



Welcome to CCBRT

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

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

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Quarterly Highlights

- Farewell and thank you to Dr Mark Wood, OBE
- UNFPA delegation visits fistula ward
- Money transfer via mobile phone trial brings 31 patients to CCBRT
- Widespread media coverage for fistula and maternal health
- Advocacy unit lobbies for recommendations in disability bill
- New health educator takes up post
- Corporate community lends support to CCBRT

Focus On Fistula As UNFPA Delegation Visits Hospital

In 2010, CCBRT aims to double the number of fistula operations it carries out and so there has been a greater focus this quarter on awareness raising about the condition. In February, these efforts were aided by a visit from UNFPA, which is supporting CCBRT's fistula services. Joining the delegation was UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador Yuko Arimori,



journalists from Japan and representatives from UNHCR. It is encouraging to note that in March CCBRT carried out 29 fistula surgeries, double the average monthly level achieved over the last two years.

M-PESA Trial Yields Promising Results

With backing from UNFPA and Vodacom, CCBRT has embarked on a trial project using mobile phone technology (currently Vodacom's M-PESA scheme) to help pay the transport costs for patients—transport

being a major barrier to treatment for many. So far, 17 women with fistula and 14 cleft lip patients have arrived at CCBRT for treatment via this method. An extremely promising start to the trial which we hope to roll out further.

International Women's Day Marked At CCBRT



To co-incide with International Women's Day on 8th March, we held an editorial briefing to launch the designs for Baobab Maternity Hospital.

This event was coupled with gifts being handed over to the women in the fistula ward to mark their bravery in coming forward for

treatment. These activities resulted in widespread media coverage on three TV stations, three radio stations as well as printed articles in several mainstream newspapers. They all touched on maternal health issues and raised awareness about fistula. Following the media briefing, CCBRT will embark on two journalist training sessions on maternal and newborn health and disability issues.

Moshi CBR Programme in TV Documentary



CCBRT's Moshi based community programme featured in a 30 minute documentary by Star

Television this quarter. The piece covered a week of intensive treatment at the House of

Hope, and featured physiotherapy and occupational therapy, education activities, and appropriate seating clinics.

The documentary was aired on Star TV several times in January 2010 and was shown to CCBRT staff in Dar es Salaam.



Mr Kulwa, from the Education Ministry receiving a Braille machine from CCBRT.



Dr Mark Wood, OBE



CCBRT's new health educator, Method Ndabaneze



CCBRT has been advocating for greater accessibility to polling stations for PWD at this year's upcoming elections.

Education Ministry Receives Teaching Aids For CWD From CCBRT

CCBRT provided the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training with a wide range of teaching materials for children with disabilities (CWD) in late March. CCBRT's HIV/AIDS and disability programme (supported by PEPFAR and CBM) handed over the materials and learning devices during a press conference at CCBRT. One of the project's

aims is to improve access to sexual and reproductive health education for CWD. The materials included: three Braille copying machines, five audiometers, 70 hearing aids, 20 magnifiers, and 100 white canes. The materials will be distributed by the ministry to 11 schools in seven districts across five regions where the PEPFAR programme is active.

A Decade of Service: Thank You Dr Mark Wood, OBE

In January, CCBRT said a fond farewell to Dr Mark Wood, OBE. Mark, a CBM ophthalmologist, had been with CCBRT since 2000 and was head of the eye department until 2009. Mark also established the eye unit at Kikuyu Hospital in Kenya. In 2006, Mark was recognised for his contribution to blind people in East Africa and was awarded an Order of the British Empire by the British monarch. Dr Wood will spend a year in Papua New Guinea working in eye care there before his retirement. Erwin Telemans, CCBRT's CEO said, "Mark made an

extraordinary contribution to CCBRT and to the lives of vision impaired people in Tanzania. We will miss him greatly and wish him the very best for the future."



Patients To Benefit From Health Education

Patients at CCBRT are now able to learn more about disabilities, eye diseases and HIV/AIDS. Method Ndabaneze, CCBRT's new health educator, is tasked with providing information to patients and caregivers who are either waiting for consultations or who are already in the wards. He is also organising daily educational activities for children in the wards,

many of whom stay with us for weeks or even months recovering from surgery. These activities include language, maths, art and physical education classes. Through his work, Method will educate a wide audience and empower others to prevent and recognise disabilities and disease.

Make Elections Accessible Urges CCBRT's Advocacy Unit

In March, a member of CCBRT's newly formed advocacy team participated in a stakeholders meeting which discussed the challenges and needs for effective participation of people with disabilities (PWDs) in the forthcoming general elections in Tanzania. Some of the challenges raised were: inaccessible polling stations, inaccessible information about the elections, low level of voter education among PWDs, and a lack of sign language interpreters. Following the meeting, several recommendations to tackle the

challenges were made to the National Electoral Commission. This quarter, CCBRT also met with other stakeholders to review the new Bill of Persons with Disabilities which is to be tabled in parliament soon following a prior delay. The meeting aimed at identifying gaps and providing recommendations for improvements to the bill before it is enacted by parliament. Comprehensive recommendations were prepared and submitted to the parliamentary committee.



Hon. Samuel Sitta at CCBRT's corporate event in February.

CCBRT 's annual report has just been released and is available to view at http://www.ccbt.or.tz/uploads/media/CCBRT_Annual_Report_2009.pdf



Customer care training at CCBRT run by Standard Chartered Bank.



Mpendo Selemani, CBR Social Worker

Tanzania's Corporate Community Lends Support to CCBRT

Honourable Samuel Sitta, Speaker of Parliament and Patron of CCBRT urged the corporate community to lend their support to CCBRT in its delivery of disability services and future delivery of maternity services to the poorest people in Tanzania. Mr Sitta was speaking at an event organised by CCBRT at the Kilimanjaro Kempinski hotel in February. The fully sponsored event was also attended by Dr Willibrod Slaa, MP, CCBRT's President of the Board, along with 70 CEOs and managers of some of Tanzania's largest companies. The event led to several

corporate partnerships/future collaborations with Twiga Cement, DJPA, Zain, Colour Print and Sasatel among them. We are most grateful for this additional support. The aim of the event was also to encourage corporates to join our Friends scheme whereby employees can make regular donations to CCBRT. So far, 80 employees of CCBRT have joined the scheme with firms such as Radar Group, Standard Chartered and KCB pledging their commitment to it. Many thanks to AY&R for their pro-bono design work for the Friends scheme.

CCBRT Features in Malaria No More US Advocacy Campaign

Malaria No More, a US NGO working to end deaths from malaria, filmed at CCBRT in January to show the link between malaria and some disabling conditions such as cerebral palsy. These short films were designed to raise awareness in the US about the widespread and devastating effects of malaria. In order to raise awareness about malaria locally and to demonstrate its wider impact, more filming took place in February. Local celebrities such as

Lady Jay Dee the leading female Tanzanian musician, and Maunda and Banana Zorro, took part in the short films at the disability hospital and out in the field. These were aired at a major concert in Dar es Salaam attended by around 20,000 people and Lady Jay Dee wrote about her experiences at CCBRT in her blog: <http://ladyjaydee.blogspot.com/2010/02/leo-asubuhitumetembelelea-hospital-ya.html>

Training In Customer Care For CCBRT Staff

Standard Chartered Bank is assisting CCBRT in many practical ways as well as through financial support. Standard Chartered staff members volunteer during mobile outreach visits, helping out with registration and eye screening as well as mobilization ahead of the clinics. At CCBRT's request, the bank also conducted a customer care training session in

February which was attended by nurses, registration staff and receptionists. Emelda Lwena, CCBRT's hospital matron found the training very useful: "We were reminded about the importance of giving a warm welcome, listening to the patients and referring them when you can't answer their questions personally."

Meet The Team: Mpendo Selemani

Mpendo Selemani has been working with CCBRT's community programme team for nearly a decade. Formerly involved in legal aid, his current role is to mobilise communities around Dar es Salaam to provide services for children with disabilities and to include them in community activities. He is also co-ordinating the 'community contribution scheme', currently being piloted by community

programme clients. This is a type of insurance system where families with family member living with a disability contribute a small amount of money to receive services and equipment such as assistive devices. Mpendo is optimistic about the challenges ahead: "We can really mobilise the people and change their behaviour towards people with a disability," he said.