



## Welcome to CCBRT

CCBRT is the largest indigenous provider of disability and rehabilitative services in Tanzania.

Through its disability hospital, community programmes and outreach schemes in and around Dar es Salaam and Moshi, more than 120,000 people directly benefit from CCBRT's services each year.

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## Quarterly Highlights

- Improved rights for PWD in new legislation.
- President Jakaya Kikwete praises CCBRT during maternity hospital dinner.
- Jobs survey launched to assess number of PWD employed.
- CCBRT looks to environment with new solar project.
- Interest in CCBRT's work spreads following top level visits from Regional Commissioner, the EU and Germany.
- An innovative approach as first ever patient pays for treatment via mobile phone.
- CCBRT nurses make contribution to Friends scheme.

## Persons with Disabilities Bill Passes Into Law Say Sources

The new Persons with Disabilities Bill, which was passed by Parliament in April, is reported by sources to have received the president's assent and is now an Act of Parliament. However, the Act is yet to appear in the official Gazette. CCBRT, along with other DPOs, played a key role in making recommendations to the law and a CCBRT team travelled to Dodoma when the bill was tabled for discussion in Parliament to lobby

policy makers ahead of the hearing. Around 80% of stakeholders' recommendations were included in the Bill. This is Tanzania's first comprehensive piece of legislation dedicated to persons with disabilities (PWD). In Parliament, the president of CCBRT's board, Dr W Slaa MP, called for there to be a Minister with responsibility for issues relating to PWD. CCBRT will soon post an update on the law on its website.

## New Survey Launched To Assess Numbers Of PWD At Work



The new law relating to PWD stipulates that in firms of 20 or more registered employees in Tanzania, 3% must be PWD.

This is an increase from previous legislation (2% in firms of 50+ staff). But these levels are rarely

met and in April, Radar Development and CCBRT launched a joint survey in collaboration with one of the major unions, TUICO, to assess how many PWD are employed in Tanzania. The survey's launch was announced during a press conference and the findings are due out by the end of 2010.

## CCBRT Moshi Goes Green



CCBRT's community programme in Moshi is now producing its own power and creating hot water from solar panels. And instead of using firewood; heat for cooking

is now being generated by environmentally friendly briquettes made from sawdust. Both initiatives have been introduced thanks to



funding from UNDP's Small Grants Programme.

The installation of the panels and

establishment of the whole project was completed well ahead of schedule and, as well as protecting the local environment, is expected to result in cost savings of over US\$2,000 per year for the Moshi programme.

## First Ever Patient Pays For Hospital Treatment Via Mobile

In the first instance of its kind at CCBRT and possibly in the region, a patient has paid for hospital treatment at CCBRT via mobile technology. Angel Ntemo, who lives four hours away from CCBRT, a journey which requires motorcycle hire and two buses, paid for her daughter's cataract surgery in advance near her home via Vodacom's M-PESA. "Paying by M-PESA saved me the

trouble of the long journey and costs involved to and from Kibaha to CCBRT," Angel said. "Now my daughter has had a successful operation and her sight is restored. I am delighted since I had given up hope when she lost the use of her left eye years ago." Paying via mobile phone resulted in a saving of approximately 13% of Angel's monthly mean expenditure.



The president at CCBRT's fundraising dinner for Baobab Maternity Hospital.



Baroness Ashton chatting to a patient during her visit to CCBRT in May.



The regional commissioner at CCBRT's prosthetic and orthotic unit.



Dr Kabadi, an eye surgeon from Kigoma, at CCBRT for a week of training

## Tanzania's President Holds CCBRT Up As "Exemplary Example"

H.E. President Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete was the guest of honour at a dinner held in June to thank the corporate community for their financial support for Baobab Maternity Hospital.—the new hospital to be built in a public-private partnership between CCBRT and the government. During his speech the president praised CCBRT: "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate CCBRT for their provision of services to all people all across the

country at affordable rates and very high quality. I have been informed that this year CCBRT is aiming at treating 250 women with fistula which is caused by obstructed labour. I would like other organisations to emulate this exemplary example of CCBRT." For more on this story, please view the latest Baobab Maternity Hospital newsletter: [http://www.baobabhospital.or.tz/fileadmin/downloads/Baobab\\_Newsletter\\_Issue\\_3.pdf](http://www.baobabhospital.or.tz/fileadmin/downloads/Baobab_Newsletter_Issue_3.pdf).

## EU Foreign Policy Chief Expresses Pride In EU Support For CCBRT

Baroness Ashton, the EU's High Representative for foreign affairs, toured CCBRT Disability Hospital in May and heard about the organisation's extensive work with people with disabilities in Tanzania. CCBRT has been supported by the EU for nearly a decade. At the end of her visit the Baroness expressed pride that the EU was able to support CCBRT in a small way and wished the organisation every success for the future.

participants, including representatives of the German Parliament, the German Development Cooperation, the German commercial sector, CBM and the German press. The aim of the trip was to witness the successful link ups between CCBRT and other Tanzanian health organisations and the German Development Cooperation.

Also this quarter, CCBRT received a major delegation from Germany including the German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Mr. Dirk Niebel. He was accompanied by a delegation of around 40 other

Mr Niebel with staff from the Mabinti project.



## Regional Commissioner Experiences First Hand CCBRT's Work

As well as attending the CCBRT dinner held in June, Hon. Mr William Lukuvi, MP, Regional Commissioner of Dar es Salaam, also visited CCBRT Disability Hospital this quarter. The regional commissioner, who is responsible for the administration for the entire region, toured the outpatients area, as well as the eye and orthopaedic wards and learned more about

CCBRT's pro-poor policy and plans to prevent disability and deaths occurring in pregnancy and childbirth through the future provision of maternity services. The visit was also a good opportunity to explain in detail CCBRT's collaboration with the regional health management team in upgrading nine existing health facilities with EU/CBM funding.

## Link Up With Hospital In Kigoma Boosts Access To Eye Care

Dr Kabadi is the only cataract surgeon in Kigoma region which has a population of over 1.6 million. He runs a small eye department at Kabanga Mission Hospital on the western edge of Tanzania and this year began working closely with CCBRT.

outreach work and with top ups for patients who really can't pay. One day I would like my department to become like CCBRT."

He says, "CCBRT is really helping me a lot in my work both with consumables, financially and with training. The organisation supports my

This quarter Dr Kabadi, who spent a year at CCBRT in 2006/7, came for further training in how to perform small incisions for cataract surgery and a nurse from his eye department also learned about theatre protocols and administering local anaesthesia.



CCBRT's advocacy team with other participants at a mainstreaming disability workshop in Ethiopia.

## CCBRT Ensures CWD Considered In New School WASH Agenda

Four government ministries along with international and local organisations, including CCBRT, have linked up to develop a national school WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene) programme. CCBRT is ensuring that disability issues are taken into account in all technical options, training and in the production of materials. CCBRT has developed and trialled several prototypes for different toilet seat designs and has attended meetings to progress the school



WASH programme. The programme will shortly be piloted in several districts, then following any necessary revisions, will be rolled out countrywide. The advocacy team, funded by CBM Australia, responsible for ensuring that disability issues are considered in the school WASH initiative, also travelled to Ethiopia this quarter. There they had training on how to mainstream disability issues so that governments, companies and other organisations are able to include PWD in their organisations as employees, beneficiaries, clients and service users.



Dr Richard Bowman carrying out a cataract surgery at CCBRT.

## Dr Richard Bowman Heads For UK Job

After eight years at CCBRT's eye department, Dr Richard Bowman has left Tanzania for a new role in the UK. During his time at CCBRT, Dr Bowman managed the eye department along with Dr Mark Wood OBE and he was responsible for introducing the Fellowship programme in Paediatric Ophthalmology. Since the Fellowships officially started in 2006, 10 doctors from across Africa have undergone the six month training programme. CCBRT is

currently sponsoring a Tanzanian ophthalmologist through the Fellowship. This is encouraging as it's the first time in over three years that we have received a Tanzania based application for the Fellowship.

During his farewell event, the respect Dr Bowman enjoyed from his colleagues was clearly apparent and he will be very much missed.



CCBRT nurses wearing khangas kindly donated by the EU for International Nurses Day.

## CCBRT Nurses Raise Funds For Friends Scheme

To mark International Nurses Day held on 12th May each year in celebration of the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, CCBRT nurses walked through the hospital chanting songs and carrying candles. The candles were to signify knowledge and commitment to patient care. Around 90 nurses took part in the celebrations which were timed to minimise disruption to



patients. The nurses themselves also raised funds for gifts for the patients and they generously gave over US\$200

to CCBRT's Friends scheme. (For more on this please email [friends@ccbrt.or.tz](mailto:friends@ccbrt.or.tz).)

## Meet The Team: Athanasia Gaspari Kweka

Athanasia Kweka, a nurse on the VVF ward, has just been appointed CCBRT's Nurse of the Year - an award given once a year to an individual nurse for outstanding work. Her main task each day is to take care of the fistula patients from theatre to recovery which takes 3 to 4 weeks. Hospital Matron, Emelda Lwena said: "Athanasia is very competent theoretically and practically in her care of the VVF patients, she has excellent customer

care skills, always smiles to her patients, she gives love and support to the VVF patients which they need most." Athanasia, who has been at CCBRT for 10 years, is delighted with being made nurse of the year and says she loves her job. "The best moment is the look on a woman's face when they are all better and ready to lead a normal life again. It is like a moment when a bouncing baby is placed in the arms of her mother after delivery."



CCBRT's Nurse of the Year: Athanasia Kweka.