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KANUNGU HC IV, KATAATE HOSPITAL PROJECT
a Public Private Partnership between Chaperone International& Kanungu District LG



MEDICAL CAMP

DENTAL, SURGICAL& OPHTHALMOLOGY: APRIL- MAY 2024

1. Introduction:

Uganda's healthcare faces an acute shortage of health workers, doctors severely so, with only one doctor for every 8,300 Ugandans. The fact that 70% of the doctors practice in the big towns, yet 80% of Uganda's population lives in rural areas, some remote, complicates the situation estimated for one doctor for every 22,000 people. Kanungu District typically falls in this class of medically- deprived populations of Sub-Saharan Africa. Difficult hilly terrain and the absence of many social amenities in areas such as Kanungu District, combined with lack of essential facilities and drugs, affect morale of health workers. Many people of rural areas of Uganda lack access to basic healthcare services, such as consulting with a doctor, essential laboratory tests and awareness of diseases they are suffering from. COVID-19 lockdown restrictions for travel in recent years exasperated this challenge, doubly for the poorest in the communities who cannot afford ambulance services and the cost of finding quality healthcare in private urban hospitals.



Medical camps provide specialized medical care to some of the poorest of the poor.

Health system performance assessment surveys highlight a dim picture in relation to availability and quality of service in Uganda's health sector. The sector faces significant challenges, such as inadequate drugs and supplies, lack of essential equipment for

surgical operations, dentistry and imaging. Old, dilapidated buildings, poor sanitation, long queues, rude service, and inadequate referrals discourage patients from seeking the available professional care at rural health centres. The situation at Kanungu Health Centre IV- Kataate in 2015 when the hospital project started was not different.



Kanungu HC IV, Kataate has undergone a major refurbishment supported by Dr Holger Listle and friends in Germany. The project is public private partnership with the government of Uganda.

Kanungu HC IV, Kataate Hospital Project is growing into an oasis from which people in rural South Western Uganda can draw quality healthcare services in dignity. Kanungu HC IV – Kataate Hospital Project is a ten- year public private partnership between Kanungu District Local Government and Chaperone International as a means to complement government, community- based and global partners efforts in order to upgrade, enhance and sustain infrastructure, personnel, equipment and quality assurance for improved healthcare service delivery. Our cooperation mandate is detailed in a Memorandum of Understanding cleared by the Solicitor General and assented to by the parties on 5th July 2022 in line with government of Uganda National Policy on Public Private Partnership in Health, 2012, the Public Private Partnerships Act, 2015 and Kanungu District Strategic Development Plan to embrace public private partnerships for improved health sector performance for realization of the National Development Plan III and Vision 2040.

Chaperone International with support from friends in Germany led by Dr Holger Listle, has in the last 8 years contributed resources for the construction of a brand new operation theatre and installation of state- of – the art equipment for surgery, a hi-tech uninterruptible solar power system, EX20 digital colour Doppler ultrasound scan

machine, Oxygen concentrators, dental unit, expansion of the laboratory and HIV Clinic and equipment such as PSA/ finecare machine. Chaperone International also pays salaries, NSSF and taxes for 24 staff. Chaperone International has also funded the renovation and expansion of all wards, completion of 4 self- contained private rooms, OPD, kitchen, mortuary, stores and staff quarters as well as motivation of staff among other improvements.



Kanungu HC IV, Kataate Hospital Project Operation Theatre built by the generosity of Germans led by Dr. Holger Listle.

2) April- May 2024 Integrated Medical Camp:

The April to May 2024 medical camp integrated dental, surgical and ophthalmology services conducted by German experts- surgeon and endodontologist, ophthalmologist from Mbarara University of Science and Technology and local staff.

3) Objectives:

- a) To bring quality, specialized services closer to the people of Kanungu District and neighboring districts of Rukungiri, Rubanda, Mitooma etc.
- b) To strengthen local capacity through knowledge sharing, training and skills transfer.
- c) To foster regional and international collaboration.

4) **Services:**

a) Dental services; consultations, root canal treatment, bridges, crowns, fillings, extractions and oral health education etc



Dr. Joachim Wegener and the dental team during the camp.

b) Surgeries: general surgeries- hernia repairs, excisions, venous stripping, exploratory laparotomy, hydrocelectomy, surgical toilet and suturing, haemorrhoidectomy, caesarean section etc.



Dr. Holger Listle (Surgeon), Dr. Kasudha Daniel (Gynecologist), Phionah Kabyanzi (AO) and Dr. Denis Musasizi (Medical Officer/ Clinical Coordinator) in theatre.

c) Ophthalmology: eye examination, cataract surgeries, reading glasses.



Consultant Ophthalmologist, Dr. Sam Ruvuma conducts a cataract surgery witnessed by Incharge Dr. Tumwesigye Timothy and other theatre staff.

5) Schedule:

Dates	Activity	Team Leader
April 1- 21	Mobilisation	Dr. Tumwesigye Timothy- Incharge Mr. Martin Atukwase- Hospital Project Administrator
April 13, 2024	Coordinators' Meeting	Dr. Tumwesigye Timothy- Incharge
April 14- 22	Bookings for surgery	Dr. Musasizi Denis- Clinical Coordinator Dr. Muhigirwa Adam- Medical Officer
April 22- May 4	Dental Health Camp	Dr. Joachim Wegener- Endodontologist Mr. Tadeo Ahimbisibwe- Public Health Dental Officer
April 29- May 13	Surgical Camp	Dr. Holger W. Listle- Surgeon/ Specialist for abdominal & thoracic surgery. Dr. Kasudha Daniel- Gynecologist
May 13-15	Ophthalmology Camp	Dr. Sam Ruvuma- Consultant Ophthalmologist, MUST.



Camp Planning Meeting led by Chaperone International directors, Mr. Martin Atukwase and Dr. Holger Listle, and Medical Officers, staff...

6) Procedures:

S/N	Procedure	Bookings	Operations	Remarks
Dental Camp				
1	Extractions		110	Successful.
2	Root Canal Treatment		08	
3	Scaling& Polishing		26	
4	Dental filling		48	
5	Dentures& Prosthodontics		12	
6	Dental Abscess		14	
Sub- Total			218	
Surgical Camp				
1	Herniorrhaphy	33	21	Successful; pending final review.
2	Venous stripping	06	01	
3	Exploratory Laporatomy	03	02	
4	Haemorrhoidectomy	09	03	
5	Hydrocelectomy	07	04	
6	Excision	49	42	
7	Incision& Drainange (I&D)	00	03	
Sub- Total		107	76	
Caesarean Section			31	Successful; pending final review.
Ophthalmology				
1	Eye Examinations		150	Successful
2	Cataract Surgeries	24	18	Successful: review completed on May 29,2024.
3	Reading glasses	21	18	Successful
Sub- Total		45	185	
TOTAL		152	511	

Data Analysis:

The medical camp served 511 patients altogether. Several others also benefitted from general consultations on surgical, dental, eye and general conditions. Of the 107 patients preferred for surgery, 71 were operated, representing 76%. The remainder were either deferred on expert opinion or failed on the aspect of informed consent. The list also includes 31 caesarean sections carried out during the month of May 2024.



Prior assessments by surgeon.





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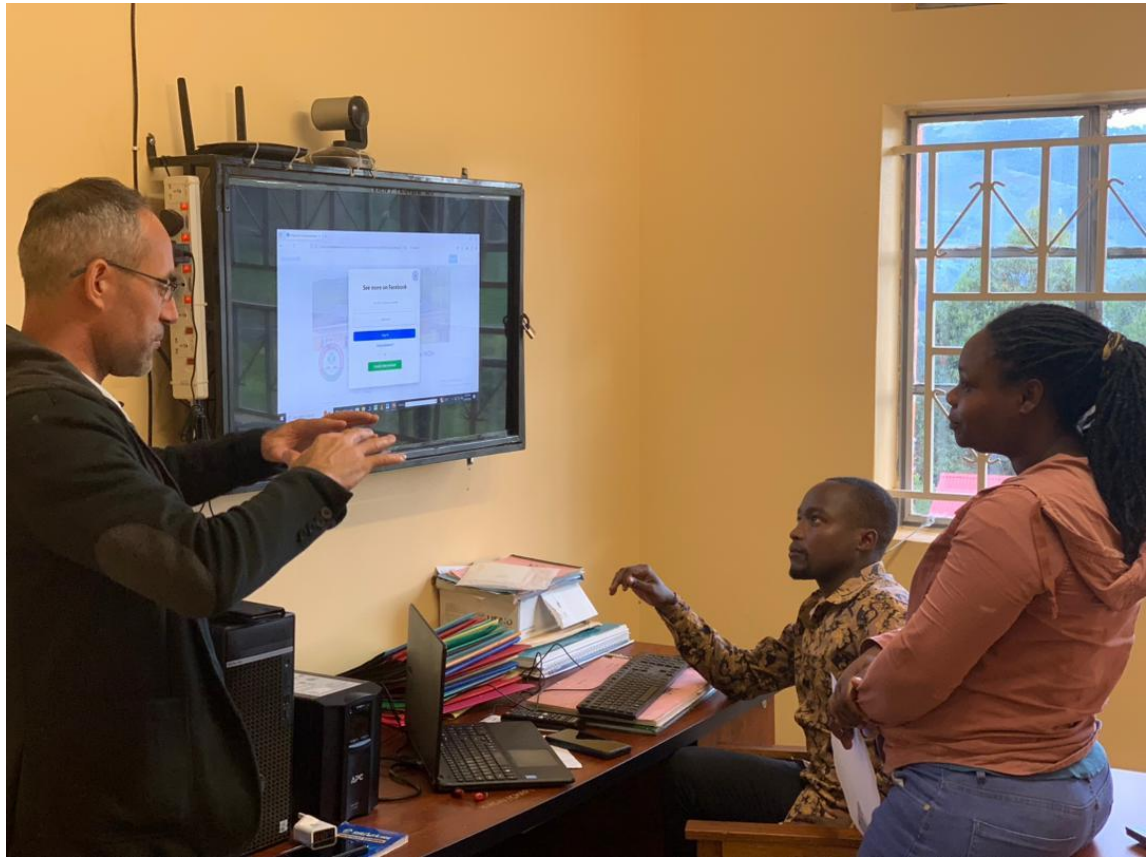




Mentorship for junior staff/ skills transfer



Sensitisation: health education and health promotion.



Staff support supervision and training.



Dedication, Commitment to deliver services beyond self



Community Mobilisation: Radio talkshow on KBS Radio.



Meal time: Staff in theatre share lunch.



Staff party at Farmers' Lounge at the end of the medical camp.

9) Gratitude:

At the successful completion of this extraordinary medical camp, we recognize friends in Germany, who support Chaperone International to sustain the hospital project. Their generosity has enabled us to provide specialized services to the people of Uganda at the most modest cost. We appreciate the leadership and expertise of Dr. Holger Listle , founding director and lead surgeon, together with endodontologist Dr. Joachim Wegener for enabling international collaboration and skills transfer.

This medical camp, without the input of our esteemed staff, would have only remained a dream. We thank the team in operation theatre, general ward and all departments for the job well- done.

To the health unit management committee and the leadership of Kanungu District Local Government led by Chairman Eng. Sam Arineitwe Kajojo, we appreciate their commitment to the wellbeing of the people, evidenced by their backing of this collaboration. Together, we have made a tangible difference in 511 lives and even more.

We thank you.

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The Lighter side of the camp....









