



BAOBAB HOSPITAL

Maternal Health Care

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.

[Fact sheet](#)

Bi-monthly Highlights

- Tanzania's President describes new hospital as 'super specialized institution' and calls for more support for maternity services.
- US\$350,000 raised from Tanzania's corporate community.
- CCBRT CEO urges financial backing from development partners if timetable is to be met.
- Journalists trained on maternal health issues.
- Stakeholders updated on upgrading of 9 facilities.

Tanzania's President Urges Development Partners To Support New Maternity Hospital



H.E. President Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete speaking at the CCBRT celebration event.

At a major event organised by CCBRT on 11th June in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's President Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete thanked the corporate community for supporting the planned new maternity hospital to be built in a public-private partnership between CCBRT and the

government but said that more assistance was needed for this 'super specialized institution' to become a reality. "Urgent contribution is needed to build the hospital from all organisations and development partners," the president said. Also attending the dinner were Mrs Blandina S.J. Nyoni, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Hon. Mr William Lukuvi MP, Regional Commissioner for Dar es Salaam, members of CCBRT's board along with CEOs, Chairmen and other representatives from some of Tanzania's largest companies.

Corporates Join Forces to Pledge Funds For Maternity Services

In what is being viewed as an unprecedented initiative in Tanzania, 20 companies across various sectors have come together in support of a common cause — improving maternal and newborn care. 20 organisations (see partner list overleaf) have so far pledged funds, together raising around \$350,000 to go towards Baobab Maternity Hospital. During the event on 11th June, representatives from each organisation received a framed print from President Kikwete as a token of thanks for their support. Mr Pascal Lesoinne, CEO of Twiga Cement said: "We are honoured to make a contribution towards much needed services that will

make motherhood safer. It is well known that a productive society depends on a healthy society and to have a new high quality maternity hospital here in Dar es Salaam will be of great benefit to all our families and employees in the years to come."



Corporate representatives with H.E. President Kikwete.

Nearly There But Not Quite, Warns CCBRT CEO



In his presentation at the 11th June event CCBRT's CEO, Mr Erwin Telemans said he viewed the evening as a major trigger for others to get involved in Baobab Maternity Hospital. He said: "Now is the time to act and, together with the government, we have part of the solution here -

the very real prospect of a new hospital offering comprehensive maternal and newborn services. But to make this happen, we urgently need the support of development partners alongside that of CCBRT, the government and the corporate community." While thanking the companies which pledged funds for the new hospital, Mr Telemans warned that there was still a long way to go until enough financing was secured to enable construction to start at the beginning of 2011.





Journalists learning more about maternal health issues during a training session at CCBRT.

Our partners

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

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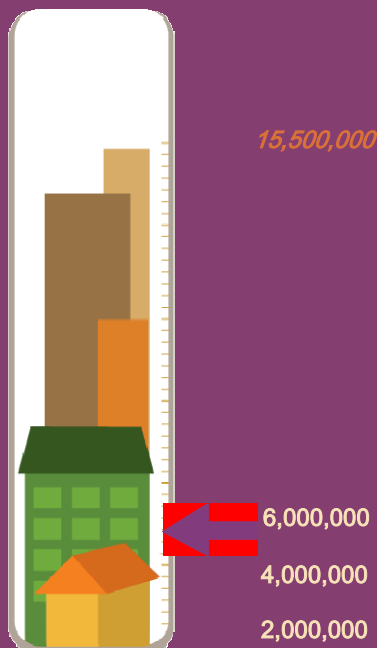
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Journalists Trained In Maternal Health

Dr Brenda D ' mello, the technical advisor for Baobab Maternity Hospital, ran a training session for journalists in May. 15 reporters from print, TV and radio attended the course which was held at CCBRT. The overall aim of the session was to enhance the journalists' knowledge about the national strategic roadmap (The "One Plan") which guides maternal and newborn health interventions in Tanzania, and to raise awareness about the overall challenges affecting the provision of maternal and newborn care in the country. Key terms frequently used in maternal health reporting were also explained and some of the

actions that are being taken to improve maternal health in the country were highlighted. This included an update on the capacity building project for nine of Dar es Salaam ' s existing health facilities which is currently being implemented by the Baobab Maternity Hospital team with funding from the EU and CBM.

Refresher training on writing skills, research and where to access useful resource material so as to assist in informed reporting on maternal and newborn health was also provided by CCBRT ' s communications team.

Closer Collaboration Encouraged Via Stakeholder Meeting

30 people attended a meeting hosted by CCBRT in June to bring stakeholders up-to-date with developments in the capacity building project for the maternal and neonatal departments of nine existing health facilities in Dar es Salaam. With a reduction in the maternal mortality rate a regional priority, the meeting was also an opportunity to stress the importance of collaboration in the upgrading of the facilities and to enlist the support of all stakeholders in doing so.

The meeting, which also highlighted where there are still funding gaps, was attended by the regional medical officer and reproductive

and child health co-ordinators from the municipality along with medical officers and the officers in charge of the maternity departments of the nine facilities.

Representatives from UNFPA, UNICEF, Abbott Fund, Engender Health, Women ' s Dignity, and Jhpiego also joined the meeting.



Stakeholders in reproductive and child health attending a meeting at CCBRT.

CCBRT/Baobab Abstract for Global Maternal Health Conference Accepted

Two abstracts submitted by CCBRT to the Global Maternal Health Conference 2010 have been accepted by organiser ' s scientific sub-committee. This means that Dr Brenda D ' mello, Baobab Maternity Hospital ' s technical advisor, will get the opportunity to present the abstracts at the high level meeting in New Delhi at the end of August in front of the 500 maternal health experts from around the world expected to attend the event. The abstracts, chosen from 500 received, were on CCBRT ' s innovative approach to bringing fistula patients forward for treatment via the use of mobile phone technology and on addressing maternal and newborn health through capacity building of Dar es Salaam ' s existing

facilities and the establishment of Baobab Maternity Hospital.

Also helping to spread the word about Baobab Maternity Hospital abroad are two writers from Switzerland who visited CCBRT for 10 days recently to learn more about the challenges facing maternal and newborn health in the country. A feature length article will appear in a well known Swiss lifestyle magazine shortly. Meanwhile the Executive Director of Kupona Foundation, which is enlisting support for Baobab Maternity Hospital in the US, attended the Women Deliver 2010 conference in Washington in early June which provided an important networking opportunity.