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Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital

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Mobile Dental Clinic begins operation

The Mobile Dental Clinic will soon start trekking nationwide providing Dental/Oral Surgery services to the public free of charge.

This project came into being through the generous sponsorship of Kombo Beach Hotel management who serviced the vehicle and hired the services of a trained dentist, the running cost of the mobile dental clinic over the next 12 months initially.

Five personnel such as a dentist, 2 trained dental nurses, driver and an orderly will man the Mobile Dental Clinic, which will be seen in all health centres, hospitals and village meeting grounds in The Gambia. At the presentation ceremony held at the Poly Clinic, Mr Marcel Hendrickx, the General Manager of Kombo Beach Hotel, said: "Sponsoring this Mobile Dental Clinic is one way to demonstrate our commitment, especially to inhabitants of remote areas of The Gambia who cannot easily reach the RVTH."

Mr Hendrickx added that they would also contribute a cheque of D50, 000 for training community dental nurses as part of this project for the RVTH. In his keynote address, Dr Alhaji Tamsir Mbowe, SoS for Health & Social Welfare, said the rate of dental caries and related infections in Africa is rising and The Gambia is no exception. He urged the dental department of RVTH to work harder so that they can provide effective oral services to the general public.

Also speaking, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, the Chief Medical Director, said Kombo Beach Hotel is the first institution to come to the aid of the RVTH Dental/Oral Surgery department with this laudable and worthy project. Malick Mboob, the Communications Officer, chaired the ceremony, while Haddy Deen, the Matron of the Dental Department delivered the vote of

thanks.