

Funding and Communications

Committee Membership Voluntary role

To provide the charity with expert insight and fulfil the governance requirements for the detailed scrutiny and support of the delivery of the Funding and Communications Strategy and of the organisation's new strategy 2023-2028. This Subcommittee reports to the [Board of Trustees](#).

This voluntary role will support the work of the Funding and Communications team, a small but very dynamic team of six staff members.

Unlimit Health

Unlimit Health is an international organisation working to end parasitic disease. We work closely with affected countries, sharing evidence and expertise to eliminate preventable infections. Our purpose is to support people to live healthy lives, free from limiting disease.

Our vision is for resilient systems that sustain good health, so everyone everywhere can reach their full potential. We achieve this by working across multiple sectors in numerous countries to deliver effective and robust health programmes that have a lasting impact.

We were founded in 2002 with a £20m grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and started life as a research group, the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative, within Imperial College London. Consistently ranked globally as one of the most cost-effective nonprofit initiatives, we have received significant funding since our inception including from the UK Department of International Development (DFID), USAID and philanthropic investors.

What we do

Our work includes:

- Evidence-based disease elimination support



- Cross-sectoral health systems strengthening
- Building collaborative partnerships

Our main area of focus is the elimination of schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthiasis (intestinal worms). Endemic infections of these parasitic worms are found in some of the world's most marginalised communities, and they can have a hugely detrimental effect on individuals, including:

- Reduced productivity
- Internal organ damage
- Impaired child development
- Reduced school attendance
- Increased risk of HIV in women
- Infertility

Terms of reference

The Funding and Communications Subcommittee will:

- act as a critical friend to the Funding and Communications team providing sense-checking and expertise on specific activities where required.
- review the details of the actions and progress of the charity's funding and communications strategy, and provide oversight on behalf of the Board, referring any issues as needed to the full Board.
- provide expert advice and support to the Board and charity staff to deliver the strategy.
- act as a discussion forum for difficult or complex issues involved in all aspects of the delivery of the strategy.

Membership

It is considered that the Funding and Communications Subcommittee should consist of no more than eight to ten members, including:

- a Chair



- at least one representative of the charity's Board of Trustees
- the charity's CEO & the Director of Funding and Communications
- individuals with experience in raising large gifts from individuals or organisations
- individuals with digital marketing and PR/media expertise
- individuals with programmatic funding experience including consortia, bilateral and multilateral approaches
- individuals with partnership experience at a commercial, funding, and technical level.

Membership will be by invitation following discussion between the Chair of the Fundraising Subcommittee, the Director of Funding and Communications, the Charity CEO, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Commitment

- There will be 4 meetings per year for approximately 2 hours per meeting at a time of day that is most suitable for the members of the subcommittee. It is anticipated that any papers or documents relating to matters that will be discussed are expected to be circulated at least seven days before the meetings and earlier if possible.
- The meetings will be hybrid in nature to suit the location of participants, with the face-to-face option being at Unlimit Health's offices in Kennington, London and online via Zoom/Teams.
- The timing of the meetings will align with the Board Schedule, currently February, May, July, and November. Subcommittee meetings are expected to be held every quarter in the two weeks prior to each Board Meeting, though additional meetings may be called as needed as specific matters arise.
- Term Members are invited to sit on the committee for up to two years and may remain longer if appropriate.

On this basis, it is anticipated that the total time commitment for membership of the committee will be approximately 3-4 hours per month.

The remit of this subcommittee will be reviewed after two years.



To apply

If you are interested in this volunteer role, please email Julia Hopper: j.hopper@unlimithealth.org to schedule a conversation.