

Soroptimist International of  
Great Britain and Ireland  
The **BIG** project

Dr Barbara Phillips  
Co-director of SEC in The Gambia

# Amazing energy and generosity!

Action days 2013-14



*bring and buy*, sponsored swims and things, *cake sales*, *Tellers of Tales*, auctions, *selling crafts*, gifts, *jewellery*, car boots and more.....



# Thank you!

You have raised

£ 133,428.48

**WOW!**



# What this presentation is about

- Gambia's health problems
- The **Birthing In the Gambia** programme
- Continuing the programme



# Before the programme

- Emergencies were poorly managed – lack of recognition and intervention
- Nurses and doctors were demoralised and poorly motivated
- Essential emergency drugs and medical supplies, basic equipment, oxygen and basic monitoring were not available



Examination bed

# Brikama



# Operating theatre in Brikama before and after renovation



# New 10-bedded labour ward at Brikama





# New labour ward fully equipped and stocked



# Life saving portable Ultrasound Scanner



# Next for Brikama!



# Essau



# Essau new maternity suite



# Essau new theatre



# Inside new Essau theatre



# Emergency Maternal and Neonatal Health courses





# Neonatal Care courses



# Traditional Birth Attendant courses



# International Maternal and Child Health Care

Southall Book cover A4 59mm spine:layout 1 8/28/14 8:59 AM Page 2

## International Maternal & Child Health Care

A practical manual for hospitals worldwide



**MCAI** Maternal & Childhealth  
Advocacy International

**Maternal & Childhealth  
Advocacy International (MCAI)**

1 Columba Court  
Lairde, Achnasheen  
Highlands IV22 2NL  
United Kingdom  
Tel/Fax: +44 (0) 1445 731 595  
Mobile: +44 (0) 7710 674 003  
Email: [director@mcai.org.uk](mailto:director@mcai.org.uk)  
Websites: [www.mcai.org.uk](http://www.mcai.org.uk) and [www.lhpi.org](http://www.lhpi.org)

For any enquiries about this manual or its contents, please write to Professor David Southall at MCAI (address above) or by email: [director@mcai.org.uk](mailto:director@mcai.org.uk)

The authors welcome any suggestions for the next edition and also any corrections. These will be addressed in future printed versions.

**Radcliffe**

[www.radcliffehealth.com](http://www.radcliffehealth.com)



**MCAI** Maternal & Childhealth  
Advocacy International

International  
Maternal & Child  
Health Care

A practical manual for  
hospitals worldwide

**Radcliffe**



# Volunteer obstetricians



# Innovative apprenticeship training



# Apprenticeship training in Brikama

- Two Gambian junior doctors **and**
  - Three Gambian midwives
- are training in advanced obstetric procedures**



# The work goes on.....

*We hope that you will remember us as we continue to press on with our life-saving work in this poor country. Keep an eye on our web-site for the latest news!*

[www.mcai.org.uk](http://www.mcai.org.uk)



# Thank you from The Gambia!

