



BAOBAB HOSPITAL

Maternal Health Care

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NEWSLETTER

About Baobab Maternity Hospital

Baobab Maternity Hospital is a public-private partnership between the Government of Tanzania and CCBRT. CCBRT is one of Tanzania's largest disability organisations which already runs a well functioning disability hospital in Dar es Salaam. Together the two hospitals will become the Regional Designated Hospital for Dar es Salaam. The government has donated land for the hospital and will provide support in terms of salaries and supplies/equipment while CCBRT is responsible for the construction, management and service delivery of Baobab Maternity Hospital.

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Bi-monthly Highlights

- German development minister and delegation from Germany tour CCBRT
- Additional 1.6 million pledged for Baobab Maternity Hospital
- Eight heads of mission attend CCBRT presentation
- Needs assessment on existing facilities reviewed following site visits
- CCBRT to establish modern training centre focused on maternal healthcare



Focus On Maternal Health As German Minister Visits CCBRT

Mr Dirk Niebel, Germany's Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, visited CCBRT in April along with a large delegation. The delegation included representatives of the German Parliament, the German Development Cooperation, the German commercial sector, CBM, NGOs, and the German press. As well as witnessing the existing successful partnership between CCBRT and the German Development Cooperation, the purpose of the visit was to



hear about CCBRT's plans expand into maternal and newborn healthcare.

Mr Niebel commented on CCBRT's exceptional efforts in aiming to prevent disabilities through its future provision of maternal and newborn health services and detecting disabilities at an early stage.

Needs Assessment Reviewed Following Site Visits To Health Facilities

Prior to construction of Baobab Maternity Hospital, CCBRT, in collaboration with the regional health management team, will be building skills and improving infrastructure in nine (increased from eight announced last year) existing health facilities in Dar es Salaam. Of the 94,000 annual deliveries in the region, 70% take place at these nine facilities which have been identified by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) as requiring support. The capacity building activities are underway with funding from the

EU and CBM. Site visits have been conducted at each facility in the last two months with the full co-operation of the MOHSW and the officers in charge in each facility. These visits revealed that the infrastructure improvement needs are even greater than originally planned for and that services such as water, sanitation and disposal also need to be addressed. Therefore, we have prepared an updated needs assessment and it has become clear that further funding needs to be sourced; especially for infrastructure.

New Study To Lead To Tanzania's First IEC Materials on Early Intervention

CCBRT is to commission a qualitative study looking into where the gaps currently lie in Tanzania in early detection and referrals for infants born with disabilities. This survey, to be carried out by Ifakara Health Institute in both urban and rural areas, will lead to the creation of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials. These IEC materials, which will be specific to the existing needs in Tanzania, form part of the capacity

building activities of Baobab Maternity Hospital already underway (see above). Aimed at health workers, the materials will focus on the prevention of disabilities during the ante natal and post natal period, early detection of disabilities, and correct referral procedures for infants born with disabilities. Currently no such material exists and so there is potential for these new materials to be introduced nationwide later on.



The existing space to be converted into a new training centre.

Our partners

- The Government of Tanzania
- EU
- CBM
- Light for the World

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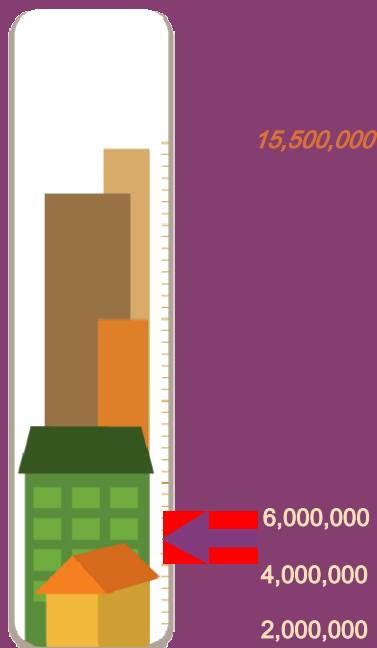
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Our target for capacity building, construction and equipment is : **15.5 million euro (2010-2014)**



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CCBRT To Establish New Training Centre

Funding has been secured from an existing partner of CCBRT to create a new modern multi-functional training centre on the premises. Part of an existing space (the Anna Abdallah Hall) will be transformed into a vital new training centre which will include two up-to-date skills laboratories, a computer room and a meeting room. The skills labs will enable more practical training and refresher training in obstetric skills and in emergency obstetric care where participants can train on a variety of mannequins such as pelvic, cervical and newborn mannequins. The centre will be used to build practical skills

amongst staff in nine existing health facilities in maternal and newborn care as well as for CCBRT and Baobab Maternity Hospital staff. It will also be available for other organisations to hire out for their own training purposes. Jhpiego, the health organisation affiliated to John Hopkins University, has kindly agreed to support us with the equipping of this new facility.

Many thanks also to Abbott Fund for their invaluable technical inputs into this training centre and into the equipment and lab planning for Baobab Maternity Hospital.

Ambassadors’ Briefing Spreads Word About Baobab Hospital

CCBRT hosted no less than eight heads of mission at a breakfast meeting held in May. The American, German, Japanese, EU, Irish, Danish, Belgian Ambassadors to Tanzania and the Canadian High Commissioner along with a representative from the Swiss Development Cooperation attended the briefing followed by a tour of the existing facilities. The purpose of the top-level yet informal meeting was to raise awareness about CCBRT’s upcoming maternity services at the highest level of each mission and to provide more information on the progress of the public-private partnership

between the government and CCBRT. We are in discussions with several diplomatic missions and



development organisations with regard to funding for Baobab Maternity Hospital and are awaiting feedback on a number of proposals already submitted.

Major Fundraiser Planned For June with President As Invited Guest of Honour

Our next major fundraising event will take place in June with His Excellency President Jakaya Kikwete as the invited guest of honour. Members of the corporate and development community will be invited to the cocktail event, planned for June 12th, during which participants will have the opportunity to make their pledges to the construction of Baobab Maternity Hospital in the presence of the President. Invitations will shortly be going out. For more information, please contact us: kira.thomas@ccbrt.or.tz.

confirmed its commitment to Baobab Maternity Hospital by pledging 400,000 euros a year over the next four years to support CCBRT’s efforts to build capacity in the existing health system in maternal and newborn care. This will complement existing EU funding to ensure that staff in the nine targeted health facilities receive additional and refresher training in various areas including emergency obstetric care, early identification of disabilities, and hospital management. We are extremely grateful for this additional support which will have an important long term impact.

One of CCBRT’s current partners has