

Hospital NHS Trust and International Cooperation

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A support for a Hospital in Nigeria



The Project

Started in 2005 in Owerri, Imo state, in the heart of Nigeria, it involves Busto Arsizio Hospital NHS Trust (Azienda Ospedaliera "Ospedale di Circolo di Busto Arsizio"), Crenna's Parish (Gallarate, Varese-Italy) and the not-for-profit organization ACISS.

The Context

The health conditions of Sub-saharian Africa are dramatic, also because of the presence of decaying and inadequate hospitals and the use of counterfeit drugs.

The Aim

The Project acts within this context with a support mission to provide the local health staff with essential diagnostic and therapeutic instruments to meet the minimal health demands of the Owerri area population.

Planning Steps:

- evaluation of health needs;
- evaluation of the existing health services availability;
- opening of an outpatient department in the Owerri's archiepiscopal Seminary;
- management and health arrangement of a clinic named "Saint George's Clinic" in Ngugo (approximately 20 km far from Owerri) with: an outpatient department, clinical laboratory department, ecographic equipment, admissions department, chemist and services area;
- arrangement of a six-month internship in the Radiology, Obstetrics-gynaecology and Microbiology departments of Busto Arsizio Hospital for a Nigerian doctor.

Operating Steps:

2005

- opening of an outpatient department equipped with six beds in the Owerri's archiepiscopal Seminary.

2006-2007

- creation of the Medical-surgical department named "Annibale Tosi" equipped with six beds in Saint George's Clinic;
- from may to november 2007: Internship of a Nigerian doctor at Busto Arsizio Hospital.

2008

- opening of the Maternal and Child Health department named "Chinyone" equipped with six beds.

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