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ActionAid The Gambia signs D327,704 contract to rehabilitate RVTH Campama

The Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital is delighted to announce that, on Tuesday 28th September 2004, ActionAid The Gambia (AATG) signed a contract worth D327,704 for the rehabilitation of RVTH's 100 bed Campama Psychiatric Unit, in the Greater Banjul area.

The signing ceremony took place at the AATG headquarters in Kanifing. Speakin on behalf of the AATG board, Yahya Sanyang, the AATG Country Director expressed the hope that this gesture would make the Psychiatric Unit a decent and better place for those with mental illnesses and emphasised the priority which should be given to mental health services.

Geoffrey Renner, the Chairman of the Hospital Management Board, described AATG's assistance as a laudable gesture and urged other donors to emulate AATG.

The work will ensure the structural integrity and security of the Campama facility and will ensure that a more pleasant and safe environment is created for both staff and patients.

Speaking after the ceremony, Mr Baboucarr Ngum, the RVTH Public Relations Officer, said "This direct assistance by ActionAid, in response to one of RVTH's great needs, could not have come at a more opportune juncture. It is now up to RVTH and ActionAid The Gambia to build on this, and develop a closer working relationship."