

RVTH

Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital

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RVTH receives donation from Gambian Children's Trust

On 6th January 2005, a ceremony was held in the Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital (RVTH) Paediatric Department to thank The Gambian Children's Trust, a UK-based charity, for stepping in to sponsor the Acute Paediatric Ward. The Gambian Children's Trust has provided many items for the ward, including bedside cabinets, bedsheets, new ceiling fans, lighting and has supplemented the decoration in the ward.

The previous week, The Gambian Children's Trust also visited RVTH and presented badly needed surgical items and drugs to the hospital. These items will assist the hospital greatly in providing the required standard of care to its patients.

The Gambian Children's Trust is spearheaded by Dr Abbas Khadra, a Gambian who now works as a surgeon in London. He spent time working in the Paediatric Department of RVTH as a student some ten years ago and he has always had a particular concern for the paediatric patients of RVTH. Dr Khadra expressed his happiness at being able to give something tangible back to a place for which he has a special affection and hoped that this gesture would be the beginning of something much larger.

Mr Baboucarr Ngum JP, the RVTH Public Relations Officer, who accepted The Gambian Children's Trust donations on behalf of RVTH, said after the ceremony "It is an encouragement to all those who work hard to improve the standard of healthcare within The Gambia to see Dr Khadra translating his concern for the children of the country into action. These donations and sponsorship will make an enormous difference to the lives of the children who pass through the Department of Paediatrics".