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Welcome to CCBRT

CCBRT is the largest indigenous provider of disability and rehabilitative services in Tanzania.

Through its disability hospital, community and outreach programmes in and around Dar es Salaam and Moshi, 120,000 people directly benefit from CCBRT's services each year.

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Quarterly Highlights

- 10 Year Anniversary of Disability Hospital
- Vodafone Foundation launches Moyo Challenge
- 300 VVF surgeries celebrated
- International Day for Persons with Disabilities observed
- CCBRT CEO wins award
- Private clinic website launched
- Mwanza paediatric clinic sees many patients
- CCBRT goes green with wind energy

10 year anniversary of disability hospital celebrated

CCBRT's Disability Hospital has been serving the community for ten years. The anniversary was marked on 15 December with a celebration at which the Guest of Honour was the Honourable Anne Makinda, Speaker for the National Assembly and Patron of CCBRT. The event started with a tour of the hospital, during which each department displayed its achievements over the years. Since 2001, over 70,000 eye surgeries and more than 10,000 rehabilitation surgeries have been performed at the hospital. Founding members Geert Vanneste, Eliyuko Mnyone and Dr Wilibrod Slaa were thanked for their role in the hospital's success by CEO Erwin Telemans, who also expressed gratitude to all of CCBRT's partners and supporters. Invited guests then walked to the site of the Baobab Maternity Hospital where Anne Makinda broke the ground for the construction and spoke of her pride at being Patron of CCBRT.

Haika Mawalla (Deputy CEO, CCBRT), Mr BK Tanna (Vice President, CCBRT); Dr.Wilibrod Slaa (President and Founder, CCBRT); Mr Geert Vanneste (Founder, CCBRT), Mr Eliyuko Mnyone (Founder, CCBRT); Mr Erwin Telemans (CEO, CCBRT)

Vodafone Foundation launches campaign for women with VVF

CEO Erwin Telemans and Deputy Hospital Director Tom Vanneste travelled to London in September for the launch of the Vodafone Foundation's Moyo Challenge to raise funds for women with VVF and the Baobab Maternity Hospital. The campaign calls on Vodafone staff worldwide to 'Find your Moyo'. Staff have fundraised through dinners, race nights and bike rides and a 50 mile spacehopper jump was held. A highlight was the Down to Dar Moyo Cycle Challenge where teams cycled for four hours to cover the distance between London and Dar es Salaam. So far, the campaign has raised USD 6 million.

Erwin Telemans wins CEO Roundtable of Tanzania award

Erwin Telemans, CEO of CCBRT, has received an award from the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania recognising his achievements. It was presented by Mr. Ali Mufuruki, Chair of CEO Roundtable on 26 November. "What is remarkable about CCBRT is not only the massive impact it has had on thousands of lives .. it is also the innovative ways of working especially in the application of inexpensive technology to achieve a huge impact in communities," said Mr. Mufuruki. Mr. Telemans, CCBRT's CEO since May 2006, declared that this was an award for all employees of CCBRT who, he said, richly deserve recognition.

Mr Mufuruki presents CCBRT's CEO Erwin Telemans with the award

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Livit Orthopedie, who partnered with CCBRT earlier in 2011, is supporting CCBRT by dedicating part of its Christmas customer relations gifts to CCBRT's clubfoot programme. This will enable CCBRT to provide 225 anti-clubfoot braces free of charge, and thereby removes another barrier for those who cannot afford the cost of this life changing treatment.

Vodafone Foundation

"Since the launch of the Moyo campaign in September everyone at Vodafone Group has united behind this cause. With the fundraising total currently at $6.56million, we are well on the way to raising $12million by June 2012. Vodafone and its Foundation are proud to support CCBRT in its invaluable work to help women overcome obstetric fistula."

Andrew Dunnett, Director, Vodafone Group Foundation

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Community Development Committee of Tanzanian Parliament visits CCBRT

26 Members of Parliament visited CCBRT on 25 October along with the Honourable Minister of Social Welfare, Gender and Children: Sophia Simba. Following a tour of the Disability Hospital, the Committee heard presentations from the advocacy team and were moved to hear about maternal and newborn health in Dar es Salaam. Fistula patients greeted the Committee with a burst of song and the group saw the plot dedicated to the Baobab Maternity Hospital.

Sophia Simba, the Honourable Minister of Social Welfare, Gender and Children signs the visitor book at CCBRT

Wind turbine made by people with disabilities brings green energy to CCBRT

An 18 metre high wind turbine was inaugurated in the grounds of CCBRT on 13 October. The turbine was constructed and installed during a two week training at the Yombo Vocational Training Centre for people with disabilities conducted by Dutch NGO "I Love Windpower". The training was supported by CEFA, an Italian NGO implementing a capacity building programme at the Yombo Centre. Present at the inauguration were Commissioner for Social Welfare, Mr Dunford Makala, and Miss Serena Bertaina, attaché for governance and economy at the EU. During the training, students and teachers at the Yombo Centre were introduced to the technology needed to produce a wind turbine from locally available materials. They then built and installed the turbine with the capacity to generate 1 KW of renewable energy. The turbine was purchased by CCBRT and is now providing renewable and affordable energy to the disability hospital. This is a great step forwards for CCBRT, which is keen to use sustainable and environmentally friendly sources of energy.

Students and teachers from the Yombo Centre stand at the foot of the wind turbine following its inauguration at CCBRT on 13 October

300 VVF surgeries performed by November

CCBRT performed its 300 fistula operation in early November, reaching the 2011 target early. With transport paid for via Vodafone M-PESA and free treatment, more and more women's lives are being transformed. Awareness raising and an expansion of the ambassador network, which facilitates referrals, have led to a noticeable rise in the number of operations performed. In 2009, CCBRT carried out 162 fistula operations. In 2010, the number was 268. This new record shows that there are many more women across Tanzania in need of treatment and CCBRT will increase numbers further in 2012.

Advocacy team visit Belgium and mark International Day for Persons with Disabilities with a sports day

CCBRT's Advocacy team visited CBM's EU liaison office in Belgium and some of its key European partners during an educational trip between 7 and 10 November. Suzan Boon, Fredrick Msigallah and Jaki Kweka from CCBRT, and Novath Rukwago from the Federation of Persons with Disabilities in Tanzania participated in the visit. The objective of the visit was to show CBM advocacy work towards the European institutions as well as to improve the understanding about its structure and functioning.

Novath Rukwago (SHIVYAWATA), Suzan Boon (CCBRT) and Lien Grimonprez (Light for the World Belgium)

On December 3, the team organised a sports day during which people with disabilities played football and raised awareness of the skills that they have and their many capabilities.

CCBRT 's Clinic launched its new website in October. The site features details of the services available at the clinic as well as biographies of the doctors who work at CCBRT and will support CCBRT 's planned expansion of its private service. Funds generated by the clinic are directed back into CCBRT 's main services so that the poorest of the poor can be treated. www.ccbrtclinic-tz.org

Many thanks to Augusto Zambaldo and his wife, Laura, for their commitment to CCBRT over many years. We wish you the very best for the future.

Mwanza and Mafia surgical outreaches see over 650 patients

The second paediatric surgical outreach of the year took place at Sengerema Missionary Hospital near Mwanza between 21 November and 3 December. Sekou Toure hospital in Mwanza city, where the outreach is usually held, is being renovated but even at the more remote location of Sengerema, the team saw 183 children for consultations. Two paediatric ophthalmologists, an anaesthetist, two nurses and one coordinator took part in the visit, during which a total of 63 children were operated for eye conditions. A further four children were referred to CCBRT and three to KCMC in Moshi.

Dr David Hughes tests a young boy 's eyes at Sengerema in Mwanza

Another great success was a surgical outreach to Mafia island in October, where a CCBRT team saw over 480 people in just two days. Of these, 64 were operated: 62 for cataract. Working with Mafia District Hospital, the trip was the first of its kind for three years.

Ambassador breakfast shows shared visions

Ambassadors and other honourable representatives attended an Ambassadors' Breakfast on 23 November to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of CCBRT Disability Hospital. The participants were updated on CCBRT's achievements and future plans, and the group discussed how together they can work towards the Millennium Development Goals. A hospital tour followed and CCBRT took the opportunity

to thank EU Ambassador, His Excellency Tim Clarke, and his wife Anne for their exceptional contribution to CCBRT's work.

Moshi programme selected sixth best programme in Tanzania

CCBRT is the sixth best out of 700 programmes in the country., according to the Foundation for Civil Society. Judges visited the House of Hope, met with beneficiaries in their homes and spoke to government officials before making the award. The programme is an ongoing success. Highlights from the quarter include the provision of WorldMade special seats to 60 children with disabilities and the distribution of more goats to families in the region through the

partnership with Heifer International. Staff in Moshi are dedicated and highly skilled. Albert Chaki, a physiotherapist with the programme, was recently appointed the World Federation of Occupational Therapy representative for Tanzania.

Meet the Team: Ruth Mlay

Ruth Mlay, Programme Manager, Moshi

CCBRT Moshi has a new programme manager following the departure of Augusto Zambaldo, who worked at CCBRT since it started in 1994. Ruth Mlay, a Tanzanian who has returned from posts oversees to work in her home country, previously worked with World Vision and brings with her a host of humanitarian and management skills. Ruth, who joined the team in July, is excited to be back in Tanzania and is especially proud to be part of such a successful and dynamic programme. 'When I decided to move back to Tanzania, I must admit I was a little apprehensive about working here. I am blessed to have landed this role at CCBRT. Few people can confidently and boldly claim to love their job after 5 months of work. I not only love my work, I think I am extremely fortunate to work with the team that I manage, they are challenging me, helping me grow even more and teaching me new things all the time,' she explains. CCBRT welcomes Ruth and wishes her all the very best for 2012.

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