



Fact Sheet: About CCBRT

Key dates:

- 1994 CCBRT founded
- 1995 International training programme set up
- 1996 Services extended to Moshi
- 2001 CCBRT Disability Hospital opened
- 2005 Community support units introduced in Dar es Salaam
- 2006 Surgical capacity of hospital extended
- 2006 Erwin Telemans takes over as CEO from Geert Vanneste
- 2008 Community programme restructured and advocacy unit set up
- 2009 Kupona Foundation set up and Five-Year Strategic Plan for Baobab Maternity Hospital launched
- 2011 Construction of Baobab Maternity Hospital due to begin
- 2012 Baobab Maternity Hospital planned to open



History of CCBRT

CCBRT is a Tanzanian NGO set up in 1994 by Geert Vanneste, Dr Willibrod Slaa (current President of the Board) and Dan Ward (then Regional Director for CBM East Africa region), and is registered as a society under the Societies Ordinance. CCBRT was established in order to contribute towards poverty reduction in Dar es Salaam by providing accessible and affordable rehabilitative services for people with disabilities, who were, and are, among the most vulnerable people in the country. It began with providing community based rehabilitation, information and support to people who were blind and to children living with a disability. Many impairments, such as some eye problems, clubfeet, fistula, and cleft lip can be cured. Additionally, an ability can be significantly improved with the right treatment (such as physiotherapy for children with cerebral palsy, artificial limbs for amputees, optical aids/ glasses for the visually impaired). So in 2000, to meet the need for good quality services for people with disabilities, CCBRT Disability Hospital was built and it was opened in 2001 on land given by the government.

Since then, CCBRT has expanded into a large, well respected organisation employing over 300 people and providing quality services to more than 120,000 people with disabilities and their caregivers each year. CCBRT, now the largest indigenous provider of disability and rehabilitation services in Tanzania, comprises the disability hospital, community programmes in and around Dar es Salaam and Moshi, a mobile outreach programme, an active international training programme and an advocacy unit. In 2009, Kupona Foundation was established in the US specifically to raise funds for CCBRT and a European fundraising office was set up in early 2010.

Future plans

Most disabilities are preventable given accessible, quality healthcare especially at the time of birth. Childbirth is very dangerous time for mothers and babies in Tanzania with infant and maternal mortality rates amongst the highest in the world. CCBRT has entered into a public-private partnership with the Government of Tanzania to establish a new 210 bed maternity hospital in Dar es Salaam. This hospital, to be called Baobab Maternity Hospital, will provide high quality health services where women and children survive childbirth without impairment. The aim is to identify and support vulnerable mothers and newborns and to assist with improving human resource capacity in the Tanzanian health system. Baobab Maternity Hospital together with CCBRT Disability Hospital will be the Regional Designated Hospital for Dar es Salaam region. Construction of the new hospital is scheduled for 2011 and it is hoped it will be up and running in 2012.

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What do we do?

Our main aim is to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities, their family members and caregivers so that they can become full and active members of society.

We firmly believe that it is very important to make our work *sustainable*. That is why we put so much focus on training and that is why we centre not just on the cure but also on rehabilitation and the integration of our clients back into community life. Wherever possible, we make efforts to empower the adult or child with a disability to the opportunities around them. For this reason, we support children with disabilities in achieving an education and we enable adults to learn new skills so they can earn a living for themselves and their families.

We have linked up with Radar Development to offer recruitment services for people with disabilities and we have established two day care centres in Dar es Salaam with other partners. These centres will provide training and services to people with disabilities and their caregivers so they can be self sufficient.

People living with disabilities and their caregivers are particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. In 2009, CBM and CCBRT began a three year project funded by PEPFAR to make HIV/AIDS services more accessible to people living with disabilities. By the end of the project, it is hoped that 150,000 people with disabilities across 20-25 districts will receive better access to HIV/AIDS services.

See opposite for a full list of our services.

2009 Statistics

- 86,013 consultations carried out
- 55,800 new patients consulted
- 9,895 operations carried out
- 12,880 physiotherapy sessions carried out
- 6,851 home visits made to clients
- 782 children with disabilities supported in schools
- 1,965 appliances made by our prosthetic and orthotic unit

How we are funded

CCBRT has a unique payment system whereby the very poorest people are treated for free, people who are able to contribute to the cost of their treatment only pay what they can actually afford, while wealthier patients pay the full cost of treatment and can opt for additional extras while in hospital. In so doing, they subsidise the cost of treatment for the poorest people. All children under five years of age are treated for free. Approximately 20% of our hospital expenditure is paid for by contributions from our patients and the remainder comes from welcome support from our partners.

CCBRT SERVICES

Hospital

- Eye screening
- Surgery for cataract, glaucoma, trauma, tumours, trachoma and laser treatment for diabetes
- Orthopaedic operations (clubfoot, bow legs & other congenital deformities)
- Plastic reconstructive operations (burn scar contractures, cleft lip/cleft palate)
- VVF (fistula) operations
- Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, consultations and advice
- Manufacturing of orthopaedic appliances

Community

- Addressing disabling environments and attitudes in the communities
- Empowering people with disabilities to participate as equal members in society (economically and socially)
- Recruitment services and training for people with disabilities
- Integrating children with disabilities into regular schools
- Paramedic services in the community
- Social work in the community
- Mobile outreach programme - identification of people with disabilities and referral to specialised services
- Epilepsy services
- Developing HIV/AIDS services for people with disabilities and making them more accessible

Training

- Comprehensive training programmes for internal staff
- Extensive training services for medics and students from inside and outside Tanzania
- Formal training package on Paediatric Ophthalmology and Retina Vitrectomy
- Surgical experience for cataract surgeons
- Training for fistula surgeons
- Intensive training courses for parents/caregivers of children with disabilities
- Training for village health workers on recognising various conditions

Advocacy and Lobbying

- Ensuring that the rights and needs of people with disabilities are heeded in development and national policies
- Raising awareness of disability issues amongst the public
- Supporting government efforts to make the environment more enabling for people with disabilities

Contact details

Each year, we need to raise three million euro to run CCBRT and we need to raise an additional 30.7 million euro to build, equip, staff and run Baobab Maternity Hospital (2010-2014). For more information about CCBRT and development partnerships, please contact Erwin Telemans, CEO, erwintelemans@ccbtr.or.tz. For corporate sponsorship/fundraising, please contact Kira Thomas: kira.thomas@ccbtr.or.tz / 00 255 (0) 22 260 1543. Thank you for your interest in CCBRT.