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ActionAid hands over completed works at Campama to RVTH

At a ceremony at the Campama Psychiatric Unit on 12th November 2004, the refurbished Campama facility was handed over to the Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital by ActionAid The Gambia, who financed the works at a cost of over D300,000 (three hundred thousand dalasis).

The works included repainting all of the buildings on the site and fixing roofing, mosquito nets, burglar bars, windows and other elements. The aim of the work is to ensure that Campama is a safe, secure and salubrious environment for staff, patients and the general public.

ActionAid has also pledged over US\$200,000 (over D6,000,000) to buy psychiatric drugs for Campama. This very generous gesture will ensure one year's supply of this essential medication.

The ceremony was attended by Yahya Sanyang, the Country Director of ActionAid The Gambia, Almamo Barrow, the AATG HIV/Aids Co-ordinator and Lamin Nyangado, AATG Manager, Policy and Advocacy Department, as well as Geoffrey Renner, Chairman of the RVTH Board, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, RVTH Chief Medical Director and Dr Malick Njie, RVTH Deputy Chief Medical Director.

Yahya Sanyang, the AATG Country Director, said "We are delighted that our commitment to RVTH has been realised in such a tangible way at Campama and look forward to closer co-operation with RVTH to improve mental health services."

Dr Esangbedo, the RVTH Chief Medical Director, added "ActionAid The Gambia has stepped in to help RVTH to meet some acute challenges in the provision of mental health services. I am delighted to see the difference that this refurbishment has made to the staff and patients at Campama. The purchase of essential drugs will enable RVTH to concentrate on providing a high quality service to psychiatric patients nationwide."