

ST.KIZITO HOSPITAL AND AMICI PER L'AFRICA (APA)

MEETING 12TH DEC 2018

APA team arrived to the hospital at 9:15 am, a meeting started at 9:30 am by Dr. Dinno Azallin introduced himself as Founder and President of APA and also other five members accompanied with him from Italy who are Miss Sara Jane, Miss Biotti Irene, Mr. Giordano Giuseppe, Miss Lorena Cumia, Miss Anna Micauzzi and escorted by Miss Hila Kayungila.

Then St. Kizito hospital team provided an introduction which is led by Dr. Sr. Antusa Maria (Medical Officer Incharge), Mr. Dickson James (Hospital Health Secretary), Mr. Charles Maselema (Hospital Patron also working in dental unit), Sr. Mathilda Mponda (Hospital Matron) and Kephace Kissui (Hospital Accountant).

Dr. Dinno Azallin provided short profile details of APA which is acronym of Amici Per L'Africa which means Friends for Africa. APA involves Dentist and Dental professionals only. APA is working very close with CUAMM in Africa. Dr. Dinno Azallin sited example of the Project working with CUAMM is strengthening the dental unit Tosamaganga Hospital, Tanzania.

Dr. Dinno Azallin explained through last visit from APA volunteers at St. Kizito Hospital and had a meeting with Hospital management found that there is a need to have a project of strengthening dental Unit. Therefore APA already started the process of initiating the project and so far APA already found a donor who will provide fund to purchase a complete dental chair from Anudha Limited (Tanzania) which expecting to cost \$10,000.

Also Dr. Dinno Azallin said the project time will be two years which will involve;

- Donating a complete dental chair
- Donating dental equipments and supporting instruments
- Building capacity to hospital dentist officer and all team working in dental unit
- APA volunteers will be coming to work in St. Kizito hospital dental unit
- Sharing report from each other

St.Kizito Hospital (SKH) management expressed gratitude for the support expecting to receive from APA. SKH open the door for any kind of support and promised to collaborate effectively with APA for the success of the project. So far hospital has Assistant Dental Officer (Dr. Thomas) and Mr. Charles Maselema who also working in the dental unit. A vision of hospital dental unit is to provide best quality dental care services to vulnerable groups and people who are in need.

After introduction and discussion from both teams, all together went to visit hospital dental unit room.

The findings are as follows;

- Poor dental instrument
- Poor dental chair
- Room layout is not good need to rearrange
- Need to repaint the walls
- Only lower roots dental extraction instrument available
- A need to have filter to clean water tank for which will be used to clean instruments
- Poor sterilized machine

During the visit at dental unit room, a team found three patients waiting for the dental services. Team decided to procedure for all those 3 patients in collaboration with Mr. Charles Maselema. As shown in the picture below among of the patients is Mr. William B. Ngao ready for lower tooth extraction procedure.



Photo taken at dental unit room.

After completing the procedure a both team sat together a way forward on the implementation of the project as follows;

- St. Kizito Hospital and APA will write a project which will be presented to APA board by Dr. Dinno Azallin seeking for approval
- Hospital will be preparing a dental care services report and share to APA
- APA volunteers would be coming to hospital and being attached with team working in the unit for the purpose of building capacity to the team
- To find Autoclave machine, Compressor and other dental instruments
- After finishing writing a project a technical team from Dar es salaam to assist hospital on technical issues
- Hospital to increase a human resource working at unit (Qualified Nurse and Medical Attendant) to assist the procedures

Expectations build capacity of the hospital on dental procedures services. A wind up from Medical Officer Incharge paid special thanks, welcoming the team again for the support and wishing them a safe journey.



A joint photo taken before a team start a journey to Iringa.