

「現地メディア向けプレスツアーを行いました」

平成30年12月6日から7日にかけて現地メディア向けプレスツアーを実施し、新聞・ラジオ等4社4名のメディア関係者が参加しました。このプレスツアーは、日本の開発協力が現地メディアで取り上げられる機会を増やすとともに、ジンバブエ国の政府関係者、知識層およびジンバブエ国民への情報発信を強化するためのものです。

プレス一行は、西マシヨナランド州フルングウェ郡を訪れ、草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力「チダモヨ・クリスチャン病院レントゲン機材供与計画」の引き渡し式を取材しました。

「日本製のデジタル式高性能レントゲン機材により地域住民の健康増進に貢献！」

1日目は、ハラレ市から車で約5時間道のりを経て夕刻チダモヨ・クリスチャン病院に到着しました。この日は、同病院の医師や看護師長さんらと病院の診療状況や課題、今回日本政府から支援されたデジタル式レントゲンの有効性についてお話を伺いました。従来の現像式レントゲンは精度が低く、また、現像に多くの時間と費用がかかっていましたが、本機材の供与により地域住民に対する安価で精度の高い診察が可能となり、特に貧困創住民が多いこの地域では、多くの地域住民が質の高い医療サービスを享受することが可能となることがメディア関係者に伝えられました。



メディア関係者と病院関係者との意見交換会

2 日目は、同病院にて岩藤大使の他、 マングウィロ保健・育児副大臣、フルングウェ郡選出のセシル・カシリ下院議員の出席のもとデジタル式レントゲン機材の引渡し引きが行われ、病院関係者、地域住民等約500名が参加し、日本政府からの支援に感謝の意が示されました。また、同式典では日本企業の現地担当者による本レントゲン機材の有効性についての説明が行われるとともに、マングウィロ副大臣からは、本病院のサービス向上に向け不足している医師や看護師、レントゲン技術の向上についてその推進を約束する旨述べました。また、式典の最後には供与されたレントゲン機材をはじめ病院内の視察を行いました。メディア関係者はこの模様を一部始終取材し、本協力に対する地域住民の大きな期待と高い効果が期待されることを取材していました。



岩藤大使挨拶



マングウィロ副大臣挨拶



妊婦さんによる歓迎ダンス



参加した地域住民



病院を視察する記者



供与されたレントゲン機材

プレスツアー後、各メディアから我が国開発協力の取り組みが報道されており、引き渡し式の当日及び翌日には数度にわたりテレビ・ラジオでの報道がなされるとともに、10日付け及び17日付けの新聞においても関連記事が掲載されました。多くの国民が目にする各種メディア媒体を通して本支援計画が取り上げられたことで、ジンバブエ国民の我が国開発協力事業への理解もより一層深まったのではないかと思います。

関連報道

プレスツアー後にリリースされた新聞報道

【デイリーニューズ紙（12月10日）】

Hospital gets digital X-ray machine（邦訳：「病院がデジタル・レントゲン機材を確保」）】

【ニューズ・デイ紙（12月17日）】

Chidamoyo needs more nurses, doctors

（邦訳：「チダモヨ病院は更なる看護師と医師が必要」

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospital gets digital x-ray machine

CHIDAMOYO, a renowned Christian hospital in Hurungwe District of Mashonaland West Province, which has continued to offer services to struggling villagers during economic hardships by accepting payment in the form of grain or vegetables received a timely boost.

Last week, Japan donated a digital x-ray machine, a first of its kind to the hospital — the only medical facility between Karoi and Binga.

Deputy minister of Health John Mangwiro said his ministry will ensure the provision of more doctors and nurses to enhance the quality of services rendered at Chidamoyo Hospital.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Japanese ambassador to Zimbabwe Toshiyuki Iwado commended the hospital for providing quality health services to the community for over 50 years.

"I have learnt that Chidamoyo is regarded with affection by the people from Kariba to Binga and even further. And even during these difficult economic times when people do not have money, the hospital is not turning people away but still caring for them, allowing them to pay by different means, such as a bucket of grain or basket of vegetables, so they can be treated," said Iwado.

"The new machine is a reliable and high-quality device made by a Japanese company, Fuji Film. It will allow cheaper, more accurate and more user-friendly diagnosis for patients."

The sister-in-charge at the hospital, Kathy McCarty said the institution has three doctors and serves more than 400 patients every day.

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Chidamoyo needs more nurses, doctors

Blessings Chidakwa recently in HURUNGWE

CHIDAMOYO Christian Hospital in Hurungwe district has a critical shortage of staff including nurses owing to increased demand for services attributed to population growth.

The hospital was constructed nearly 50 years ago for a population of about 3 500 but now serves a population of about 35 000 people, according to healthcare staff.

In his address at the handover of a new digital X-ray machine donated by the Japanese Embassy, Health and Child Care Deputy Minister Dr John Mangwiro said Government was deeply concerned with the situation at the hospital.

"Chidamoyo Hospital is doing very well with a nursing staff complement of 22 but more than 50 others are needed because the population it is serving has grown. The hospital was designed to cater for 3 500 people but it now handles about 35 000.

The nurse-patient ratio at the hospital is very high, meaning there is need for extra hands," he said.

"As Ministry of Health we want to make sure we give quality care to our patients and ensure that our health workers are happy, so we will work towards having the required nursing establishment."

Dr Mangwiro said there was also need to improve the quality of services at the hospital and conditions that there were only three doctors attending to at least 200 patients daily. He said attainment of upper middle income status by 2030 required a quality and robust healthcare system.

"As Government, our President is saying we should be an upper middle income country by 2030 and that means we need to have the requisite health facilities in place. The introduction of this digital X-ray machine is putting us very high in terms of the quality of services we can provide. However, there is need for more

doctors. As an upcoming upper middle income economy we will need junior doctors to specialise, but even if they specialise, nurses also need to specialise, so do our technicians in the laboratories and pharmacists.

"Each district should have these resident specialists," he said.

Dr Mangwiro said the hospital was also facing funding challenges. "Like any other hospital, the medical superintendent here is crying because of underfunding, and we realise it is a national problem. Remember things were down but we are slowly getting out of the situation and things will improve," he said.

Dr Mangwiro said Government had come up with measures to access drugs without relying solely on the private sector.

"We used to wait on the private sector for medication but now hospitals can get it directly from Niphaum in Harare," he said.



Deputy Minister Mangwiro