

Mulanje Mission Hospital

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FINAL REPORT ON REFURBISHMENT OF LABOUR WARD

General details:

Project: Refurbishment of Labour Ward

Donor: English Reformed Church

Amount: Euro 26 000

Summary of work:

Before the grant was awarded management of Mulanje Mission Hospital consulted a qualified Architect (Akasamaka Drafting Studio) to redesign the ward. When the final drawings were submitted to us we distributed the drawings to a number of contractors for quotations.



The Internal Procurement Committee selected a contractor from Blantyre (TJ Building Contractors) from four quotations to do the job. This is in line with the Public Procurement Act (2003) for the Government of Malawi. The contractor was selected based on the capacity to handle a complex project, financial capacity of the contractor and previous works done (since the refurbishment involved a lot of tiling and carpentry work).

The project involved creation of five separate delivery rooms each with its own toilet and bathroom. The idea behind this was to motivate male involvement in reproductive issues. With a completed refurbished labour ward we expect guardians and husbands to be available during deliveries.

The new refurbished labour ward will also be fitted with new delivery beds, wall mounted Blood Pressure machines and will also have new assorted delivery equipment (already ordered from Medical Consultant Africa). Each room is fitted with nice cupboards, two chairs for a husband and a guardian.

The project commenced mid January 2010. The project was supposed to be completed within eight weeks. However the project delayed because the contractor had placed an order of the nurses' station counter in the Republic of South Africa. Logistical hiccups delayed delivery of the counter by two months.



Financial report:

The project managed to stay within the total budget, only the costs for construction went up due to inflation and underestimation on our side and some additional works (sluice room). We therefore had to cut on procurement of equipment and furnishings. For further details see attached excel sheet with notes.