

Rotary Australia World Community Service
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EBOLA VIRUS THREATENS BO HOSPITAL

**GENEROUS DONATIONS ARE UGENTLY SOUGHT TO FINANCE AN
ISOLATION WARD**

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd has a registered project in Bo, Sierra Leone (No. 46/2007-07 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Turrumurra) whose aim is to build and extend the Bo Children's Hospital and to provide hygiene and basic health care and education. The hospital now has a need of the highest order to provide an isolation ward. A quarantine ward has been on the project list for some time but now it is not an overstatement to say it is a matter of life and death. They need to raise \$40,000

As we are all aware the Ebola virus is highly contagious between humans and has no known cure. The latest information available from Sierra Leone Government Ministry of Health (as at August 29th, 2014) is that the country has recorded 1033 cases with 383 deaths (including 140 health workers), and additional suspected cases.

In the nearby town of Kenema which is only one hours drive from Bo, there has been 173 reported deaths and an additional 64 cases in isolation, and now sadly, Bo which has been free of any cases to date, has now incurred six deaths.



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Rotary Australia World Community Service (or RAWCS), has DGR status and online payments paid to our Overseas Aid Fund are tax deductible. Receipts are automatically generated to online payment donors.

The link to online payments is via

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=139&ReturnTo=4>

Cheques can be made to Bo Children's Hospital Trust

c/- RAWCS, P.O. Box 3168 Parramatta NSW 2124 or

c/- P.O. Box 623 Balgowlah NSW 2093

Latest Bulletins from Ministry of Health, Sierra Leone <http://health.gov.sl/?p=537>



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