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# The Order of St John / St John International

## Report 2020/2021 for JOIN AGM 2021

### 1. Covid-19 Response

- Most of the 43 local St John organisations have been heavily involved in their national Covid response since the start of the pandemic. Activities were aimed at local communities, with larger organisations also supporting national health systems in coping with the effects of the pandemic, while rolling out vaccination programmes.
- Examples of St John's covid response include:
  - **St John Papua New Guinea** established a 296 bed Covid-19 isolation field hospital to provide isolating and caring facilities for positive cases, supported by a medical response team of Johanniter International Assistance.
  - **St John Australia** provided assistance at testing stations, specialist patient transport, temperature checking for major organisations, and transport services for other essential services.
  - **St John Wales** delivered Covid-related services, such as pharmacy prescriptions to vulnerable people, patient transport from and to hospitals, and support of the Welsh ambulance service.
  - **St John Malaysia** volunteers produced more than 300,000 face shields for frontline workers.
  - **St John Canada** helped at isolation sites and at screening clinics, providing PPE and first aid to homeless people, delivering first aid and mental health training and supporting food delivery to isolating people.

### 2. Strategy Development

- In 2019, St John agreed on a new global Mission statement: **"St John is an international family of charities whose mission is to lead globally in First Aid and medical responses to community healthcare needs."**
- This is the basis for the development of a new global strategy. Initially, the strategy will focus on a **regional support model** and **collaboration amongst Pories** (a relationship charter has been signed).
- The **4 aims** of the strategy are: 1 Increase impact and quality of what we do, everywhere; 2 Empower oversight and understanding of St John's global status, 3 Represent St John as an international organisation of global significance, 4 Provide the St John Family with the tools it needs to collaborate.



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### 3. Mother and Baby Programme

- Within five years, our maternal and child health programme in Malawi, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe reached **84,600 women**, who were enrolled in the project and got support and advice. More than **340,000 community members** received health education on maternal and newborn health, highlighting the needs in the minds of the community, particularly men. **300,000 community members** were provided with clinical consultations in hard-to-reach areas, where they would not normally seek healthcare. Our programme also saw the percentage of enrolled women who exclusively breastfed for 6 months after birth increasing significantly in Uganda and Zimbabwe, and the numbers almost doubled in Zambia and Malawi.
- A thorough guideline for the Mother & Baby Programme has been developed incl. all necessary tools to roll out the programme and monitor success. This will help to implement the programme in other countries.

### 4. General Information

- **Dr Gillian Willmore** took over the role of **Chancellor of the Order of St John** from Patrick Burgess. She was installed on 8 September by The Grand Prior HRH The Duke of Gloucester.
- **Susan le Jeune d'Allegeershecque** has been announced as the next **Secretary General** of The Order, with effect from 1 December 2021. She will succeed Sir Paul Lambert.
- The Order's **International Youth Advisory Network** was launched in 2019 and has representatives from nine Establishments around the world. The team meet bi-monthly and represent youth opinion in senior meetings throughout the organisation. They will be working to gather youth perspectives on a plethora of issues in the coming months and years.
- The **St John International Women's Network** will kick-off with a meeting in November. The network with representatives from St John Establishments around the world recognises and celebrates the contribution of women to St John globally and supports greater gender diversity across St John.
- The International Office is running the Order's **safeguarding project**, with the help of external agency 'Keeping Children Safe'. The project aims to provide all Establishments with the tools necessary to ensure safeguarding standards are in place and upheld throughout the Order.