



The Gastroenterology Foundation of Sub-Saharan Africa

Since its inception twenty years ago, the Gastroenterology Foundation of Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has raised over sixty million rand in pledges from the pharmaceutical and the device industries and from the business sector. We have sponsored over 20 research grants, 102 international travel awards to fellows in training and 415 local travel awards. We have awarded international scholarships, to Brown University, USA to Oxford University, United Kingdom. In 2022 we assisted with a Fellowship to Ghent for advanced endoscopy and in 2023 we initiated 2 fellowships, one in Hepatology at Kings College Hospital and the other in IBD at St Thomas's Hospital London. We have held 17 Fellow's Post graduate Meetings, maintained bi-annual Interest group meetings and since 2018 we initiated online weekly webinars in various specialties of GI.

In addition, we have successful collaborations with a number of international organizations including the AGA, EASL, UEG, WGO, ASGE, IASL, AASLD and the WEO, as well as direct representation of the Foundation in the AU.

We acknowledge our substantial achievements over the past twenty years, and we are extremely grateful to each one of you for your part that you have played.

Thank you so very much.

