

PRESS RELEASE

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60 MILLION Ksh OF EQUIPMENT DONATED TO COAST GENERAL HOSPITAL

Following their highly successful eye mission in North Horr, where they operated on 196 patients giving them back their eyesight, Medical and Educational Aid to Kenya (MEAK) the U.K. charity arrived in Mombasa to carry out an orthopaedic surgical mission on patients at Coast Provincial General Hospital.

The MEAK surgeons operating simultaneously in two theatres carried out nearly fifty surgical procedures on limb injuries caused mainly by road traffic accidents and falls. The MEAK director Mike Belliere stated that he was very impressed by the standard of care and dedication shown by the medics from Coast General Hospital but understood their frustration at the lack of personnel and equipment which hampered their efforts.

MEAK brought with them from the UK two image intensifier machines for donation to both Coast General Hospital and to Nanayuki General Hospital as well as much other vital and modern equipment needed during the repair of bones during surgery. They estimated that the new value of equipment provided to Coast General would have been in the region of Ksh 60 million.

MEAK also brought with them two heart and lung pumps and two blood heater/cooler units for donation to The Mombasa Hospital and Kenyatta National hospital in Nairobi. MEAK has, so far, carried out fourteen heart missions in Kenya operating on nearly three hundred children with heart disease. They are proposing to return to Mombasa in June 2010 when they will be working with the medics from The Mombasa Hospital to operate on around twenty five children suffering from this life threatening disease.

Mike Belliere was keen to point out that MEAK's work is only made possible by the co-operation of local organizations and on this trip he made a point of mentioning The Nyali International Beach Hotel who provided free accommodation for the team and Ketty Tours who provided all the transport requirements. He commended both organizations for their kindness and generosity and their commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Mike and Dee Belliere the founders of the charity stated that they have a great love for this wonderful country and its people and have made many friends over here. MEAK's work on eyes, hearts and bones is set to continue with approximately ten separate missions planned for 2010.

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