



NEWSLETTER

CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING COMMUNITIES

Welcome to CCBRT

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

Every year, CCBRT changes the lives of over 1 million people in Tanzania. Immediate impact is achieved through the provision of services and capacity building and a wider long-term impact is seen through the strengthening of referral systems, health education and the inclusion of disability into mainstream services.

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Quarterly Highlights

- CCBRT celebrates the first ever International Day to End Obstetric Fistula.
- Children in Crossfire and UTV visit CCBRT Moshi in advance of the G8 Summit 2013.
- Kupona Foundation holds successful fundraiser for maternal healthcare in Tanzania.
- CCBRT celebrates the outstanding contribution of its nurses.
- Right to Heal documentary crew films at CCBRT, showing us as a beacon of best practice in providing access to essential surgery.
- CCBRT advocates for inclusion at the Goat Races 2013.
- Senator Furner visits CCBRT
- CCBRT's environmental strategy profiled by BORDA.
- CCBRT receives EUR 8.5m from KfW.

CCBRT marks the first ever International Day to End Obstetric Fistula in style!



When it was announced that 23rd May 2013 would be the first International Day to End Obstetric Fistula we knew that we would have to do something special to mark the occasion.

The commemoration started with a week long road trip from Bukoba to Dar es Salaam, where the team, in partnership with Vodacom and the Vodafone Foundation and accompanied by famous musician and Vodacom fistula ambassador Mwana FA, spread the message 'Fistula Inatibika! Fistula is Treatable!' in 10 regions of Tanzania.

The convoy were welcomed at their final destination, CCBRT, on International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, where they were

received by His Excellency, Dr Gharib Bilal, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania. A VIP delegation were then given a tour of our fistula facilities where they met patients currently being treated on the ward, as well as former patients now training at the Mabinti Centre.

Following the tour, guests took their seats on the construction site of the brand new CCBRT Maternity and Newborn Hospital. Officially opened by Ms Mariam Khan, Country Representative, UNFPA, the reception included speeches from VIPs as well as a performance of Kidole Kimoja, a song composed by 22 female artists especially for the occasion.



Children in Crossfire and UTV visit CCBRT Moshi



In May, CCBRT Moshi received a visit from Children in Crossfire (CiC). The delegation, including the Founder and Director of CiC

Richard Moore, were accompanied by a crew from UTV, the most popular TV channel in Northern Ireland.

The visit followed the lobbying of CiC and other NGOs in Northern Ireland to encourage the Northern Irish Government to increase their international aid budget in light of the G8 Summit, hosted in Northern Ireland this year. The aim was to profile the work being supported by NGOs from the UK and Ireland and the huge impact being made on the lives of children as a result.



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CCBRT in Brief:

CCBRT is delighted to be one of the beneficiaries of the 2013 Barclays 'Step Ahead' fundraising campaign. Funds raised will go towards training healthcare professionals in peer training and identifying high risk pregnancies, will support awareness raising around obstetric fistula and will also enable CCBRT to purchase vital anesthesia equipment for the Disability Hospital.



Bank of Africa held its Annual Easter luncheon for the children at the Disability Hospital. Clowns, games, food and music were set up to give the children and their families the chance to relax and celebrate Easter despite having to stay in hospital over the long weekend.



Kupona Foundation funds a nurse midwife for a year in a single evening!

In June, Kupona, our US-based Foundation hosted a cocktail reception in aid of CCBRT. Dr Yoni Barnhard, the President of the Kupona Board, had just returned from a visit to CCBRT where he provided both clinical and strategic support to our maternal healthcare programme. Through his presentation guests were able to get a glimpse of the situation in Tanzania and the importance of support from such fundraisers.

Funds raised on the night are enough to fund

the salary of a nurse midwife for an entire year, an impressive achievement for a single evening. Funding salaries of skilled personnel in maternal healthcare is a vital element of solving the severe problem of staff shortages at already overcrowded health facilities in Tanzania.



CCBRT celebrates Nurses' Day 2013



This quarter CCBRT celebrated Nurse's Week, to mark the incredible efforts of our nurses.

learn more about their work. Following the exhibition, a reception was held to recognise some of the greatest achievements from the nurses this year and to give management the chance to thank the nursing team for their commitment and professionalism.

Throughout the week nurses were on hand to meet and greet patients at hospital reception, mentor clinical officers, physiotherapists and nurses from municipal hospitals in Dar es Salaam and undertake clinics in the eye and orthopaedic departments under the supervision of CCBRT doctors. At the end of the week all members of the CCBRT team were invited to view displays put together by nurses to

Nurse of the Year 2013 was awarded to Xaviery Mwinuka, who is known for his professionalism, strong leadership and excellent approach to mentoring.



'Right to Heal' documentary crew visits CCBRT

In April, CCBRT hosted a crew working on a documentary on behalf of International Collaboration for Essential Surgery (ICES). The film will profile different organisations around the world who provide access to essential surgery to the poorest people in society. The team focussed upon CCBRT's fistula programme and the use of M-PESA, as well as on our maternal and newborn healthcare intervention through capacity building and the construction of the Maternity and Newborn Hospital. CCBRT will be profiled

as a beacon of best practice in terms of making surgery accessible to all, and by doing so through a PPP with the Government of Tanzania.



Senator Mark Furner visits CCBRT



Furner was particularly interested to see CCBRT and the impact AusAID funding was having upon the lives of people with disabilities in Tanzania.

CCBRT received a visit from Senator Mark Furner this quarter. As a member of the Australian Senate, Senator

AusAID is currently supporting the work of the CCBRT Advocacy Unit in promoting accessibility and inclusion.

Senator Furner was greeted by our CEO Erwin Telemans and was given a presentation on the progress and work of our Advocacy Unit, before taking a tour of the Disability Hospital to meet patients and staff.

Halliburton, the global oilfield services company, visited CCBRT this quarter with a donation of mosquito nets for patients at the Disability Hospital. The donation came to mark World Malaria Day and helps CCBRT to ensure that all of our patients can sleep safely without fear of contracting malaria.



Dr Yoni Barnhard, President of the Board of Kupona Foundation, visited CCBRT this quarter. During the visit Dr Yoni provided not only support with the strategic development of our maternal and newborn healthcare programme but also provided clinical support during his visit to one of the 16 facilities that currently participate in the Maternal and Newborn Healthcare Regional Capacity Building Programme.

A team from CCBRT attended World Vision's East Africa Regions process excellent summit in Nairobi. During the conference Emelda Lwena, Matron of CCBRT Disability Hospital gave a presentation on the implementation of visual management at CCBRT, giving insight on her experience as a nurse implementing these processes.



Do you have any questions? Would you like to learn more about anything you have read in this newsletter?

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CCBRT advocates for inclusion at the Goat Races 2013



One of the biggest days in the Dar es Salaam calendar, the Goat Races gives CCBRT the chance to profile its work as a recipient of some of the proceeds of the fundraising event.

This year the team publicised our work in advocacy, with interactive stations allowing visitors to get a taste of how it would be to experience the Goat Races in the same way as a person with a disability. Guests tested

wheelchairs, learnt sign language and were blindfolded and given a white cane to experience the Goat Races with a visual impairment.

The 10 million TZS received from the Goat Races will fund the provision of assistive devices. CCBRT provides assistive devices to reduce the dependency level of children with cerebral palsy, enabling them to participate in every day activities.



KfW announces 8.5m EUR grant to CCBRT Maternity and Newborn Hospital

In May CCBRT, the Ministry of Finance and KfW, the German Development Bank, signed an agreement worth 8.5million EUR towards the construction of CCBRT Maternity and Newborn



Hospital. The announcement coincided with a visit from a German Parliamentary delegation to CCBRT. Signed by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry

of Finance, this agreement shows clear support from the German Government and KfW for the Public Private Partnership between the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and CCBRT. This funding will go a long way to helping us to complete construction of the specialist referral centre for Dar es Salaam and the Eastern Zone of Tanzania, due to be complete in 2015.



Environmental strategy profiled at CCBRT



In May, a group interested in environmental conservation and sustainable energy visited CCBRT to hear more about our environmental strategy. Led by BORDA, the company responsible for the Decentralised

Wastewater Treatment System being built into the design of the CCBRT Maternity and Newborn Hospital, the guests were invited to learn more about how wind, rainwater and wastewater are all being utilised to generate/save energy at CCBRT as we aim to protect our environment and have a sustainable impact in a country with scarce resources.

Meet The Team: Leslie Jucovics

Leslie joined CCBRT in November, after 10 years doing system implementation work, most recently as the IT Director for a non-profit in the USA. Leslie is the project manager of CCBRT's latest efforts to improve the management systems in its facilities, which will lead to improved patient experience and advanced patient tracking and reporting. A new Hospital Management System will be chosen to improve the entire system of care management including patient registration, treatment, test results, discharge and billing. Leslie is joined on her team by former Deputy Director of the Disability Hospital

Tom Vanneste who is using his experience in the current hospital systems to provide insight into the improvements necessary.

