

An opportunity to be involved in an overseas project

Aims and Objectives

- To provide equipment to enable treatment of those with HIV
- To bring together those infected to support one another
- To help reduce the stigma and improve the quality life of those infected
- To involve members of the Rotary Club and the Rotary District

Hospital Equipment from R.A.H

Hospital Equipment for Kionyo HIV Clinic—Kenya

BACKGROUND

10-15 years ago, Kionyo had one of the highest rates of HIV infection in Kenya. The effects are still wide spread today. People infected were dying silently because the stigma was very high and seeking assistance was not an option. Rejection and mistreatment even came from their own families. Infected people hid themselves as much as possible, and endured untold suffering. They did not know where to seek help and many did not have the money for transport to get to hospitals or pay the small fees charged for medicines.

Mt. Kenya East HIV/Aids Support Group was set up to respond to the situation through support, treatment, financial assistance and provision of food. Bringing the people together reduced the tyranny of distance and meant that they could support one another.

The HIV Clinic in Kionyo was commenced in 2009 to cater for people living close, to enable them to seek regular treatment and test-

ing. The buildings are complete, but unfurnished and cannot provide treatment until there is equipment.



THE ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL has partnered with Rotary to send hospital beds, medical equipment and ward furniture from the old RAH, overseas to help Third World communities. This is the largest donation of its kind, and they want to ensure that surplus equipment is donated to those who need it most.

DONATIONS IN KIND has taken on the task of working with contacts overseas to determine needs

and handle the logistics of distribution. This project forms part of that initiative.

SUSTAINABILITY

The **Ownership** of the equipment will be placed under the care of the Missionary Oblates Registered Trustees.

Management will be by the Nursing Sisters and the Community Board of Management.

Long Term Treatment will be supported by regular Doctor visits from larger towns and arrangements are being made for Specialist Doctors from Europe and Australia.



What has been done and what is needed

- What has been done:
- Project Budget \$12,500 with a District Grant from the Rotary Foundation. For \$3,886
 - MOU with DIK being worked though
 - Overseas contact established

- The project requires the following assistance:
- ◆ Manpower to assist with loading the container
 - ◆ Financial assistance to meet the Budget and the Rotary Foundation requirement

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