

Request for Proposal

Background:

Ampipal Hospital is a community hospital, situated in the upper mid-west of Nepal in the district of Gorkha. It serves the poor rural population. This is in the hilly area at altitude of 1500 m. above the sea level, inhabited by around 340,000 people. Ampipal Hospital was founded in 1969 by United Mission to Nepal (UMN) at the site of a former pharmacy which was built in 1956. After 35 years, in 2001, UMN decided to discontinue the hospital services. This was difficult for the local people, who were used to regular affordable and good quality health service for a long time. Immediately afterwards, hospital staff, local villagers, school teachers, students, social workers and political leaders gathered together and appealed to the government of Nepal to continue the health services similar to that of the UMN. The Nepalese government formed the Ampipal Hospital Development and Management Board, consisting of eleven elected members from five local Village Development Committees, and handed over the hospital to this board. This body is running the hospital with the support of government as well as local and international non-government organizations (NGOs). This board has authority over general management of hospital services, including manpower and infrastructure development, operational budgetary expenses, and coordination of local and international agencies, including funding support.

Services:

This hospital has 46 inpatient beds and several rooms for outpatient treatment (OPD). The average census of outpatient service is about 80 and inpatient is about 26 per day. There are two operating rooms, one post-operative care room, and one labor room in addition to the medical, surgical, children and obstetric wards. Delivery services and vaccination services for children and pregnant women are provided free of cost. Ancillary services such as pharmacy, laboratory, abdominal and pelvic ultrasounds, electrocardiograms, and digital X-ray services are available to assist in general medical, obstetric, pediatric and surgical care. For the last four years, there has been a functioning solar back-up and a generator available just in case of a power outage. Ambulance service is fully operational. Charity care is available to those who cannot afford the services and outpatient medications.

Two Nepalese general practitioners and one German gynecologist are providing medical care at the present. Services from visiting physicians and orthopedic surgeons from other countries are also available periodically. This hospital is the only facility in the region equipped to provide 24-hour emergency services such as emergency abdominal surgery, including Caesarean sections. Patients are referred from neighboring districts for their ongoing care.

This hospital also provides public health services like education on dental hygiene, HIV/AIDS awareness, safe oven, safe drinking water, smoking cessation, etc.

Budget:

This hospital is always looking for external support for its budget as the revenue it generates does not even support a small portion of its expenditure. This hospital is located in a remote area serving the poorest of the poor. Most of the people here cannot pay the full amount for their treatment and therefore the hospital constantly has to subsidize care. Furthermore, equipment upgrades, infrastructure development, and reconstruction of buildings (as several buildings were badly damaged by the earthquake) all need extra capital expenditure. We thank the German NGO Nepalmed E.V. for supporting the hospital since 2003. It has supported the hospital in equipment purchases, short term health services (staff salary), and charity funds for poor patients; additionally, its support for infrastructure development is highly appreciated. Dentists Without Limits (DWL) is a German NGO which provides some assistance for the dental unit. Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, and some individual donors have picked up the tabs or lent their hands periodically.

Hospital's urgent needs

Due to its proximity to the epicenter of the earthquake that devastated Nepal on April 25th 2015, most of the older section of this hospital has been badly damaged. Most of the outpatient buildings have been damaged and need urgent reconstruction, particularly the ones housing the pharmacy store and dispensary, which are around 45 years old. The mortuary is completely destroyed. Three other sections of the hospital have damaged (cracked) walls. One nursing quarter is also completely damaged and needs reconstruction. We are seeking some financial aid for urgent reconstruction of these buildings, particularly the pharmacy and mortuary.

Most Urgent Needs Emphasized:

Pharmacy Building: It will have five rooms. (Store-2, medical and Surgical store, Dispensary-1, vaccination -1, and preparation-1) Please see the map, OS9 is the pharmacy, measurement is L. 35 ft. 21 ft. height 10 ft. My rough estimate for the cost is around 1.2 million Nepalese rupees (equivalent to 12,000 US dollars).

Mortuary: Two sections in one room, one for keeping the dead bodies and another for post mortem if necessary. L. 26 ft. W. 20 ft. and height 8 ft. Estimated cost is around 350,000 rupees (3500 US dollars).

Nursing Quarter: Five rooms with a connected kitchen and dining area. Two toilets and two separate shower rooms. Estimated cost about 4.2 million rupees (42,000 US dollars).

Since these reconstructions are high value and high cost items, we need external support, as we have no funds. We would really appreciate if any donor agency is willing to help us.

The first two projects are very urgent. We would really appreciate if anyone can help us with these projects. Poor people of this region of Nepal will remain grateful to the donor agency forever.

Requested by:

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