

Chicouque Rural Hospital



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Introduction

The Chicouque Hospital is about 7Km from Maxixe city and the population of the District is estimated at 134 240 inhabitants and constitutes the reference population for the hospital. Chicouque hospital has 113 beds distributed over the maternity, gynecology, surgery, internal medicine and pediatrics wards and is a reference hospital of four districts namely: Maxixe, Morrumbene, Homoine and Panda. Since 1994 the hospital has been working under UMC and Government agreement in which the UMC is fully administrating the hospital but working in partnership with Mozambique government. The government through the Ministry of Health is responsible of providing all level of different necessary staff for the functioning of hospital as well as the medications and equipment. The UMC is responsible of complementing any observed gaps.

UMC annual Conference support to hospital

The annual conference is promoting support to Chicouque Hospital and three times per year local churches are contributing different types of goods and send to Chicouque Hospital.



Some of the goods offered to Chicouque hospital from different churches in the first photo and Mr. Rui Távora offering tomatoes and cabbage in the second photo.

UMC Global Health support to hospital

The UMC through Global Health unit continues to support the hospital; it is in process of construction of two toilets: one for the personalized services and other for the health providers, because in all the hospital wards, one side of toilets are reserved to be used by both man and women health providers and man and women patients. The construction of new toilets for the health providers will open the toilets in all the wards to be used by patients separately for man and women. In the same project application it was approved the construction of waiting space for the patients choosing to pay the personalized care. The total approved grant for this project is USD 56,463.00. In personalized services patients can be seen after normal working time by medical doctors and they pay to hospital and part of money paid is paying the staff involved and other percentage is remaining to cover hospital expenses. We are still having some challenges due to lack of enough number of medical doctors to respond quickly to the demand.

Chicouque Hospital Advance (#09734A) donations

The advance donations from January 1st to October 31st, 2019 resulted in a total of \$14,900.97 and these funds have been regularly released to chicouque hospital bank account. Funds from advance donations are most being used to support the salaries of the chaplain of hospital Rev. Micas Munguambe as well as the salaries of 18 contracted health workers.



Some surgical medical supplies purchased from advance funds during the critical moments when the government was not able to provide them in a required numbers.



Two grass machine cutter purchased by advance funds are helping so much in short time and by only two workers to clean the hospital



The hospital chaplain, Rev. Micas Alfredo is a UMC pastor and have given a valuable support to inpatient services through visits and prayers to patients and also for health workers. He prayed with 3,099 patients and 1,359 times to the health providers from January to October 2019.

Chicouque hospital and Center of Hope joint community activities

The Center of Hope and Chicouque hospital have jointly done community interventions through mobile clinics in which communities are screened for different diseases and health education is done. The mobile clinics team have visited the communities of Nhamaxaxa, Teles, Sahane, Nhabanda, Barrane and Bato. A total of 3,790 people were served and screened for malaria, HIV and other diseases. The mobile clinics are supported by Imagine No Malaria project through Global Health unit of the General Board of Global Ministries.



2019 Joint community activities of Chicouque Hospital and the Center of Hope

General information of CRH staff	2018	2019
Direct catchment population	23,662	23,662
Total of beds*1	131	113
Total CRH staff	271	273
Clinical staff	60	58
Administrative staff	43	40
Medical doctors including specialists	11	11

Source: Chicouque Hospital statistic department 9 months report

222 Chicouque hospital staff members are paid by the Government and 9 paid by the Collaboration Center for Health (CCS), 19 are paid by Prosaude project (Province health directorate) and 19 are paid by United Methodist Church through advance funds. The number of beds were revised and the presence of medical doctors in all districts decreased the number of utilized beds at hospital. It has been a challenge to hospital the reduction of mortality rates.

Some productivity indicators	2018	2019
Type of activity		
# of outpatient consultations	2,930	6,513
# of discharge per medical doctor	318	369
# of operations per surgeon	242	176

Source: Chicouque Hospital statistic department 9 months report

Some quality indicators	2018	2019
Type of indicator		
Total deaths	183	143
In-hospital mortality rate	4,43%	3,52%
Maternal mortality rate	0,11%	0,09%
occupancy rate of beds	44,39%	50,93%

Source: Chicouque Hospital statistic department 9 months report

Critical needs of Chicouque Rural Hospital

1. Qualified human resources

To improve the quality of care and reduce the mortality rates, the hospital needs at least the following specialists: an orthopedist, an internist, and a pediatrician.

2. Surgical medical supplies

As always, the hospital has had frequent stockouts of gloves, syringes, blood pressure machines, oximeters, hospital sheets, mattresses, oxigen, and so on.

3. Equipment

Oxygen use is very common in the hospital especially for intensive care patients and stockouts have hampered doctors' attempts to save people's lives. The use of small oxygen concentrators (machines) has been a very safe alternative. At this moment the hospital has two concentrators, one in the maternity nursery and another in the maternity ward. For an efficient response to hospital need, at least four more oxygen concentrators are required.

Plans of Chicouque hospital for the next two years

1. Sustainability

The establishment of a UMC pharmacy is one of the plans that will ensure the sustainability of hospital activities and fill the gape of lack of medicines and so improve the quality of care. This plan is being supported by GBGM through its Global Health unit which will support the purchase of medicines and the profit may help the hiring workers as well as in the purchase of surgical medical supplies and purchase of other drugs to the project.

2. Separation of health center and hospital activities

The Chicouque Rural hospital now operates with a dual function: hospital and health center. This creates a heavy workload and we have already started to work on the separation and the proposal has already been accepted by the provincial and district government. The big challenge is the rehabilitation of the former Chicouque health training center to fit the recommendations for a health center.

3. Improve the conditions of the special rooms

There are three special rooms in the Maternity, Surgery and Internal Medicine wards which are used by those who afford to pay the personalized services which offers more privacy in terms of inpatient care. The plan is to put in the rooms televisions, refrigerators and microwaves. Special rooms will help the hospital to generate income needed to support salaries as well as to purchase some medical supplies.

How can someone support our work?

Chicouque Rural Hospital fund raising target is \$35,000 annually and this amount could help us to perform our activities. Individuals or collective donors can support us giving to the # 09734 Advance number. We hope to have an opportunity to get the Chicouque Hospital Director traveling and explain about the work of Chicouque hospital. We welcome volunteers to work with us in different areas and also enjoy our beautiful beaches in Mozambique.