

Fact Sheet: Baobab Maternity Hospital

Statistics — maternal and infant mortality in Tanzania

- 13,000 women die from pregnancy related causes and childbirth each year
- 250,000 women every year suffer disabling conditions as a result of pregnancy and childbirth
- 45,000 newborns die every year
- The risk of maternal death is estimated to be 50 times higher in sub-Saharan Africa compared to developed countries
- Just 46% of births are attended by a skilled health worker
- There are 30% fewer doctors than are required
- 11% of pregnant women in Dar es Salaam have HIV/AIDS

Timeline

Nov 2007: MoU on public-private partnership between Government of Tanzania and CCBRT signed

2008: Needs assessment conducted in Dar es Salaam, strategy plan drafted, architects consulted

June 2009: Five-Year Strategy Plan for Baobab Maternity Hospital launched and fundraising commences

Early 2010: Capacity building for healthcare staff begins

Early 2010: architectural designs and budget completed

2011: Construction scheduled to start

2012: Baobab Hospital to open



Maternal healthcare in Tanzania - the need for improved maternity services

In Tanzania, the estimated annual number of maternal deaths is 13,000, for the under-fives the number of deaths is 157,000 of which 45,000 are newborns. While Tanzania has had some success in reducing the mortality of children less than five years old, neonatal and maternal mortality has remained persistently high and virtually unchanged over the last ten years.

The unmet need for reproductive health services and access to life-saving emergency obstetric care is enormous. Less than 6% of public health centres are providing comprehensive emergency obstetric care. HIV/AIDS prevention and care with anti-retroviral drugs is being expanded in the country, but implementation lags behind. In the Dar es Salaam region the general need for additional obstetric and neonatal services is high as there are currently only four hospitals serving the vast number of deliveries every year amongst Dar es Salaam's three million inhabitants.

CCBRT and Baobab Maternity Hospital

CCBRT, one of the largest and most respected disability organisations in Tanzania which already runs a well functioning disability hospital in Dar es Salaam, has entered into a public-private partnership with the Government of Tanzania to establish a new 210 bed maternity hospital in Dar es Salaam.

The government has provided land for Baobab Maternity Hospital (at the same site as CCBRT Disability Hospital) and will provide annual bulk grants for staff salaries and some supplies. CCBRT is responsible for the construction, management and service delivery of the new hospital. Baobab Maternity Hospital and CCBRT Disability Hospital will be the Regional Designated Hospital for Dar es Salaam region.

Through this hospital and its community services, CCBRT will provide high quality health services where women and children survive childbirth without impairment. The aim is to support vulnerable mothers and newborns and to assist with improving human resource capacity in the Tanzanian health system. The European Union and CBM have endorsed this project by providing funding for infrastructure development and developing technical skills amongst health workers in Dar es Salaam. These activities started in early 2010 and will continue for four years.

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Goal

CCBRT's goal is to provide high quality maternal and neonatal health services, to identify and support vulnerable mothers and newborns, and to assist the Tanzanian health system with quality improvement and human resource development.



In the proposed designs above, the buildings with orange roofs are for the maternity hospital, the buildings with blue roofs are for the future paediatric hospital and the light brown buildings are the existing CCBRT Disability Hospital facilities.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Baobab Maternity Hospital directly addresses MDGs 4, 5 and 6.

MDG 4: Reduce child mortality - reduce by two-thirds the under-five mortality rate between 1990 and 2015

MDG 5: Improve maternal health - reduce by three-quarters the maternal mortality ratio and achieve universal access to reproductive health

MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases - have halted and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015

For Tanzania there is hope that if recent mortality trends continue, MDG 4 will be reached before 2015 although the neonatal mortality rate has not decreased significantly. For MDG 5, there is little progress and greater efforts are needed to deliver effective maternal health interventions.

Integrated HIV/AIDS services

Women of child bearing age are amongst the groups most vulnerable to the HIV virus and so HIV/AIDS services will be included as part of Baobab Maternity Hospital's mother and newborn health care services. These integrated HIV/AIDS services will prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to child while providing care and treatment for HIV positive mothers and their families.

Cost of building the new hospital

The total cost for constructing, staffing, equipping and running Baobab Maternity Hospital (2010-2014) is expected to be 30.7 million euro. CCBRT needs development partners to join us in turning this project into a reality and there are many opportunities for involvement.

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Baobab Maternity Hospital - five year plan

Over the next five years, the immediate priorities for Baobab Maternity Hospital are to: establish infrastructure, management and support service systems for maternity and neonatal hospital services; provide evidence-based maternal and neonatal health services of high quality; build capacity in hospital management and maternal and neonatal service delivery in the peripheral health system in the Dar es Salaam region and to conduct innovative research and development of best practice in maternal and neonatal health.

The comprehensive Five-Year Strategic Plan for Baobab Maternity Hospital and further information can be found at:

www.baobabhospital.or.tz / www.ccbtr.or.tz

"Over the years, a lot has been done to improve health service delivery in the country. However, much still needs to be done to build a healthy society capable of contributing meaningfully to economic growth.... CCBRT, as manager of this noble and essential project needs support in order to turn Baobab Maternity Hospital into a reality...CCBRT has impeccable credentials in management, transparency and efficiency. Therefore, this project is in safe hands." **Hon. Mr. Samuel Sitta, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania and Patron of CCBRT**

"This project is of great significance and long term importance to Tanzania on several fronts: it will save hundreds of lives and prevent thousands of women and children from suffering disabling conditions each year, it will help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, and it will build vital expertise both for now and for the years ahead." **Professor David Homeli Mwakiyusa, Minister of Health and Social Welfare**



Thank you very much for your interest in Baobab Maternity Hospital.