

Bo Children's Hospital Project

Project Visit February 2010

Observations and Notes

Introduction

Significant activity and progress is evident, as is the commitment of the Bo Rotary Club and the wider community. Plans are well advanced for the formal Foundation Ceremony to be held on 25th February in the presence of the local dignitaries, the Paramount Chief and Section Chiefs, the Mayor, representatives of the Government and the local communities as well as the local rotarians.

The Site

Extensive preparation works have been carried out and the site cleared and signed. A well has been dug with the support of WHI, an american NGO, and is now operational.

The cleared hospital site



Chris Potter and the sign



The consulting engineer, a rotarian, is supervising the site and the building plans for phase 1 will be pegged out ready for the ceremony. The construction programme will be in three phases, with phase 1 the clinic, 1 ward and ancillary facilities coming on stream first.

Supporting Activities

A major fund raising and donor programme will be launched at the Foundation Ceremony with a number of potential donors already identified. A dinner will be held on the evening of the ceremony to which potential supporters and donors will be invited. The Hospital Management Committee is chaired by



Francis Lavally - President of Bo Rotary - demonstrates the well

the ex Vice President of Sierra Leone, a rotarian, who is also a qualified doctor. It is anticipated that HE The President of Sierra Leone, a rotarian would wish to be a supporter of the project.



Some of the building team on site



Dr Nuli Lemoh talking to the consultant engineer John Minah



Rotary Meeting

The Rotary Club of Bo held a meeting specifically to welcome the visitors and the discuss the Foundation Ceremony and the the broader project. It is evident that the club have taken this project and are fully committed to success. Some of the vision is well into the future but that is very encouraging. Evidence from a number of other projects including a Eucumenical Vocational School suggest that as individuals and as a group they get things done.





The Rotary Club of Bo

Other Ideas

- Power supply is erratic and inconsistent and alternative micro generating systems need exploring as well as solar systems.
- For solar systems these may be better used in hot water systems. Most properties only work on cold water but the hospital will require hot water for cleaning, bathing etc. At present the only energy sources would be wood fired or electricity which would be expensive and require significant energy.
- Mobile phone coverage is extensive and seems reliable. Most internet connections use mobile rather than land line systems. With the laptop and scanner/printer that has already been provided it would be possible to use internet resources in support of clinical diagnosis and treatment as well as aspects of education and training. A significant body of knowledge and resources are available free and using free online communications such as Skype would provide a referral system to other clinicians in Australia and elsewhere who had volunteered to support the project.



Some of the children the project is aimed to support

