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New Paediatric Wing Opened by President Jammeh at RVTH

The Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital was delighted to be an integral part of the tenth anniversary celebrations of the 22nd July Revolution, when, on 23rd July 2004, HE Dr Alhaji Yahya A J J Jammeh, President of the Republic of The Gambia, officially opened a new Wing for the Paediatric Department of RVTH, which was generously sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank Gambia Limited

The new accommodation comprises 36 extra paediatric beds, together with accommodation for 24 staff, and will greatly enhance the care which RVTH is able to offer to its paediatric patients, both through providing more bedspace and also enabling new doctors, graduating from RVTH's Medical School, to be closer to their patients while on call.

RVTH wishes to put on record its gratitude for the generosity of Standard Chartered Bank and counts SCB among its most valued long term donor partners, having also sponsored RVTH's Intensive Care Unit for some years.

RVTH was honoured that HE The President chose to grace this important new project with his patronage during the recent celebrations and is grateful to him for his stated support for the health sector in The Gambia in general, as well as more specifically for the creation of a high quality clinical teaching establishment at RVTH.

The opening ceremony took place in the presence of The First Lady HE Madam Zineb Jammeh, The Vice President HE Madam Isatou Njie-Saidy, The Hon Secretary of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Yankuba Kassama, along with Mr Momodou Senghore, Chairman, and Mr Onesimo-Jacob Mukumba, Chief Executive, of Standard Chartered Bank Gambia Limited.

In her vote of thanks, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, Chief Medical Director, expressed the gratitude of all at RVTH for the generosity of Standard Chartered Bank and the guidance and support of HE The President, when she said "This ceremony has given a boost to all at RVTH. It cements further the partnership between RVTH and Standard Chartered Bank and confirms again the commitment of His Excellency The President and His Government to the full realisation of the plans for a high quality Teaching Hospital at RVTH." She further said that all RVTH needs now to be fully accredited as a Teaching Hospital are more qualified and experienced staff to provide sustained high quality clinical care to its patients and to teach the medical students. She therefore called on Government and Donors to continue to provide the funding needed by RVTH Management in their efforts to provide a Teaching Hospital which will be the envy of the sub-region.