

## LIONS EYE CLININC - TBILISI - GEORGIA

REPORT - NSR- REYKJAVIK 2016

After my research during a visit in July 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia a proposal for an Eye Clinic was presented at the NSR Meeting 2014 in Kløkken, Norway. Denmark got the support for the project. It was our intention to open a Lions Eye Clinic in Tbilisi with support from LC Tbilisi. The former project with Norway as head of LQ program in Georgia was very successful, and we strongly believed that the Lions in Georgia also could manage this new project.

After approval as NSR Project the work started during the autumn 2013. LC Tbilisi have the possibility to rent facilities in a house, that have been used as clinic, and which was owned by one of the members of the club. We got the wish list of necessary equipment , there were negotiation with residents in the building as we need to make a separate entrance to the clinic. LCIF had in December an application for a stand grant og USD 75.000. There were negation about the set up, and it ended up with an Agreement , so the Clinic was establish as an NGO organization in order to have the necessary legal identity under Georgian Law. In June 2014 I was back in Tbilisi and saw the work in progress, and have a lot of details solved. At that time we also signed the Grant Agreement stating the obligations for both parties. The first rate of payment € 134.000 were sent to Georgia to cover payment of first part of equipment as well as the cost for building changes.

November 11, 2014 PIP Barry Palmer - at that time chairman og LCIF - was invited to Georgia to open the Clinic. It was a very successfully iinauguration and representatives from the municipality, government, the media and also the Japanese Ambassador Lady was present.

During the summer we discussed the equipment of the clinic. As mentioned above the first part was the most necessary and therefore in August 2015 it was agreed to buy more, and they got € 45.000 for this purchase. It have been important for them as well as for us, that the equipment was new and modern. The clinic is now implemented ad charitable full ophthalmological examination.

In the first year 2900 patients were examined and 144 surgeries were performed (cataract, glaucoma and other diseases) another 8000 people were examined in west Georgia-Kutaisi and high mountain region of Adjara.

In the I have in April 2016 visit the Clinic again and have still a very good impression of their work. We discussed how to involve the other clubs in Georgia. It culminated in an agreement to establish outreach projects where other clubs find people who could benefit from our service. So far, it happened by transporting these people to the clinic, or by clinic has sent employees out of the country.

Large parts of the work is done by volunteers, but there are also employed individual paid employees. The General Manager of the clinic is professor Nino Karanadze member og Lions Tbilisi. She works voluntarily at the clinic and being professor at the Medical University she brings in students for work also as volunteers.

The daily operation cost have been a challenged but by a mix of paying patients, patients covered by an insurance and charitable operations it have been possible to manage the clinic.

We still have a balance of € 45.000 to be invested, and there is a mutual understanding of investing this in a mobile clinic in order to improve the work mentioned above. I have got a budget for this, and it seems out that the amount still on our account can cover this investment - se enclosed budget. The challenge is to get the daily operating budget to make ends meet. There will be wages to drivers, insurance, petrol etc. But a lot of energy have until now been tied up in the permanent clinic to make sure, that this was on track.

Therefore this is my official report of the project. I will later be able to tell you the final status of the last part of this great project, but already now I have promised to bring all a great thanks from our Lions friends in Georgia.

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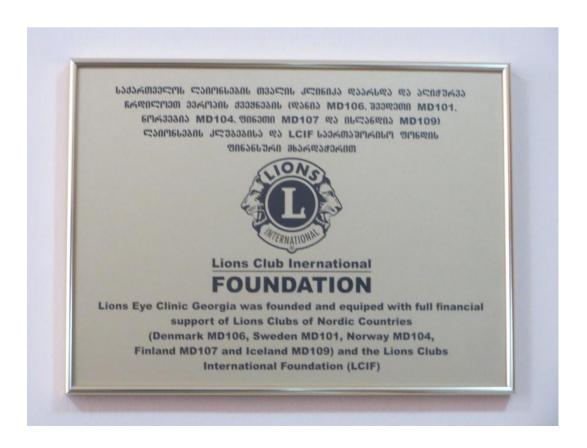
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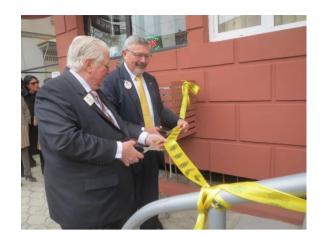
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The club have been very active in Marketing the clinic. The following link is in Georgian but tell the story and also giving insight to the clinic and the work they are carrying out.

link <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cFbIVVAAv8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cFbIVVAAv8</a>

The Clinic have it own Facebook site - see appendix.





















## BUDGET FOR INVESTMENT IN A MOBILE UNIT

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	PRICE EU
Mini Van	1	8500
Laptop	1	250
Printer/Scanner	1	250
UPS	1	200
Cases for surgical instruments	1	50
Cases for medical essencials	1	50
Binocular Lens	1	100
Visual Chart Projector	1	403
Visual Chart Lightbox	1	160
Egzophtalmometer	1	150
Trial Lens set with metal rims with power table	1	245
Trial Frame TF-10	2	85
Refractometer or refceratometer		2500
Slit lamp (portable)		3000
Ophthalmoscope (chargable)	2	345
Retinoscope	2	345
Pictorplus	1	9000
Tonopen	2	3900
Tonopen covers	1	130
Opthalmological power table	5	729
Indirect Aspheric hand held Diagnostic lens 90D		130
Goldman 3 mirror gonio lens	1	505
Surgical instruments for cataract and glaucoma		
surgeries	1	
Portable Microscope for surgery	1	11000
Portable Phacomachine		
Total		42027