

Information on Fr Haumann Primary Health Care Clinic, Matara

Visit 5th January and 12th January 2015.
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Infrastructure

The main building in the clinic is unchanged since it was constructed, and has the same use: Consultation room, Office, Laboratory, Dispensing room, Pharmacy, and two Wards.

A new building is made to host a Maternity Ward. This is not equipped, nor taken into use. This building is located outside the Clinic Compound.



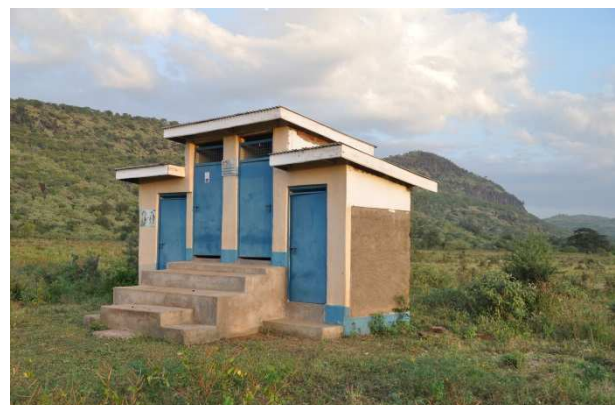
The new, unused Maternity Ward

A new building is made for Gender Based Violence, financed by Join. This has been used, however it has been closed from end of March 2015, due to lack of funding of the program.

There is constructed a pit-latrine with two units, and two bathrooms next to the office building for Gender based Violence Program. This pit seems not in use



The building for Gender Based Violence Program



The pits – on top, with bathrooms - lower

A new kitchen is constructed in the compound. Good quality, financed by Join Good Forces.



The new kitchen building

Linda, the wife of Joseph is cooking



Drugs and medical follow up

The drugs are provided by the national Ministry of health. It is packed for each clinic, and shipped through the state authorities. Peace Village has to collect the drugs in Narus. There is an assumption that not all intended drugs reach Kuron.

The Health Authorities of the County has to be given monthly reports on patients and use of drugs. The normal procedure is also that the County Health Authorities is to visit the Clinic once a month for monitoring and follow up. These visits are rarely made.

Electricity

The solar system is ok, however the capacity is limited. The Clinic is wired and electricity functions well. There is a separate Solar system for running refrigerator and a deep freezer. There is a TV-set at the clinic for the staff. The use of TV for 1,5 hours in the evening consume the capacity of the solar batteries. Still TV is a positive factor for the staff.

Water

An electrical pump is installed in a good yielding borehole beyond VTS. However there have been problems with the pump and it has stopped once a month for the last months.

During the process of lifting up the pump during earlier repairs, one of the cables was cut 30 cm above the pump, allowing water to enter to the cable. It was connected; however water has reached the cable. This was the problem of 05th Jan at my visit.

The cable was connected at the point where it was cut, then sealed to prevent water to enter. After the repair, the pump worked well, starting to fill the 10 000 ltr tank at the Clinic. Unfortunately it stopped again on 13th January.

For emergency water supply there is a hand pump just outside the clinic fence. This however is yielding poorly. By observing the pumping in the morning my estimate is 60 ltr/hour. Local people and The Carter Centre staff will be queuing up to get water when the electric pump is not working.

Internet etc.

The clinic has Internet. This was installed in 2014 and is working well.

The clinic has a TV. At my visit the subscription (30 USD?) is not paid for the last month, and only the Chinese program is available – this is free of charge.

There is a short distance walki-talki communication between Matara and the base in Kuron.

Staff accommodation

The staff houses which are locally made are in a poor condition. New staff houses are badly needed. A proposal for a donation is prepared by Joseph. The cost is estimated to 30 000 USD for 4 units. This proposal should be monitored and then forwarded to potential donors.



Two of the staff houses that needs replacement

Staff

The staff is at present:

Medical staff: Lada Joseph (Acting as Head of the Clinic) (lab technician), Okuonzi Albert (lab technician) , Namotosi Sara (nurse) , Murra Rebekka (nurse), Gune Alice (midwife), Rose Mila (nurse)

Other staff: Thomas Lochebe (watchman), Wani (cooking for staff), Natabo (cook for patients, Johnson Lomoi (sweeper).

There is a need for a clinical Officer – with higher competence than all staff at present. However it seems difficult to get staff with such competence to Kuron.

At my visits at the clinic only three medical staffs were on the ground. Due to this situation Lada Joseph participate in the consultations.



Albert prepare for a blood test.



Tyfus was identified and the women was referred by Joseph to be an In-patient

Salaries

Government pay salaries only in SSP. The staffs generally are from Uganda, or live in Uganda, and use the money there. They want all their salaries to be exchanged into USD.

All staff has been 100 USD as top up from HTPVK – this is paid flat.

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The medical staff asks Peace Village to exchange the government salaries into dollars. As I understand the situation, they all have their homes in Uganda, and SSP has no value in Uganda.

Patients

Patients are coming from a large area to the clinic. Most patients come in the first days of the week. The number of Out Patients varies according to season, weather and the movement of the people. However a monthly average is 350 outpatients. The number of In Patients is relatively small varying between 0 and 14.



Sara is consulting a young 3-children mother - Then Sara is registering data in the protocol as she distributes the drugs.