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THE FOUNDATION MOUNT MERU
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RE: <u>EQUIPMENTS DONATION FOR MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH TO MT.MERU</u> <u>REFERRAL HOSPITAL.</u>

Reference is made to the subject above.

I am pleased to inform you personally and your newly established foundation that as a regional referral hospital we are very much impressed with your visit at our centre and all the ongoing conversations with our radiologist along with obstetrics and gynaecology team. But over and above that we really appreciate your initiative to do such a significant effort for the welfare of mother and child health care to our hospital.

With this letter be further informed that our hospital has a status of regional referral level serving a population of 1.7 million, it has bed capacity of 450, currently having specialists in almost all major disciplines including others on training. We are conducting an average of 850 monthly deliveries, 25% being caesarian sections while the remaining 75% are spontaneous deliveries. Despite sufficient staffing we have, currently the issue of diagnostic and monitoring equipments for mother and child health remains to be a major challenge for which any intervention accorded will be highly appreciated not only by the hospital but also Arusha region as a whole. Our current needs include:

- 1. ULTRASOUND MACHINE equipped with colour Doppler and cardiac transducer. This machine is a critical need currently since the one in operation is grey scale and cannot interrogate congenital cardiac cases which are commonly encountered here for which X-ray remains the only modality of choice.
- 2. XRAY FILM PROCESSOR We are aware that the world has moved to digital radiography while we are still operating with MANUAL PROCESSOR which takes about 30minutes to have the film ready for reporting. This modality is inefficient for paediatric emergencies like pneumonia and foreign body inhalation. A need for AUTOMATIC PROCESSOR or COMPUTED RADIOGRAPHY (CR) is currently alarming.

- 3. AUTOCLAVE MACHINE- is another challenge for our labour ward theatre, a need for getting another working machine is on the table now.
- 4. I.C.U PATIENT MONITORS- Since last year we established a 6 beds I.C.U having 2 patient monitors. We wish to have additional patient monitors in handling obstetric emergencies such as ecclampsia.
- 5. BLOOD WARMER, VENTILATOR MACHINE and INFUSION PUMP are other essential needs in our newly established 6 beds ICU.

There are still many other needs for other departments but mother and child related equipments remain our priority in attaining millennium goals. We are also in long and short term plans to establish new casualty department that will provide better services for our out patients.

We welcome individuals, groups any organization with a similar willing heart to extend such like support to our hospital and community at large. Hope to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

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