

KAMBIA

HOSPITAL APPEAL

Improving healthcare for mothers
in Sierra Leone, West Africa

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Who are we?

The Kambia Hospital Appeal is a UK-registered charity, based in Cheltenham, that has supported the medical district of Kambia in Sierra Leone since 1992. Over the years, we have helped to supply medicines, equipment and training for medical personnel.

As a charity, we rely on donations and fundraising from individuals and groups across the country, as well as grants from Trusts and Foundations in the UK and abroad.

Our current objectives

We aim to improve access to quality healthcare in Kambia, with a special focus on the health of women and children in the district. By improving reproductive health, our work is designed to lower the number of women dying during pregnancy and childbirth in Kambia.

What our work helps to provide

- A programme of Safe Motherhood
- Vital equipment and supplies for the hospital and rural medical clinics, including essential maternity medicines and drugs
- Training to increase the number of qualified midwives providing antenatal care and assistance at births
- Free emergency obstetric surgery for all mothers if required
- The building of a dedicated maternity unit
- Vehicles to ensure that mothers have access to transportation to the nearest medical facility
- A radio link between health facilities in the district

Kambia



Kambia is an area in the north west of Sierra Leone on the border with neighbouring Guinea and has a population of over 340,000.

Until 2002, Sierra Leone was in the grip of a civil war that lasted for ten years and which destroyed homes and damaged public buildings such as hospitals, clinics and schools. People's lives were torn apart. The district hospital in Kambia was completely destroyed in 1999, but with help from the European Union and the Kambia Hospital Appeal it was rebuilt in 2004.

Sierra Leone is registered by the United Nations as the poorest country in the world and Kambia is one of its poorest districts. Most of its villages are in remote rural areas without power or running water, and with little or no access to healthcare.

In these conditions, Sierra Leone has one of the highest number of women dying during pregnancy and childbirth in the world.

Now that the war has ended, Sierra Leone is coming back together and attempting to re-build its future, for which it needs our help.

How you can help

Please use the donation form to make a direct financial contribution, either as a one off payment or as a standing order. A commitment of regular monthly payments not only benefits the people of Kambia but it also allows us to budget more accurately over the year.

If you or members of your local community group would like to raise money for the KHA, our website outlines a range of different fundraising ideas to consider. Please contact us to publicise your activities in our newsletter and to request copies of this leaflet.

Costs

It costs £8.50 for one hundred injections of life-saving maternity drugs. £70 pays for a mother to have an emergency caesarean - a procedure which is likely to save her life and the life of her child.

It costs £200 to equip one midwife with a delivery kit which will last for a year, and £1,700 enables a radio link to be installed between a rural clinic and the district hospital. £20,000 buys a four-wheel-drive ambulance like the one below.



To make a donation to the Kambia Hospital Appeal, please complete the following form:

Tax paid on any donation that you make can be recovered by the KHA if you complete the following declaration, making a donation of £10 worth £12.82 to us.

I am a UK taxpayer and would like to make this and any further donation(s) from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

Signature:

Date: / /

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Tel no:

Email:

I would like to support the work of the KHA by making a single donation of £..... (cheques payable to The Kambia Hospital Appeal).

I would like to make regular payments of £10 / £20 / £25 / £30 / other each month / quarter / year commencing / / (date) until I cancel this order.

Signature:

Date: / /

Bank Account No:

Sort Code:

Bank Account Name:

Bank Name and Address:

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Postcode:

Kambia Hospital Appeal use only:

Bank name and branch:

Bank account:

Bank Sort Code:

If you do not wish to be included in our mailing list please tick box

Please return this form to
The Kambia Hospital Appeal,
41 Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, GL51 3BT
Registered UK Charity Number: 1014034



How your help makes a difference

Improving the health of mothers in Kambia not only ensures the health of individual women, it also improves the long-term health of their families, and a healthy family has a better chance of becoming a more prosperous family.

By helping the Kambia Hospital Appeal to improve healthcare in the poorest country in the world, you are helping that country to grow stronger.

For more information, please contact:

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