

CHIKOMBEDZI MISSION HOSPITAL REPORT – JANUARY – MARCH 2017

It never rains but pours in Chikombedzi, cyclone Dineo did not only bring destruction to the road network and infrastructure but a breeding medium for mosquitos resulting in an outbreak of malaria, of which this time I was not spared. Communication between some of the clinics and the hospital was interrupted for almost a month because of flooded rivers; likewise the hospital's communication with its referral centers was cut. Chikombedzi hospital was standing the only center of excellence in Chiredzi South.

Throughout the first quarter of 2017 we had almost above 100 percent bed occupancy with majority of occupancy being malaria patients, outpatients department was not spared as throughout the day critically ill patients were continuously being wheeled in and others walking in assisted by relatives. Not only was it energy draining but resource wise the financial strain was unbearable to the hospital, consumables, food for inpatients, diesel for both the ambulance and the generator as we ran for weeks to a month at times without electricity because of the harsh weather conditions.

The support which you are giving to this remote area is the major artery which nourishes us. Many thanks for such support as its one of the very few soothing things available in Chikombedzi.

Below are some statistics from **Jan-Mar 2017**

Outpatient service

Total of attendances	5860
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In patient service

Total occupied bed days	3390
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Total admissions	810
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Births

Live birth	302
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Still birth	2
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Theatre

Caesarian sections	38
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Minor operations	24
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Laboratory

Number of test performed	6105
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In this first quarter of the year we managed to introduce spinal anesthesia, we did not record any maternal, surgical or anesthetic deaths, maintain our blood bank stock, renovated our operating room. We will continue to strive to promote preventative and quality curative health care in our catchment area.

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