



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THET!

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**ELECTRICAL  
WORK SHOP**

**Natasha Kampengele**  
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In Zambia up to 50% of medical equipment is out of service. A critical lack of trained Technologists means hospitals can't operate effectively, putting patient lives at risk. That's why THET is training a new generation of Biomedical Engineering Technologists to fix, maintain and manage medical equipment.

*"I'm happy that I'm able to be a part of service delivery in my country. Ndola Central Hospital has a bed capacity of between 900 and 1000, but there are only three engineers in the biomedical engineering department and we need eleven at least.*

*I think being a woman in a predominantly male dominated area is not very easy. There are times when people do not have confidence in you to do the job, because they think, because you are a woman you cannot do it, so we have to prove them wrong.*

*This course opened up our minds to see that engineering is not just about fixing equipment. It is about managing and making sure that equipment is working effectively, it's working correctly, it's being used correctly, and those are things that we are going to do.*

*It's really boosted my confidence. I'm not saying I know everything, but I am learning and I know where I was, is not where I am now. I'm at a different level now than I was three-years ago."*

Dear supporters,

I am delighted to have accepted the invitation to become a Patron of THET as part of the charity's 30th year celebrations.

Since the charity was established, in December 1988, the world has seen enormous changes for the good. Thanks to breakthroughs such as the introduction of antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV, and the increased vaccinations for the young, a child born today can expect to live to the age of 71. It's a staggering improvement achieved in a very short period of human history.

THET has achieved a great deal over these 30 years, particularly through training and educating health workers. In 2017 for example, thanks to the efforts of THET and its partners, over 22,000 health workers were trained in countries as diverse as Myanmar and Somaliland. This is why, long before I became a Patron of THET, I have supported the charity financially. I have also regularly made use of the good advice of its staff and founder, Professor Sir Eldryd Parry.

One country where I know the charity's work particularly well is Zambia. I travelled there in 2009 and worked with THET, the Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance and the Zambian Ministry of Health to establish the Human Resources for Health Programme which THET has led with funding from the UK Department of International Development. Since then the programme has gone from strength to strength; developing relevant, high-quality, local training programmes in areas of critical need, from Anaesthesia to Psychiatry. Equally importantly, THET has developed the country's first pre-service training programme for medical equipment maintenance professionals, like Natasha Kampengele featured opposite.

Zambia is one of 31 countries where THET has had an influence through the health partnerships it champions between the NHS and hospitals overseas. From improved childhood disability services in Uganda to surgical skills training in Sierra Leone, UK health workers are volunteering their time to improve and expand the knowledge and skills of their counterparts overseas thanks to THET's efforts.

I am a great advocate of the benefit we in the UK derive from engaging in this kind of work. People who travel to the volunteer in these challenging environments grow and develop as individuals and bring back fresh ideas and energy to the NHS.

I hope in this letter that I have shown why I am a 'Friend of THET' and am so willing to lend my name to further their work as their first Patron.

I will continue to champion the charity throughout this 30th year celebration and I am hoping that you will join me by also becoming a Friend.

Any amount you donate will be put to good use. Please support THET's Christmas appeal today.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Lord Nigel Crisp  
Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Global Health

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**ONE BILLION PEOPLE WILL NEVER SEE A QUALIFIED HEALTH WORKER.**  
**WE ARE WORKING TO CHANGE THAT.**

### **BECOME A FRIEND OF THET ON OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!**

THET has a vision of a world where everyone has access to healthcare. We achieve this by working in partnership with volunteers from across the UK to train and educate health workers in Africa and Asia. Founded in 1988 by Professor Sir Eldryd Parry, we are the only UK charity with this focus.

In 2017 we supported the training of over 22,000 health workers. We spent £3 million, and 97p in every pound was spent on our charitable activities.

As you know, this December marks 30 years since Professor Sir Eldryd Parry established THET. As part of our celebrations we have launched our Friend of THET campaign. For £40 or more a month you can become a Friend of THET and we will be delighted to send you:

- THET's monthly e-bulletin,
- Bi-annual newsletter,
- Invitations to receptions and global health meetings.

By giving a regular gift on a monthly basis we will be able to plan for the future and invest in programmes that will train the next generation of qualified health workers whilst strengthening our own NHS.

### **Remember THET in your will.**

After you have taken care of your loved ones, leaving a gift to THET in your will will make a lasting difference to future generations of health workers. You can read our legacy story from the family of Dr Sylvia Watkins, a life-long supporter of health worker training and dear friend to THET on our [website](#).

## MONTHLY GIFT FORM

Yes, I would like to become a Friend of THET's and pledge a **MONTHLY GIFT** of:

£40       £80       £100       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am a UK taxpayer and I would like to Gift Aid my donation\*

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## ONE-OFF GIFT FORM

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**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## KEEP UP-TO-DATE

We'd like to contact you from time to time to keep you informed of THET's projects and fundraising activities. We will not share your data with any third party and you can unsubscribe at any time.

I would like to be kept up-to-date by:

**MAIL**     **Yes**     **No**

**E-MAIL**     **Yes**     **No**

We will keep your personal information secure and only use it to contact you whilst you have a regular payment set up, and for up to three years after your payments stop.

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