

REPORT TO CMS ABOUT HEALTH PROJECT IN MATANA.

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The administrative block in Matana diocese was opened on 20th August 2010 by the representative of the Minister of Health in the presence of Stephen Burgess from CMS, James Kweyu from CMS Africa and other dignitaries.

The project met its original purpose that was to contribute to the improvement of the health quality of people, especially women and children living in the locality of Matana.

Indeed, with the facilities improved the government has immediately appointed doctors to work there. It has sent a good number of materials to be used in the laboratory and now this hospital is among the best equipped and attracts more people from the surrounding area.

After one year, there are noticeable impacts, changes and successes.

- The government quickly appointed four doctors to the Hospital of Matana whereas before there was only one. Now there are 4 doctors; 2 consultant doctors, 1 doctor who is the manager of the Hospital and 1 who manages the health district.
- Because more space has been created within the hospital the government decided to create a health district in the same area.
- The government has quickly provided a lot of resources for the laboratory e.g microscopes, machines to test blood, a large fridge in which to store blood etc.
- The involvement level of the community for different health services has increased because of the improved facilities by about 70-80 patients per day.
- The population makes tests in the laboratory very easily because of the availability of tests like Serology, Biochemistry, parasitological.
- There is space to store stock and toilet provision.
- Families can use the kitchen at the hospital easily to prepare food for patients.
- Now, the staff in Matana have a better working environment and there are few complaints
- An office for accounts, one for the chief of nurses, another for nutrition services and stock, and a place for the night guard have been created in rooms vacated because of the new buildings
- Because of the extension of the hospital, the diocese of Matana have built a block for HIV voluntary counselling and testing near the hospital



Doctors



Equipment in laboratory



kitchen



new office for accounts

STORIES:

After the construction of this administrative block, the head doctor of the hospital of Matana affirms that it is thanks to that block that the other doctors agreed to come to work in Matana hospital because they have consulting-rooms there.

The patients of Matana Hospital and the surrounding area affirm that thanks to the construction of the Laboratory, the government is happy to provide materials of quality that can be used to examine more than 100 cases. The patients do not need to go down to Bujumbura anymore for tests.

Needs still outstanding

We have not been able to provide drugs freely for poor patients who cannot afford to buy for themselves. They are still required to pay.
This hospital has received a lot in the form of the administrative block etc. but it still lacks a proper water supply for it and its staff to function properly.

Future Plans

We plan to raise funds for

- the further equipment of the administrative block of Matana hospital
- the building of an enclosure/wall for the hospital so that it is secure
- the improvement of the water supply to the hospital so that general hygiene is improved



lack of security