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New Paediatric Block

The Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital was delighted, when, on 23 July 2004, HE Dr Alh Yahya A.J.J Jammeh President of the Republic of the Gambia, officially opened the a new wing for the Paediatric Department, which was sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank Gambia Ltd.

The hospital is very grateful to Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) who financed the new block and also sponsored the intensive care unit for some years.

The opening ceremony took place in the presence of the vice president HE Madam Isatou Njie-Saidy, the first lady Madam Zineb Yahya Jammeh, the Hon SoS for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Yankuba Kassama, along with Mr. Onesimo-Jacob Makumba, Chief Executive of SCB.

Momodou Senghore, Chairman, SCB Board of directors, said the "Bank's assistance focuses on health, youth



Staff at the opening of the New Paediatric Block

and education". He said "over the years the Bank has sponsored the intensive care unit of the hospital, provided incubators, and treated mosquito nets for the children's ward. SCB staff looked at providing additional capacity for children's care. Soon after, I had the honour and privilege on behalf of SCB to give the vice president a cheque of

D4 million for the construction of an extension of these paediatric facilities".

Sister Haddy Njie the paediatric matron said "the new block is very important and it comes at the right time. It will ease congestion in the wards, allow much better patient care and greatly improve the working environment for the staff". She thanked the SCB and called it a job well done!

In her vote of thanks, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, Chief Medical Director, expressed the gratitude of all at RVTH for the generosity of SCB; she said the ceremony has given a boost to all at RVTH. It cements further the partnership between the hospital and SCB.

By Ebrima Jallow and Bintou Sanno.

ActionAid The Gambia refurbishes Campama

At a ceremony at the Campama Psychiatric Unit on 12th November 2004, ActionAid The Gambia, were thanked for refurbishing the unit, at a cost of over D300,000 (three hundred thousand dalasis).

The works included repainting all of the site and fixing roofing, mosquito nets, burglar bars, windows and other elements. The aim of the work is to ensure that RVTH Campama is a safe, secure and pleasant environment for staff, patients and the general public.

ActionAid has also pledged over D6 million to buy psychiatric drugs for Campama. This very generous gesture will ensure over one year's supply of essential medication.



Left to Right Tim Conduit, Development Adviser, Anne-Marie Mendy Campama Matron, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, RVTH Chief Medical Director, Saihou Janneh, Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Department of State for Health and Social Welfare, Yahya Sanyang, the Country Director of ActionAid The Gambia, Geoffrey Renner, Chairman of the RVTH Board, Almamo Barrow, the AATG HIV/Aids Co-ordinator.

The ceremony was attended by Yahya Sanyang, the Country Director of ActionAid The Gambia, Almamo Barrow, the AATG HIV/Aids Co-ordinator and Lamin Nyangado, AATG Manager, Policy and Advocacy Department. The ceremony was also graced by Saihou Janneh, Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Department of State for Health and Social Welfare as well as Geoffrey Renner, Chairman of the RVTH Board and Dr Pamela Esangbedo, RVTH Chief Medical Director.

Yahya Sanyang, the AATG Country Director, said "We are delighted that our commitment to the hospital has been realised in such a tangible way at Campama and look forward to closer co-operation to improve mental health services."

Dr Esangbedo, the RVTH Chief Medical Director, added "ActionAid The Gambia have stepped in to help to meet some acute challenges in the provision of mental health services. I am delighted to see the difference that this refurbishment has made to the staff and patients at Campama. The purchase of essential drugs will enable us to concentrate on providing a high quality service to psychiatric patients, both at Campama and nationwide".

Gamcel donates D100,000 to RVTH

In a ceremony on 14th September 2004, in the presence of Her Excellency Madam Isatou Njie-Saidy, the Vice President and Minister for Women's Affairs, Gamcel donated D100,000 to RVTH.

The Hon Secretary of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Yankuba Kassama, also thanked Gamcel and placed on record his untiring support of the development of the Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital as a high-quality clinical institution.

Mr Pierre Walter Chery from Gamcel, handing over the cheque to Her Excellency the Vice President, indicated that Gamcel was very conscious of its social obligations and was delighted to extend their existing programme through this donation.



The Hon Secretary of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Yankuba Kassama,

In his vote of thanks, Mr Geoffrey Renner, Chairman of the RVTH Hospital Management Board extended the gratitude of all RVTH's stakeholders to Gamcel, and indicated that this donation represented another step in building a solid financial future for RVTH – a future which will require all sections of the community, from users of the healthcare facilities to Government, to contribute to ensure that a teaching hospital worthy of The Gambia itself is created.

RVTH News has New Editorial Team

The Editorial Team who so successfully produced the previous editions of the highly acclaimed *RVTH News* has been joined by several dynamic new correspondents. The new strong team has reporters and writers representing a wide range of functions and departments within the hospital. They will shine new light on the life and work of the hospital.



*Back Row: Passeedy Kinteh, Gabou Sylva, Ebrima Jallow, Bintou Sanno.
Front Row: Jamila Sanneh, Amadou Beyai*

The Editorial Team are

Gabou Sylva	Registry
Amadou Beyai	Medical Records Office
Bintou Sanno	Laboratory
Paseedy Kinteh	Radiography
Ebrima Jallow	Laboratory
Jamila Sanneh	SMAC Lab
Abba Hydera	Medical Student
Haddy Bah	Laboratory

Look out for their exciting news stories and in depth reporting in this and future editions of the new look *RVTH News*. If you would like to get involved as a reporter or on the production side please contact the senior reporter Gabou Sylva.

Bantaba

(With Gabou Sylva)



The Bantaba editor Gabou Sylva went to interview the young Gambian doctor, Dr Winston Ceesay. The following is what he discovered, another interesting story to tell.

Gabou:

Can you please tell me who is Dr Winston?

Dr Ceesay:

Wow! Well I think I would just echo what people say about I graduated from Medical School in 2001 and completed my house job in January 2003 and then returned home.

Gabou:

What inspired you to join the medical profession?

Dr Ceesay:

Actually, there was no such thing as an ambition to become a doctor. If one did well in school in those days it was just natural to become a doctor. It was sad to have patients having to lie in the corridors of hospitals for days waiting to see a doctor, some even dying without being seen. So the need for more doctors was a strong factor in my decision, especially after losing someone close to me. But after becoming a doctor I came to realise that you can't save everyone, neither can you be everywhere at the same time.

Gabou:

We knew Dr Winston Ceesay

before in the department of Obs and Gynae, but now you are training to be an ophthalmologist.

Why did you change your field?

Dr Ceesay:

Even after Medical School, choosing a speciality can be very difficult. Where I trained, the department of Obs and Gynae was the most organised in the hospital and it was very natural

that most doctors would want to flock there. I really had a keen interest in Obs and gynae.

Coming home and analysing the situation in RVTH, I realised that Obs and Gynae was not the place for me. There are already competent people like the Deputy Chief Medical Director, Dr Malick Njie, Dr Camara and Dr Mbowe who are doing a great job. Actually in my pre-clinical years my interest was ophthalmology and ENT. This interest was rekindled when I came back to find out that the Eye Unit was very well organised and managed.

Gabou:

Looking at the present and reflecting on the past do you think there is much to be done in the Health sector?

Dr Ceesay:

Frankly a lot has to be done, but there has been a lot of improvement compared to the past. Health Education has to be stressed. It is ironic that in the 21st century people still put urine, cow dung, petrol, soap etc into their eyes to treat 'APOLLO' or walk into the labour ward to deliver when they have never attended any Antenatal Clinic.

Gabou:

You travelled to Nigeria earlier this year, Why did you go there?

Dr Ceesay:

I am currently doing a post

graduate Diploma in phthlalmology offered by the West African College of Surgeons. I was in Nigeria to do the first block and I am doing my first clinical posting here.

Gabou:

Is this your first course in Ophthalmology?

Dr Ceesay:

Yes, it is

Gabou:

What advice would you give on how to keep your eyes in good condition?

Dr Ceesay:

Good personal hygiene is the most important aspect as it embraces all other factors. Our environment must be kept clean, we do not have to wait for 'Operation Clean the Nation' before we clean our neighbourhood. Face washing is essential. We should also avoid harmful traditional practices and the use of traditional eye medication. All eye problems should be reported to trained eye care providers. These measures would go a long way to ensure healthy eyes.

Gabou:

What are your future plans?

Dr Ceesay:

We are all aware of the fact that eye care in the Gambia has come a long way. A lot of work has been done by Dr Hannah Faal to get us where we are today. My main aim is to push on from here and this can only be done by the concerted efforts of all eye care providers, sponsors and the Government. The main task ahead of me is to help the Gambia achieve Vision 2020, the Right to Sight, which by the Grace of God we will achieve.

Gabou:

Thank you.

Welcome Volunteers from UK

Joanne Giford:

Jo is a VSO Paediatrician from Scotland and will be working at RVTH for one year. As well as keeping busy on the wards Jo is hoping to set-up a community paediatric service and to work with the disabled. Jo has previously worked in India as well as the UK, and when asked about what she would miss of home she said cold weather and her snow- board!



Sonia Forrester:

Sonia is from Yorkshire, England and has joined the RVTH as a VSO Nurse Trainer. Sonia has worked in a variety of areas in both the UK and Saudi Arabia ranging from Drug Rehabilitation units to High Dependency Units. She is happy to be travelling again and is enjoying the swimming, constant sunshine and chicken swarms! Sonia is a keen scuba diver, and can fire eat!(but not at the same time!!).



Allan Rickmann:

Allan is a VSO management adviser to the Chief Medical Director, originally from Scotland, Allan went to University in Edinburgh. His work has taken him round the world, India, South Africa, Japan, America and now here in The Gambia. He always eats what locals eat and enjoys Gambian food, especially domada. Keeping on the subject of food, Allan says he is craving fish and Chips 'British' style (that's wrapped in a newspaper with lots of salt and vinegar!), We better not see you eating your chips from the RVTH News!!



**A big welcome to all
of them**



**Sypol Ltd Gifts
D108,000
Power Point Projector**

The Hospital has taken delivery of a new Mitsubishi LVP SA Power Point Projector worth D108,000, a gift from Sypol Ltd, a British Company. The projector was sent by Mrs Karen Baxter the Managing Director of Sypol.

The new projector will be used to provide better presentations in the teaching of medical students, to make presentations at Regional Medical conferences, and to enhance presentations to government departments. The projector will also allow the hospital to present a much more professional image to sponsors and visitors to the hospital.

Dr Malick Nijie, Deputy Chief Medical Director said "We are

very grateful to Sypol for this state of the art teaching aid. It will greatly enhance the training of doctors in the Gambia"



Karen Baxter, Managing Director, Sypol Ltd

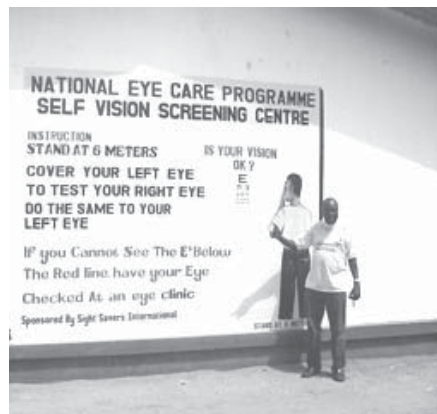
World Sight Day

Members of the RVTH ophthalmology department recently took part in "World Sight Day" in Kerewan. The event was organised by Sight Savers International to raise awareness of eye health across the Country. Representatives from many organisations converged on Kerewan on 14 October to reinforce the message that eye care is important and to familiarise the residents of the region of the medical services available at primary, secondary and tertiary level. The contribution made by the RTVH staff was greatly appreciated by the organisers and the people of Kerewan.

Many RVTH Departments are active in supporting disability programmes and community health education programmes ranging from country wide psychiatric care, through stress management and malaria advice to eye care.



Banjul Police Band marching in Kerewan



Dr Sanyang, National Director of Sight Savers unveiling the self vision screening chart

**Bantaba
The Philosophy of Life**

What should we do not to be blamed?

Mans life is full of temptations
Take time! Take time! Don't be in haste!

The world is round like a ball.

Whatever she does, people will talk
If she is beautiful, she is a devil
If she is sad, she is very wicked
If she is friendly, she is playful
If she smiles, she is a fool
If she talks, she is a parrot
If she is quiet, she is a coward.

If you are pious, you are a hypocrite
If you take part in no religion, you are a sinner

If you have money, you are a miser
If you spend it, you are a fool
If you don't get it, you will be the worst being

So friends what should one do not to be blamed?

Life is so! Just take time and plan your future.

Joke I

Doctor: Well Mr Calamity I will have to cut you open once again

Mr Calamity: But why do you have to do it again
(The patient)

Doctor: Because I left my gloves in your stomach

Mr Calamity: Don't worry, Take this money and buy yourself a new pair!

Joke II

A man known as Mr Wonderful was having a rest in his house. The house became so hot that he became uncomfortable. So he took his fishing net and went to the forest and started throwing his net in the air. When a passer by saw him and asked him what he was doing, he said "Look I am trying to catch the wind and take it to my house so that it can blow away the hot air in my house.

New Quality Management System for RVTH

During her recent visit to hospital in Germany the Chief Medical Director, Pamela Esangbedo was very impressed by the positive impact made by Quality Management Systems on patient care. She also observed the improvements made to hospital efficiency, cost savings and inter departmental co-operation when procedures were properly documented, implemented and enforced. She is therefore determined to push RVTH forward



into a new era of Quality Management.

The Hospital Management Board has appointed Augusta Mendy to be the new Quality Manager to lead the way forward. She will be supported by Quality Champions in every clinical, support and service department. The quality team will support the work of departments by discussing and documenting procedures

Once the procedures are in place the Quality Team will audit every department, at least once a year, and will report to the Chief Medical Director. The new Quality System will set the basic standards of clinical care and professional performance for the hospital and will provide a platform for increasing standards to meet international criteria.

Dr Esangbedo said, "The new Quality Management System is essential to placing the hospital on

a firm footing for future success. I am determined to lead the hospital forward and confidently expect every member of staff to support this important venture".

The first step in the new quality system was taken when members of the Management team were given training in quality management systems by Clive Conduit. Clive is an expert in Quality Management in the UK.



*Back Row: Clive Conduit, Dr Malick Njie, Augusta Mendy, Sonia Forrester, Allan Rickmann
Front Row, Mrs Awa John, Dr Pamela Esangbedo, Mrs Josephine Correa*

New Schools Health Education Programme

Acting Matron Augusta Mendy supported by Tumani Janneh, Kono Jabbie and James Gomez visited eleven schools at the end of October to teach the children about the dangers of malaria. The team also described the important research being carried out at the hospital in conjunction with the MRC.

This Health Promotion programme was a management initiative developed from the strategy document "The Way Forward – Improving health for all Gambians". Children were chosen as the target audience for this programme because of

the strong influence they can have in spreading the message to parents and the other adult relatives.

Both primary and secondary schools were visited in the Banjul area and more than 12,000 children listened attentively to the RVTH team. Augusta said "the children were very interested in our message, it is extremely important to teach the young how to avoid malaria rather than having to treat the disease. Clearly a small amount of money invested in preventative medicine will save huge amounts from the hospital and Department of State for Health and Social Welfare budget".

Augusta hopes that this malaria education programme will continue to encompass the Greater Banjul area and cover many other health issues This education programme supplements the health instruction videos currently being shown in RTVH outpatient clinics and the Accident and Emergency Department waiting area.



Acting Matron Augusta Mendy

MRC Chief Executive visits RVTH

On Wednesday 20th October 2004, Professor Colin Blakemore, the Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council (MRC) visited RVTH. Prof Blakemore has responsibility for MRC's global activities, not only its work in The Gambia. He was accompanied by Dr Tumani Corrah, the Unit Director for MRC The Gambia and Professor David Warrell, a special adviser to the MRC Chief Executive.

The visitors were received by the Chief Medical Director, Deputy Chief Medical Director and members of RVTH management. The Chief Medical Director underlined RVTH's importance to the work undertaken by MRC in The Gambia. RVTH provides a significant amount of clinical data, which supports studies and work undertaken by MRC. She expressed the hope that co-operation between the two organisations could be enhanced, to the undoubted benefit of both institutions.

Prof Blakemore thanked RVTH for the opportunity to see for himself the activities in which MRC are currently involved at RVTH and was shown the main areas of MRC/RVTH co-operation; the RVTH Paediatric Department, the RVTH Laboratory Services and the Medical Records Department. The MRC group met staff at all of these departments and some lively conversations ensued!

Dr Corrah expressed the willingness of MRC to enhance its existing support to RVTH, within the constraints of MRC's mission as a research-focussed organisation.

Speaking after the visit, the Chief Medical Director said "It was a great pleasure to show Prof Blakemore the progress which has already been made at RVTH and to discuss ways in which MRC can benefit from this progress. RVTH already gains much from our relationship with MRC and I look forward to a future of ever closer co-operation, producing both world-class research and high quality healthcare, for the benefit of all Gambians."



Dr Pamela Esangbedo, Chief Medical Director RVTH, Dr Tomani Corrah, Unit Director for MRC the Gambia and Professor Colin Blakemore Head of MRC Global Activities



MRC visitors and RVTH Senior Management outside the new Paediatrics Building

Africell Donation to RVTH

In September, Africell, one of The Gambia's leading mobile phone companies, donated much needed drugs, equipment and surgical items. This kind and generous gesture was made in a ceremony in the presence of the Hon Secretary of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Yankuba Kassama. Mr Martin Brady, the Marketing and Sales Manager for Africell, said again that Africell was committed to assisting the health sector and the hospital in particular, and stated that the donation was merely a short-term gesture. He pledged that Africell would continue to build a lasting partnership with the hospital.

Dr Yankuba Kassama praised Africell's courage in pledging half of its profits from its SMS service to assist the hospital and hoped, for the sake of the healthcare service, that Africell would be successful.



Dr Yankuba Kassama Secretary of State for Health and Social Welfare (left), Martin Brady, Africell Sales and Marketing Manager (centre)

Put a Knot in it!

At a very well attended seminar on surgical sutures the hospital medical staff enjoyed an interesting talk from Steven Brockie of Ethicon. Steven described the many different sutures available and discussed the best suture for different clinical procedures. One gem of information is that "cat gut" a long term favourite of surgeons does not come from cats! It is produced for Ethicon from the bowels of sheep, in India.

Matron Passes with Flying Colours

Mam Marie Jagne has passed her Masters Degree in Hospital Management in Leeds UK.

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Congratulations on a successful period of very hard work, Matron. We certainly look forward to her return to the hospital to begin to put into practice what she has learned during her Master's course.

Partners Breakfast

The presentation to the companies who generously sponsor wards, building and refurbishment projects and who finance drugs and supplies will be held on 17 December. Since these companies are good friends and loyal supporters of the hospital we prefer to call them our "Partners". So the early morning presentation will be our "Partners Breakfast". It is an excellent opportunity to thank them

and discuss the exciting plans for 2005.

Professor Adekolu – John: Co-ordinator of Residency Programme

Congratulations to Professor Adekolu-John on his appointment as Co-ordinator of the Residency Programme for student doctors. This appointment will involve him in the screening and admission of doctors to the Residency Programme, facilitating professional medical examinations and setting up lectures, seminars and field practice. The professor will also support the Clinico-Pathological conference

Dr Tumani Corrah: WACP President

The hospital has sent its congratulations to Dr Tumani Corrah, the Unit Director for MRC The Gambia who was recently appointed to be the

President of the West African College of Physicians (WACP). This is a very prestigious appointment which reflects very well on the MRC and The Gambia. Congratulations Dr Corrah, and well done!



Dr Tumani Corrah,
The Unit Director for MRC
The Gambia

Nurses News

By Sonia Forrester/Yandi

Many thanks to all of you who have welcomed me on to your wards and departments. It has been great to talk to you all, one of the ideas was our own page in 'RVTH News'. So here it is!! If you have any comments, ideas for subjects to go into this feature or examples of good practice please let me know.

How to make the most of your study Time

Most of you expressed your desire to study, but with long working hours and a busy home lives it's hard to find the time. The reality is, with increasing emphasis on continuing professional development, study is a part of nursing. As we know, if our area of interest does not have a specialist training course, it is necessary to motivate ourselves and update our skills through 'self directed study' - which is not easy, but its not impossible!!

Study Tips

- Choose the right thing to study – talk to your Department Matron or come and see me if you don't know where to start.
- Keep reminding yourself why you are studying, eg to improve nursing care or to learn new skills to share with my colleagues.
- Use the library! It's packed full of journals and books!
- Aim for one hour a week
- Ask if anyone is interested in being your 'study buddy'. Its more interesting and you can share ideas – pick a topic together.

Notice Board

Workshops

Volunteers are required to assist in the delivery of workshops on the following topics.

1. Diabetes
2. Wound Care
3. Cardiac care and ECG's
4. Care of the Critically Ill
5. Paediatrics

Don't Forget to Donate Blood!

Moses Sylva

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Moses Sylva our Senior Telephone Operator. He died on 17 October 2004 and was buried on 21 October 2004. He was a dedicated member of staff and served the hospital diligently for many years. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and all hospital staff. He was a very popular and well liked man who earned the respect of everyone who met him.

May His Soul Rest in Perfect Peace.

Health The Gambia

In a very exciting development, a new charity has been formed to fundraise for the hospital overseas. Health The Gambia (HTG) is based in the UK. It is run by a group of seven trustees, three of whom are the Chief Medical Director, Deputy Chief Medical Director and the Chairman of the Hospital Management Board.

The aim of HTG is to raise money for the hospital. This could be for anything, from the provision of some training, to the purchase of some much-needed equipment, through help with salaries to clinical research.

If a donor gives to HTG, they can be sure that their donation is secure and will be used for the good of the hospital. As there are hospital representatives on its Board, HTG will ensure that its funding is being targeted to the real needs of the hospital.

To minimise running costs, HTG will be staffed initially by volunteers, mostly people who have been VSOs at the hospital, like David Lancaster and Matt Williams.



Tim Conduit, Development Adviser and inspiration for Health the Gambia

How to donate

If you have contacts overseas who could donate through HTG, please ask them to look at the Donors page of the hospital website (www.rvth.dosh.gm). All the information is there. Alternatively, you can talk to Tim Conduit, the Development Adviser, who will be happy to give you lots of information and leaflets.

How you/your department can apply for funding

First, find a project! Then, fill in an HTG proposal form. These should be available from your Head of Department, or you can find copies on the Accounts Department computers or from the CMD's secretary's computer. Then follow the procedure on the proposal form. It's really that simple.

If HTG thinks your project will benefit the hospital then the project could be funded by HTG.

Remember, HTG can only fund projects if it has the money. We all have a responsibility to fundraise for RVTH. Make sure you do your bit by asking all your overseas contacts to help RVTH through HTG.



Spotlight
By Amadou Beyai

Mrs Isatou Sowe

Mrs Isatou Sowe joined the hospital in 1995 as an Admin records clerk; she worked in various departments in the hospital like the medical records office and the X-Ray unit. She attended the National Records Service management course at MDI in 2000, and now she is the Admin Records Supervisor. Isatou is blessed with kids, both girls.



Mr Landing Faal

Mr Landing Faal came to the hospital in 1991 as a lab assistant. He was posted to various health facilities, spending two years in the Polyclinic in 1995 and four years in Faji Kunda Health Centre. He then transferred to the Kuntaur Health Centre where he spent almost three years. He said the work in the health facilities was often very hectic but always rewarding.



Landing has been back in the hospital for some time now. He is a Senior Laboratory Technician managing the Haematology Unit of the lab. He graduated from the University of Westminster on a distance learning programme and holds a Diploma in Biomedical Laboratory Science, with distinction.

Mr Sulay Ndure

Mr Sulay Ndure started in the hospital in 1993 as an accounts clerk, now he is the Hospital Accountant. He is always busy with the financial transactions of the hospital, including paying staff salaries. So the end of the month is always a busy time for Sulay preparing salaries, daily expenditures etc. He is pleased to be studying his ACCA Foundation course at Jollof Tutors.



Mrs Tida Sonko

Mrs Tida Sonko joined the hospital nearly 20 years ago as a nurse attendant. She is now a senior nurse attendant and in-charge of the Isolation Ward. She attended an in-service training course in the School of Nursing in 2001. She really enjoys working with her colleagues and finds her work fulfilling.



Mrs Sosseh Badjie

Mrs Sosseh Badjie joined the hospital in 1991 as a Stores Clerk, being redeployed from the Central Medical Stores of the Medical and Health Headquarters. She studied Stores Management, Stock Management and Information Technology at GTTI. Upon completion she was deployed to the maintenance stores to set up a system as the Central store.



She is happily married to the former Deputy Chief Executive of RVH who is now the CE of Sulayman Junkung Hospital. They are blessed with four kids. Mrs Badjie is happy with her job which gives her a great deal of fulfilment and personal satisfaction. She said she is encouraged by the mutual understanding between the staff of the Stores and the hospital at large.

Mr Elliman Jagne

Mr Elliman Jagne started in 1993 as a Medical Records Clerk. He has worked in various clinics such as SOPD, MOPD, Eye and Gynae respectively. He is now the Assistant Medical Records Officer. In 2000 he attended a two months medical records course in the UK and in 2002 he attended a Human Resources Management training course at Jollof Tutors. He is married with two lovely children.



New Head of Pharmacy

Congratulations to Essa Merenah who has been appointed Acting Head of Pharmacy. He cheerfully faces the huge challenges of managing the flow of drugs and consumables. He is working closely with other members of the Hospital Management Team to identify possible sources of medicine and supplies around Gambia and the sub Region and to persuade generous donors at home and overseas to supply the cash required or gift the supplies needed.

Essa has risen to the task with vigour and energy and has become an essential new member of the Hospital Management Team. Well done Essa!



Essa Merenah

Thank You: Departmental Matrons

The Chief thanked the departmental matrons for the enormous contribution they have made to the success hospital over the past year. Each matron personally presented their six monthly reports to the chief and discussed the many issues facing the staff. At a meeting of all of the matrons with the Chief and Acting Senior Matron, Augusta Mendy the way forward was considered a plan of action put forward.

The Chief Medical Director said, "The hospital has really come on in leaps and bounds since the departmental matrons were put in place. I am very encouraged by the progress which has been made".



Some of the Department Matrons

Welcome to our new Nigerian Volunteers

The Hospital welcomed sixteen new Nigerian Technical Assistance Corps volunteers and two who joined the School of Nursing and Midwifery in October. Technical Assistance Corps is a Nigerian Government organisation, which seeks to provide technical assistance to recipient countries through volunteers. Ninety five per cent of the Nigerian Volunteers are qualified health personnel. Of the 18 there are four doctors, seven nurses, five health laboratory scientists and two are lectures at the School of Nursing and Midwifery.



Doctors, Left to Right: Dr. Abdul'aziz Labo Mahuta, Dr. Jeffrey Analikwa, Dr. Akintunde Aliu Ogunsakin and Dr. Raifu Taiwo.

Dr. Abdul'aziz Labo Mahuta joined the Urology department Dr. Jeffrey Analikwu is a psychiatrist who has joined the dedicated staff at Campama. Dr. Akintunde Aliu Ogunsakin and Dr. Raifu Taiwo will be working to support the outstanding efforts at the Polyclinic as General Practitioners.



Nurses, back row left to right: Shehu Saleh Ahmad, Mercy Idhenere, Aishetu N. Mohammed;
Front row left to right: Florence Shioma Nwanko, Bajini Mohammed and Danladi Dangiwa Shuaibu.

You will find Shehu Saleh Ahmad in the Orthopaedic Department. Mercy Idhenre Florence Chioma Nwankwo joined the Paediatric Department, whilst Aishetu N. Muhammed is a maternity nurse.

Bajini Mohammed and Danladi Dangiwa are perioperative nurses. Bashir Mohammad Mafara is absent from the photograph, but not from our hearts. He joined the accident and emergency department.



HLS, left to right: Mohammed Auwal Ginsau, Danjuma A. Masakano, Sunday A. Magaji, Osakwe Ebiye and Afolayan David Olawole

Mohammed Auwal Ginsau, Sunday A. Magaji and Afolayan David Olawole have joined the microbiology laboratory. Danjuma A. Masakano will work in the biochemistry laboratory whilst Osakwe Ebiye is based in the clinical Biochemistry Laboratory.



Lecturers: Josephine Obaa and Danhami Kure Maidawa.

Josephine Obaa and Danlami Kure Maidawa have joined School of Nursing and Midwifery as lecturers.

A big welcome to all of them!