

⑫ FOCUS ON DONORS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS – REPORT BY MR BABOUCAR NGUM, PRO AND NURSE TRAINING MANAGER

We want to improve the quality of care that we give to patients. Some of this we can organise ourselves (e.g making the best use of our current resources and training of staff to help them do their work better).

But much of what we need requires money – for example, to be able to recruit more staff, to reward staff appropriately, and to buy more drugs and equipment.

The Government is our major provider of funds, but often, this isn't enough and the help that others can give us is a crucial factor in our programme. So, if you are able to help in any way please let us know.

A list of equipment we urgently need is as follows:

Fluoroscopic Unit	1
Mobile X-ray Units	2
Ultrasound Units	4
Isofluorane Vaporizers	10
Diagnostic Sets	6
Pulse Oximeters	20
Monitors – Cardio-respiratory	6
Suction machine	10
Autoclaves	2
Blood Counters	2

The total cost of this equipment would be approx. D25m.

We also need bio-medical engineers to service and repair our equipment.

Major Donations in 2003

We were particularly fortunate in 2003 to have major Donations from three different sources, as follows:

Mrs Faith Cole Mbolo paid for the complete refurbishment, extension and re-equipping of A&E, which has been named The Comfort Dawodu A&E Department in memory of her mother. The President, Dr Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh, opened the new A&E Department in July, 2003.

Standard Chartered Bank paid for a new Paediatric Building that will have two wards of thirty beds each and also accommodation for medical students. (We expect this to be opened for use very soon.)

The Republic of China, Taiwan contributed over D7m to the re-equipping of our Dental Surgeries.



Entrance to the new A&E Department



The new Paediatric Building



New Dental equipment

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We are also very fortunate to have continuing support from a number of companies and people that sponsor wards, as follows:

Ward	Sponsor	Ward	Sponsor
Obs & Gynae:	Gamtel	Maternity:	Gambian Int. Airlines
Sanatorium:	Trust Bank	I.C.U:	Standard Chartered Bank
Female Medical:	Nawec	Paediatrics:	Sponsor being sought
Male Medical:	Shell	Campama:	Faateleku Group
Male Surgical:	B.C.C.	Orthopaedic:	S.S.H.F.C.
Female Surgical:	Soroptimists International	A&E:	Mrs Faith Cole Mbolo



Mr Baboucar Ngum

Others who have been regular and often substantial donors / supporters of RVTH include the following:

The Government of Cuba The Federal Republic of Nigeria The UK (through DFID) The Government of Egypt Christian Children’s Fund Sight Savers International Jamma Kafo Gambia Ports Authority MRC Peace Corps UNICEF WHO	Catholic Relief Services Banjul Oxygen MFH Group Nanning-Benjie Rotary Club of Fajara Danish Gambia Friendship Soc. Alh. Karamba Gassama Friends of The Gambia Assoc. GEKO UNDP VSO Central Bank
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(We are planning to have a Donor Board in our Foyer that will list all our major Donors.)

We also have many other friends and supporters, many of whom come as regular visitors to help and encourage both patients and our staff

To all our donors, we give very sincere thanks. We hope that they will continue to support us and that their example will encourage others to do so as well. We are still short of important equipment and have many other needs, particularly in being able to recruit, train and retain quality clinical staff, but thanks to everyone involved, good progress is being made.

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