

Annual Report July 2015 – June 2016

Bijilo Medical Centre

The Gambia

Introduction

This document summarizes major activities, achievements and setbacks of our hospital during the time period of July 2015 to June 2016.

BMC Mission

Bijilo Medical Center Hospital-Hospital (BMC) is a non-governmental health facility with the goal of providing affordable quality medical services to all in The Gambia. BMC is non-profit orientated. However costs must be recovered to assure sustenance. The hospital was established in 2002 and is presently financially autonomous.

BMC Vision

Healthcare is a fundamental component of global socio-economic development. BMC has been established to facilitate access to healthcare in The Gambia.

Guided by our motto "Care, Compassion, Commitment" and coordinated support, BMC is progressively been developed to become a multidisciplinary centre of excellence for

- Primary Health Care
- Continuing Training
- Clinical Research

Institutional organization

Bijilo Medical Centre consists of the following departments.

Medical and Paramedical Services

- 1) Nursing
- 2) Obstetrics and Antenatal Clinic
- 3) State immunization programme for children
- 4) X-Ray department
- 5) Ultrasound
- 6) ECG
- 7) Laboratory
- 8) Pharmacy
- 9) Surgical Theater
- 10) Physiotherapy

Supportive services

- 1) Administration, Finance and HR
- 2) Reception
- 3) Cashier and Accounts
- 4) Housekeeping
- 5) Security

BMC Staff List

This staff list comprises of core employees. It does not include contractors who affected specific jobs on short-term basis. Presently the active employees comprise of:

1. Dr. Musa Touray, Physician, FMH Specialized in Internal Medicine
2. Dr. Menno Bakker, Physician, Specialized in Tropical Medicine and International Health
3. Dr. A.O. Ebirim, Physician
4. Dr. A.O. Balde, Physician
5. Dr. Y. Sankareh, Physician
6. Mr. Lamin Sawaneh, Chief Nurse, State Enrolled Nurse
7. Mr. Lamin Tamba, State Registered Nurse
8. Mrs. Salla Ndimballan, State Enrolled Nurse
9. Mr. Ebrima Bah, State Enrolled Nurse
10. Mr. Ebrima Faye, Community Health Nurse, Midwife
11. Mr. Saikou Ceesay, Nurse Attendant
12. Mr. Ebrima Suwaneh, Nurse Attendant
13. Ms. Binta Bojang, Nurse Attendant
14. Mr. Ousainou Ceesay, Trainee physician
15. Mr. Essa Ceesay, Trainee physician
16. Mrs. Fatou Bah Baldeh, Laboratory Technician
17. Mr. Hamat Jobe, Laboratory Assistant
18. Mr. Lamin Kinteh, Chief Pharmacist
19. Mr. Abdou Ceesay, Pharmacy Assistant

20. Mr. Musa Drammeh, Pharmacy Assistant, X-Ray Assistant
21. Mr. Ansumana Darboe, X-Ray Technician
22. Mrs. Mariama Ndow Sanneh, Cashier and Accounts
23. Mr. Sanna Juwara, Cashier
24. Ms. Amie Mbye, Cashier, Reception
25. Mr. Bakary Dibba, Reception
26. Ms. Haddy Ndow, Reception
27. Mrs. Ellen Somers, Administration
28. Mrs. Jainaba Sanneh, Housekeeping
29. Mrs. Isatou Sanneh, Housekeeping
30. Mrs. Fatou Bintou Jatta, Housekeeping
31. Prestige Security Services (24 hour coverage)

Clinical Activities

Consistent with the primary goal of providing affordable healthcare to all at affordable cost, below we summarize the clinical work done at BMC during the mentioned period.

Table 1: Summary of clinical activities at BMC from July 2015 until June 2016

Category	Number of patients	Definition
Patients	32,864	Registered patients at the hospital 01-08-2016
Outpatients	9,528	Patients that consulted a physician
Inpatients – overnight	683	Patients that spent at least 1 night at the hospital
Inpatients – detained	283	Patients that were admitted for observation but did not stay overnight
Deliveries	43	Antenatal mothers giving birth at the hospital
Surgeries	7	Surgical interventions that were effected in the surgical theatre
Mortality	9	Patients passed away in the facility

Estimate of annual budget

The table below depicts estimates of the major costs in the year July 2015 – June 2016.

Table 2: Estimated cost of major annual projects

Project / Items	Estimated Cost (€)	Origin
Medicines & Consumables	€ 21,702.00	IDA Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Transportation (EU-Gambia)	€ 2,059.00	Transportation of medication and supplies, 20-foot Container
Reflotron Test Strips	€ 1,800.00	Polymed Medical Center, Mont sur Lausanne, Switzerland
Hospital maintenance	€ 2,840.00	Maintenance of building, premises, medical equipment and ambulance.
Rent	€ 18,000.00	Rental of hospital property
Total	€ 46,401.00	

International Collaborations 2015 - 2016

Antwerp-Banjul Challenge: A team participating in the Antwerp-Banjul rally has chosen to support Bijilo Medical Centre. Upon arrival in the Gambia, they brought surgical tools. Their car was sold at an auction, with the plan of donating the profit to Bijilo Medical Centre's solar project. In addition to the goods donated, the Antwerp-Banjul team supported the solar project with the sum of GMD 62,500.00 (€1,250.00) through car auction.

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO): UNIDO has been the major donor in accomplishing a long kept dream of Bijilo Medical Centre being off-grid and being able to supply its own energy demand.

Bernhoven Hospital, Uden, The Netherlands: This hospital supported our nursing team with the donation of 5 high quality blood pressure machines.

Medisch Centrum Leeuwarden, the Netherlands: MC Leeuwarden has offered a diathermia to use in BMC's surgical unit, which was installed April 2016. It enables our surgical team to operate more safely and effectively.

Accomplished Projects

Solar Voltaic Energy for BMC: In March 2016 a photovoltaic system was installed by a German team provided by EKS Energie and Hummel Systemhaus. The system allows the hospital to be a clean and safe environment for both patients and our staff. Since the project was partly sponsored by a UNIDO grant, Bijilo Medical Centre now serves as a showcase for how sustainable energy can contribute to quality health care services.

Painting the Walls of BMC: The outside walls of the hospital were painted in July 2015 by Mr Joseph Mendy. This has given the hospital very hygienic and relaxing atmosphere for patients, their escorts and the staff of BMC.

Surgical theater: With combined efforts of BMC staff and surgical consultants, the hospital has resumed operating its surgical theater. The first major case went to a successful surgical procedure in January 2016.

Pavement of hospital premises: In July and August 2015 BMC grounds underwent a improvement by putting tiles on the unpaved areas of the hospital premises. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Mr. Moussa Joof and his team.

Development Projects

During the coming months, we intend to embark on the following developmental projects:

- **Laboratory:** In collaboration with the Antwerp-Banjul Challenge we wish to upgrade our laboratory testing facilities with the goal of more precise clinical diagnostics.
- **Delivery unit:** With a growing number of mothers consulting our doctors for antenatal care and deliveries, Bijilo Medical Centre wants to improve its safety standards to the benefit of mother and child. To this effect, we will put efforts in obtaining medical equipment for our delivery unit, including a vacuum extractor and a cardiotochography machine.

Visit or contact Bijilo Medical Centre

The Gambia is a small peaceful country situated in Western Africa. It is just six hours flight from most European cities. The Gambia has a rich culture and the people are in general very friendly. BMC is situated in a fishing village called Bijilo, 15 km from Banjul, the capital of The Gambia. Long stretches of beautiful sandy beaches are within a walking distance.

It may be very enriching for you and for BMC if you can share your professional experience with us by visiting us. Although we cannot presently offer you free accommodation, we may be able to assist you to obtain an affordable one taking into consideration your personal life style. We offer you free breakfast and lunch at work. Since its establishment BMC is privileged to welcome over 200 European volunteers.

There are no street names or numbers. Once in The Gambia, you may reach us using this address:

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