

The International Surgical Centre
(I.S.S.), St John of God's Hospital
(SJOG), Sefwi Asafo, Ghana
OPPORTUNITY
FOR CARE AND TRAINING





The Paddington group on ISS



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HISTORY IN TIME AND SPACE

- ✓ St John of God Hospital is located in the Western Region of Ghana. Originally remote I the middle of forest.
- ✓ Run by Brothers of St. John of God.
- ✓ Hospital pleasantly doing well against the odds.
- ✓ Location makes it difficult to attract professionals
- ✓ Statistics show that patients rely on expatriate medical staff who leave with their experience
- ✓ Patients therefore are travelling over 100 miles for some basic treatment



The Invitation to help.

- ✔ Motec was invited to help by the Order of St John of God(SJOG)
- ✔ In October 2007, 3 Motec volunteers assessed the hospital
- ✔ Recommendations were made for a collaborative effort by Motec, Medical Charities, Local Hospital, Kumasi Komfo Anokye (Univ.) Teaching Hospital (KATH 3 hours drive away) to pull their resources together to train local staff, provide care for the patients.
- ✔ A relatively new building that was donated as isolation ward which was idle, the hospital statistics which supported decline in some basic services lack of expertise led to the idea of The International Surgical Centre.

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The Surgical Centre & Others

- ✔ A house previously used as Convent was unoccupied.
- ✔ Motec team suggested refurbishment for volunteers accommodation or the construction of two bungalows for volunteers . Either of these could help support accommodation for local staff.



Goals & Objectives

- Visiting professional teams to train local staff at the surgical Centre.
- Professional Consultant Staff from the Teaching Hospital with their Senior Registrars to ensure continuity of high standard of care
- Revenue generation comes second to training and clinical care but opportunity to generate funds from highly specialised care remains a possibility.

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Mission Statement

- ✓ A centre of excellence that will bring care to the local population and the surrounding districts, that will turn out well trained staff and well cared for patients.

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Resource Requirements

- ✓ Safe Facilities
- ✓ Experienced and dedicated volunteers
- ✓ Financial support – funding.
- ✓ Reliable equipment, easy maintenance / serviceability.



How far we have come since 2007

- ✔ Sponsorship of project by The International Development Company (IDC) of SJOG, Dublin
- ✔ The old convent has been refurbished to accommodate up to 10 volunteers at a total cost of about EU12,000.00
- ✔ The surgical centre has been refurbished structurally at a cost of about EU33,000.00
- ✔ 13 medical Charities have registered their interest in working at the Centre.
- ✔ **SHORTFALL OF £15,000 in funding equipment**

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The Surgical Centre in 2008



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Inside the renovated accommodation for volunteers



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Opportunities

✔ Problems and opportunities:

Clinical Care is very challenging in sub-Saharan Africa and daunting in rural parts like our target centre.

- ✔ Raising the standard of care and supporting the work with new initiatives that will address problems will have a wider impact on health care in the Western Region and training in teaching hospital.

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What is left to be done

- ✔ Purchase of medical equipment estimated at EU 35,000.00. Only two-thirds of this is assured from IDC of St John of God.
- ✔ Furniture and lightning equipment locally
- ✔ Sourcing of donated materials to make up for the items not listed on the shopping list
- ✔ Coordination of voluntary groups
- ✔ Main hospital sourcing autoclave to support project and the main theatre of the hospital – separate project.

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Risks & Monitoring

- There are fears that lack of proper control of volunteer groups would create overcrowding of events and different standards of care.
- Use of centre for ‘experiments’.
- Independent overseer of project by honorary committee of surgeon(s), doctor(s) , and nurse(s) who are in touch with the frontiers of clinical care plus a small patient group.

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What needs to be done now

- ✓ Near term: solicit for support &
 - Order of equipment, fitting of furniture and theatre lights for the centre.
 - Launching of autoclave as a separate project for the main hospital.
 - Training of Personnel to run centre (India on the card).
- ✓ Long term: Ways to improve staff retention.

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The evening flight above the clouds across the Sahara to Ghana. Welcome to Ghana and ISS



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