

Bo Children's Hospital continues to grow over 25,000 children treated since 2012 opening



SEPTEMBER 2018

BO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OPERATING SURGERY

As word of Bo Children's Hospital reputation as a leading children's hospital spreads, more pressure is put on the medical staff to do minor surgery. One such surgery was carried out at the hospital recently by removing an inguinal hernia from a boy to relieve him of his pain and discomfort. A local surgeon performed the operation assisted by our medical staff. The operation was successful and the boy has fully recovered.



Photos show during and after surgery



New Operating Room Fitout

We are now converting one of the hospital rooms into a Day Surgery to provide services to meet the need minor surgery services. This will entail a fit out of an existing room which will initially cost AU\$9,500. The surgeries will be performed by visiting qualified medical surgeons.



Photos show some of the medical equipment bought for setting up the Operation Room including an Autoclave and Monitor set



16 Month old boy treated for burns

A 16 month old boy was admitted to Bo Children's Hospital to be treated for severe burns to his body. He has responded well to treatment and is now successfully moving around the hospital indicative of the positive response to treatment at the hospital.

Photos show him moving around the hospital with his mother.

Hospital shop proving a success

An initial sum of money was provided to purchase supplies of powdered milk biscuits, sugar, tinned food and other basic items for mothers to buy at the hospital. These are sold at the pharmacy window at retail prices. The shop means mothers do not have to go into town to get supplies, which is much more convenient and also saves them the cost of transport to and from town. The sales from the shop are increasing.



Increase in fuel prices affects generator and vehicle costs

We continue to face challenges in the area provision of fuel especially also due to the increase per litre. We are also facing challenges on the Solar Energy installation as we do not have a reliable 24 hour power supply of electricity from the solar panels. The solar technician who visited the hospital advised us to replace the batteries so we could have a dependable power supply in order to keep the oxygen machines running at night. This has since been carried out and the batteries have been replaced, thanks to our wonderful donors.



Pharmacy software training

Training has commenced on the Software for both the Pharmacist and Administration Officer. Up until now records have been done manually and it is hoped electronic records will be more efficient. Training is being conducted via Skype with a software company in Sydney.

Crops grown on hospital grounds

The Hospital has also embarked on growing some crops on the land behind the building. The crops of the season the hospital has started with are groundnuts (peanuts), sweet potatoes, cucumbers, cassava, and corn which form part of the local diet. The plan is to harvest and sell produce to staff and patients. Money is still needed for labour and other expenses but we hope to get some cash return from produce sales



Medecins Sans Frontiers visits Bo Children's Hospital

The Head of Mission of Medecins Sans Frontiers visited the Hospital and a monitoring tour was conducted by Admin/Finance Officer showing her some of the facilities and departments in the Hospital. Her visit was to sign an MOU with the Hospital to transfer their workers' children for treatment whenever they get ill, especially for their workers working out of Bo.

Intercom/Landline

It is planned to install a landline and intercom connection. This will allow us to access emails and respond to them quickly. It will also enable the Medical Superintendent to be contacted quickly in emergencies and improve communication between departments of the hospital. Cost of the installation is AUS\$3000.



VISIT BY UK SPECIALIST – Dr David Sellu

Dr Sellu was born in a small village near Bo and was educated in Sierra Leone. He studied medicine in England where he specialised as a Colorectal Surgeon, he is now semi retired. Dr Sellu paid a visit to Bo Children's Hospital in May and was very impressed with the standard of care provided and the running of the hospital. He did note the many areas of need for the hospital and made a number of helpful suggestions relating to medical equipment and the laboratory. He also suggested raising salaries for staff as there has been no increase since the hospital opened 6 years ago. He supports the plan to provide facilities for minor surgical procedures to be performed at the hospital.

URGENT NEEDS

Bo Children's Hospital Foundation in Australia contributes each month towards operating costs of the hospital including staff wages and medicines. There is no support from the government and the government is going to increase the basic wage. Unfortunately we are unable to contribute to the increase. Bo Children's Hospital is looking at other alternatives to bring in income including opening a surgery and doing more laboratory tests for other facilities.

Sponsoring key medical staff would be of great help, current wages are:

Doctor - AUS \$760.00 monthly

Nurse - AUS \$181.00 monthly

Laboratory Technician - AUS \$241.00 monthly

Croquet Fundraiser

Sunday 28th October 2018

Cammeray Croquet Club,

325 Ernest Street, Neutral Bay

Time: 4pm-8pm

Rain, Hail or Shine!

Cost \$50

(tax deductible to Bo Children's Hospital)

Includes BBQ with salad and dessert - BYO drinks

Limit of 40 participants

All equipment provided by the Club

Email Ros Madden : rrmadden@iinet.net.au

RSVP: 20/10/2018

All proceeds go to Bo Children's Hospital

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\$40 can provide clinical treatment for 25 children per month
\$110 can provide bandages, swabs and sutures package for one month
\$240 can support full hospitalization for 1 child per month

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