



Projektbericht

Eastern Africa Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Digestive Oncology training and service project in Tanzania at Muhas/MNH - Dar es Salaam

- Expectations of a Surgeon -

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INTRODUCTION

The Idea of having gastroenterology training and services in a training and service center in Tanzania was started 2009 between Prof. Pallangyo (The Vice Chancellor - MUHAS) Prof. Lema (who was the Executive Director of Muhimbili National Hospital - at that time), Prof. Meinhard Classen (Gastroenterology Foundation Munich/Germany), Prof. Abdel Meguid Kassem Cairo University (Egypt), Prof. Twalib Ngoma (Ocean Road Cancer Insitute).



Experts of MUHAS and MNH meet for the first time to develop the curriculum for MSc Gastroenterology in April 2011

The Concept was to bring the following Institutions into a close collaboration

- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Siences, Muhimbili National Hospital, Ocear Road Cancer Institute
- Gastroenterology Foundation Munich (GF)

Generally the **Gastroenterology Foundation based in Munich** - is committed to establishing Training Centres in Africa and through this concept Professor Pallangyo was able to introduce this concept and share with the above mentioned CEO's.

The **Project started** by sending two doctors from Muhimbili National Hospital for training in gastroenterology at CairoUniversity/Egypt for three months under the guidance of Prof. A.M. Kassem.



The concept of establishing a training and service center in Tanzania was discussed. The most important issues were

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Location
- Equipment Supply
- Funding
- Training (curriculum and practice)

PROGRESS

It was agreed that the location be at the Pediatric Complex building within Muhimbili National Hospital. Construction works expected to cost about 300,000 USD paid by the Government of Tanzania. This work is expected to be complete and ready for use by February 2012.



The Training and Service Center on top of the Pediatric complex of MNH (under construction)



Equipments for endoscopy, radiology and ultrasound worth 700,000 USD will be supplied as donation by the Else-Kröner-Fresenius Stiftung, Gastroenterology Foundation Munich and other societies. The technical installation and training will be covered by the GF and the academic authorities of MUHAS.

MUHAS has planned the training Course and introduced the title of the **Master of Science in gastroenterology** (both Medical and Surgical). The funding is from the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) GF and German Gastroenterological Societies.

The development and the current status of the project on the construction side is as it appears on the following pictures

Expectations

Imaging procedures are of vital importance for diagnosis and control of therapy in digestive surgery. Conventional ultrasound, endoscopy and their combination as endoscopic ultrasound belong to the armamentarium of gastroenterologists and are used in their daily practice. We at MUHAS and MNH will be happy to receive modern equipment and appropriate training. Our patients and trainees will greatly benefit from the new and up-to-date training and service center.



The expectations of the Unit is to be the Centre of training for Gastroenterology in Tanzania East Africa and Africa in general. Service will be provided for Dar es Salaam and its surrounding region.

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