerable people in the UK to access dental care. One will be based in the north of England and one in the south, so we can run our existing projects in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Yorkshire while launching lots of new clinics.</td>
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<td>Our Ugandan associates ran extra outreach clinics in remote communities where access to dental care is limited. Dentaid supports a team of Ugandan Public Health Dental Officers all year round and in 2019 they treated 897 people and provided oral health education sessions for thousands more.</td>
<td>For the first time we sent two teams to Morocco where they ran dental clinics in schools near Chefchaouen. Classrooms were transformed into dental clinics and our teams treated 2,370 children and handed out 6,500 toothbrushes as part of an oral health programme.</td>
<td>A team of Dentaid volunteers visited the troubled border town of Poipet in Cambodia to treat vulnerable children at risk of abuse. They visited three schools and gave 302 children protective dental treatments to help prevent future problems.</td>
<td>The public access clinics we have been running in Kirklees throughout the year came to an end. 450 people who were struggling to access dental care have been seen by our volunteer dentists and dental nurses at mobile clinics held outside community centres, schools and Dewsbury Town Hall.</td>
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Dentaid has been bringing smiles around the world since 1996. Read how our projects can change lives for our patients, dental partners and volunteers.

After just a couple of clinics we realised we were seeing, up close, the massive need for dental treatment across Uganda. Lack of access, not enough dentists, poverty and poor understanding of oral hygiene are the principal reasons. At every clinic, whether at a school, a church hall or community centre, the welcome and thanks we received was humbling. If you get the chance to volunteer with Dentaid, go for it!

Liddy Laird Uganda volunteer

Tororo District is located in the east of Uganda near the border with Kenya. With an estimated population of close to 50,000, there is one dentist. Dentaid funded me to do outreach clinics in Nabuyoga and Pajwenda. This service, which people received free of charge, ensured that people got to know the different dental diseases along with causes and prevention methods. Many were relieved of chronic pain they had suffered for a long time without treatment.

Joseph Opendi Dentaid Ugandan associate

The children had a high number of caries in deciduous teeth and six-year-old molars were decaying within two years of eruption. Those with dental pain received treatment.

The children were given a toothbrush and oral health education, toothbrushing advice and a chance to practice brushing on the large fun models. We also gave important advice on diet and the role of sweets in tooth decay.

Anne Powders Morocco volunteer

We are excited and can proudly say our organisation has moved to another level with Dentaid’s help. We are fully equipped to reach children and communities with free dental care.

So far 1,745 people have benefited from oral health education, dental screening, treatment and donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Fobang MacMillan Director of Bright Smile Cameroon

Over the first three days we saw more than 500 patients. One day there were already 40-50 patients waiting before we set up. My eye was drawn to a lady clutching her face. She was clearly in a lot of pain. She had two rotten teeth on her lower right side so I numbed her and extracted both teeth. She had a five mile walk home.

Nick O’Donovan Malawi trip leader

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Homeless people face many barriers in accessing dental care. They often feel they somehow don’t belong in a dental surgery and can’t register without an address. They face so many difficult circumstances that dental health gets neglected.

We are delighted to work in partnership with Dentaid to change that.

Kirsten Thomson Big Issue Team Leader

We have toothache but we just take painkillers and go to work. But because you’ve come to the quay, I’ll definitely take the opportunity – thank you.

Sarah Fisherman, Poole Quay

I’ve been looking for a way of giving back. Volunteering in the UK with Dentaid is a great way to help those people who don’t get to see a dentist anywhere else.

Simon Bate Dentaid volunteer, Leeds

I was in so much pain but no-one would help me. I tried to get a dentist but there weren’t any. I couldn’t take it anymore. I was only sleeping about two hours a night.

Basir Afzal Dentaid patient, Kirklees

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Aaron Unity House resident, Chippenham

Our work overseas

Our work in the UK

From the south coast to north Yorkshire, our mobile dental units have travelled the UK providing dental care for people who struggle to access treatment.

For nine years I lived in a cellar, sleeping on a concrete floor which made my health very bad. I have a broken tooth and bad teeth that hurt all the time. But because Dentaid brings its mobile dental unit here they can help me.

Roland Dentaid patient

St George’s Crypt, Leeds

I haven’t been to the dentist for almost 30 years. When you work at sea you can’t take time off work to go to the dentist.

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My mum didn’t want to see me until I got my teeth fixed. Now I can go round and show her my new smile.

Dan Trinity House resident, Winchester

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Chairman’s report

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CEO’s report

It has been a year of change at Dentaid and with change comes added stress and pressures. The question I always ask myself is: was it worth it? The numbers show it was.

Over the year we have had more clinics in the UK and demand is increasing. Our overseas projects are going from strength to strength, with our volunteer teams and overseas associates treating more than 12,000 people with a focus on oral health education and saving children’s teeth.

What excites me more are the stories behind those numbers, the individuals who we are making a difference to. It’s the lady who walked five miles with raging toothache to our clinic in Malawi to access pain relieving dentistry. Or the prisoners in Cambodia who do not get access to any dental care unless Dentaid provides a clinic.

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Whether it’s Dan, who lives on the streets, whose mum refused to see him until he got his teeth fixed, or Kirsty, who was too scared of being judged to walk into a dental practice to resolve her toothache.

Both Dan and Kirsty have been helped at Dentaid clinics. Without donations and volunteers, Dentaid would not be able to provide this vital care for our patients and I thank everyone who has been involved.

Finance report

Expenditure £443,369

Income £495,379

- Donations and grants 51%
- Legacies 10%
- Donated equipment 16%
- Events and sponsorship 11%
- Other trading activities 11%
- Governance costs 3%
- Fundraising costs 13%
- Charitable activities 84%

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