

RVTH

Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital

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RVTH, partners brainstorm on 2005 hospital requirements

The Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital in collaboration with partners, Friday held its second annual ward sponsors meeting at the hospital's conference room.

The meeting, which brought together members of the hospital management team and their development partners was geared towards consulting their valued partners on how they can work together to meet the major needs of the hospital including consumable items over the next 12 months.

The ward sponsors range from bankers, service providers, NGO's, airline as well as the First Lady, Zineb Yahya Jammeh.

In her opening remarks, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, the Chief Medical Director, thanked the sponsors for their immense contribution to the growth of the hospital over the years. She, however, pointed-out that government subvention cannot cover all the needs of the hospital, citing the fast approaching malaria season when the patient turn over rate triples.

"This is the period when the number of patients increases. Therefore, we want to shift from the traditional donations we use to received from our partners to consumable items for our wards," she said.

Dr Esangbedo added that adequate supply of hospital consumables would help during the rainy season and called on their ward sponsors to assist as soon as possible.

Speaking earlier, Malick Mboob, the Communications Officer of RVTH, described the ward sponsors as people who accepted their social responsibility and are willing to work, talk and support the work of the hospital.

“Our focus is on caring for the patients by providing them with high quality and better healthcare delivery. Thank you for being such excellent sponsors and helping us to reach that goal.”

Representing the Principal Nursing Officer, Tumani Janneh, Senior Nursing Officer, Duty Room, noted that all hands must be on deck for the development of the hospital. He urged the ward sponsors to regularly visit their sponsored wards in order to be informed with the developments taken place.

Mr Janneh also spoke of the need for sponsors apart from their traditional donations to their respective wards to help the hospital with consumable items.

During the discussion, Prof Adekolu-John of RVTH, said the hospital is still struggling to move from a general hospital to a fully fledged teaching hospital that would serve as a center for the training of specialist doctors among others.

Representatives of ward sponsors thanked the hospital management for the good work they are doing and promised to redouble their support to the hospital.

The sponsors were accorded the opportunity to visit their wards on a conducted tour at the end of the meeting.

The 2005 consumables required for each ward includes among others gauze, surgical gloves, needle and syringes, canulae, glucose, infusion and blood giving set, surgical spirit, blood bags, sodium chloride, injection quinine, hydrocortisone, glucostix, suction machine, blood pressure machines.