



BAOBAB HOSPITAL

Maternal Health Care

NEWSLETTER

About Baobab Maternity Hospital

Baobab Maternity Hospital is the result of 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. Combined, the two hospitals will have status as a 'super specialist hospital' for the Eastern Zone. The government has donated land for the new hospital and will provide support for salaries and supplies/equipment while CCBRT is responsible for the construction, management and service delivery of Baobab Maternity Hospital. Ahead of the hospital's opening, CCBRT is running a capacity building programme (EU/CBM funded) to support existing maternal health facilities in Dar es Salaam. [Fact](#)

Bi-monthly Highlights

- Barclays Bank announces its 'Step Ahead' fundraising campaign for maternal and newborn health
- Draft tender documents for the enabling phase of Baobab Maternity Hospital finalised
- New information, education and communication manuals now in use

Barclays to Step Ahead for Maternal and Newborn Health

Barclays announced the start of its fundraising initiative, 'Step Ahead' at a press conference on 21 June at which Dr. Brenda D' Mello spoke of the state of maternal healthcare in Tanzania. In collaboration with other organisations, the bank will fundraise for the training of health workers and midwives and for fistula and cleft lip/palate treatment at CCBRT. The campaign aims to bring Tanzania closer to meeting the targets of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5. The climax of the campaign will be on 10 September, when a family day, including five and ten kilometre walks and runs, a family bazaar and a music

concert featuring local artists, will take place in Dar es Salaam. Tickets are on sale at TZSh 25,000/15,000 for adults/children. Managing Director of Barclays Bank Tanzania, Mr. Kihara Maina, said at the press conference: "Barclays is proud to support this worthy cause and make a difference to the communities we serve."



Update on Baobab Maternity Hospital Construction

Progress has been made in the planning of Baobab Maternity Hospital. The architectural consortium, Landplan-Icons Ltd., have completed draft tender documents for the enabling phase of construction, and they are expected to be finalised in July. The tender will be issued once 80 per cent of the construction value has been raised. This



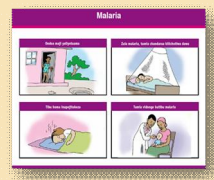
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phase, in which the land for construction is prepared and all enabling works are installed, is essential to the project. CCBRT published the call for expressions of interest for contractors for the enabling works in national newspaper The Guardian in June. In the meantime, plans for the second phase of construction, the building of the hospital itself, have been reviewed and the approach modified. Construction is now to take place in stages, whereby the first building will provide emergency obstetric services and neonatal care followed by outpatient gynaecological services.

New Prevention Training Materials In Use

Two training manuals on the prevention of disabilities and safe motherhood are now in use by the capacity building programme. The manuals were developed by CBM and adapted by a nationally approved task force and will play an essential role in the programme, showing how to identify impairments in newborns and ensure good maternal health. They were tested earlier this year during group sessions with health and community workers, patients, and rehabilitation groups to ensure that the content was appropriate. The sessions demon-

strated the need for such materials in the community and feedback was incorporated into the final editions. The training curriculum was finalised and the first group of 28 trainees attended a three day training at CCBRT in June. CCBRT will use the manuals to train 300 community health workers from the Dar es Salaam and Coastal regions in the coming months.



**Capacity Building
to Expand**

During August, site visits of health facilities in Dar es Salaam will be visited and an additional seven added to the capacity building programme. This expansion is to take place in collaboration with the Regional Health Management Team and Jhpiego.

Our partners

- The Government of Tanzania
- EU
- CBM
- SDC

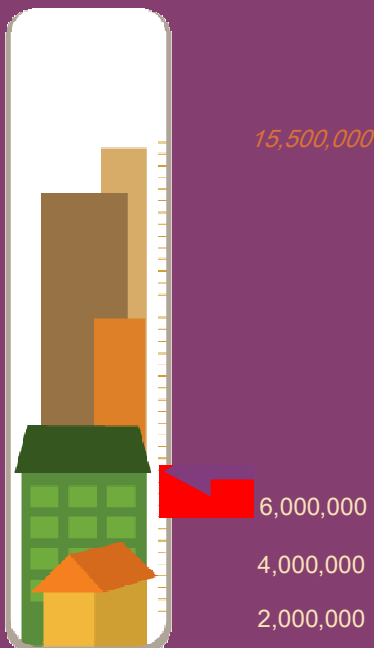
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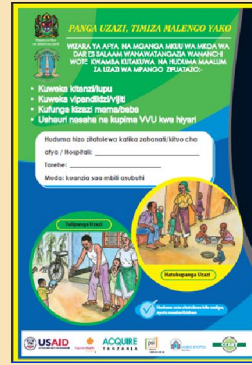
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15.5 million euro (2010-2014)



Community Awareness Enhanced

During a one day training session in May, 19 community leaders were oriented on different types of impairments in children, disabilities and safe motherhood. This marked the beginning of CCBRT's capacity building at community level, where health information is lacking. It was found that participants did not have knowledge of many aspects of female reproductive health, including fistula, and had limited understanding of the services offered by CCBRT. As a result of the training, community leaders are now motivated and committed to supporting community health workers in their respective localities.



Family planning poster

CCBRT has joined a family planning campaign with the Regional Health Management Team, EngenderHealth, PSI, USAID, Acquire and Marie Stopes. 40 health facilities will take part in the campaign which addresses contraception and seeks to reduce unwanted pregnancies and maternal deaths and injuries.

Meet Our New Team Member

Anastasia Melis has joined CCBRT as the Programme Manager for the Maternal and Newborn Healthcare programme. Originally from The Netherlands, Anastasia has been living and working in Africa for more than 11 years. As an organisational advisor, she has worked in various hospitals and health development programmes in Zambia and Malawi. In addition, she has long-term experience in capacity development programmes, change management and human resource management. Anastasia is happy that she has joined an inspiring team dedicated to making a significant difference in the lives of many people in Tanzania.

Anastasia is married and has two children. Anastasia says "This is a great opportunity to make a real impact on maternal and newborn health in Tanzania, and I am excited about the challenges ahead." Annika Unterperntinger has taken the lead, along with the technical advisor, in setting up the programme and is leaving CCBRT to pursue an MBA in Health Management after four years of dedication to the organisation. We wish her the very best and thank her for her invaluable contribution.



Anastasia Melis

Orientation for Medical Attendants

Recognising the vital role of medical attendants at health facilities across the country, CCBRT has developed a special skills orientation designed specifically for them. Although not officially qualified, they often conduct or assist with deliveries and support qualified medical staff, but lack the professional skills that would enhance their role. The orientation includes improving skills in normal labour and delivery, neonatal resuscitation and essential newborn care. The four day session combines theory (using manikins) and closely mentored clinical work. In June, the first group of eleven auxiliary nurses from three health facilities were

oriented at CCBRT. Following orientation, all participants demonstrated competencies in clean and safe delivery, newborn care, postnatal care and infection prevention. and the individuals will receive further mentoring and supervision on an ongoing basis.

