

The Kilimatinde Trust (charity number 1063397)

20th Anniversary (1997 – 2017) Projects

Project 1: Burns Project at Kilimatinde Hospital

In developing countries like Tanzania burn injury is a more common problem because of charcoal fires for cooking and kerosene for lighting and fridges. Like everywhere else burns cause intense pain, suffering, disability, reduced life expectancy and sometimes death but in developing countries there are 90% more incidences than elsewhere. The World Health Organisation estimate that 43,000 of people die from burns related injury in Africa each year. For those who survive their quality of life and life expectancy are reduced. Scald burns account for 66% of burns in sub-Saharan Africa and 80% of burns are children under 10 yrs.

The Kilimatinde Trust in establishing a burns unit will improve the speed of treatment and ongoing care for burns patients in the Kilimatinde and Manyoni district. In addition through other projects promoting the use of solar heating and lighting options and the greater availability of subsidised treatment for epilepsy we aim to significantly reduce the incidences of burns.

Currently the environment in which the patients are treated in the hospital is poor and doesn't meet infection control standards, staff lack training and resources and pain management could be improved. The situation in the neighbouring hospital is no better.

Our project aims to:

- Train two nurses in specialist burn treatment and care and through them improve health education about treatment and prevention of burns.
- Build a separate specialised treatment area for children and adults and thereby improve the environment in which we care for and treat burns
- Ensure a stock of resources and treatments are available at all times
- Support the registration of a local pharmacist to supply government subsidised treatment for people with epilepsy.
- Link in to an additional project which aims to promote alternatives to gasoline lamps and charcoal cooking.



The Project cost of £10,000

Will include:

The cost of converting a redundant hospital ward to create two small sterile wards for children and adults.

The installation of a bath for full body treatment and install stock cupboards.

The cost of supplies including bedding and wound dressings.

Training at a national hospital for two existing nurses in specialist burn care and treatment.



Very sadly the child illustrated in the photo above died in Kilimatinde hospital last year. We believe that this project will reduce the suffering and increase the life chances of burn victims.

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