



Ethiopia Link



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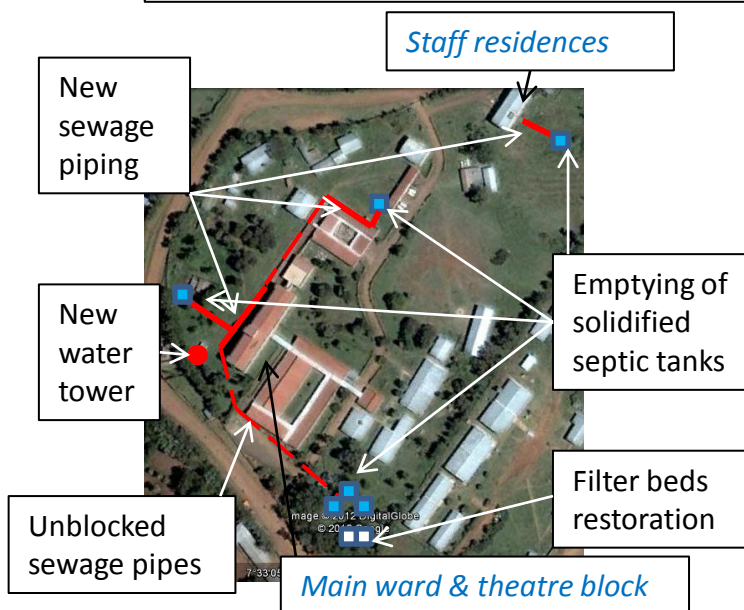
*Betsi Cadwaladr UHB's link hospitals
in Southern Ethiopia* *March 2012*



The new water tower is 4 storeys high, with a capacity of 50 m³, and will supply the whole hospital compound and the adjacent Health Sciences Institute. The project includes a pump from the existing ground floor reservoir. The design was modified and strengthened after an earthquake in 2011. It should last!

Water and sewage project in our link hospital in Hossana

It's been a hospital without water. But over the past three years, *Ethiopia Link* has worked with WaterAid in Ethiopia, local engineers in Hossana, and water engineers in the UK to pull together a plan to sort out an effective water supply to the hospital and repair the blocked and broken sewage system. *Ethiopia Link* pledged £36,000 towards this major project. With funds donated by staff in Glan Clwyd and HM Stanley hospitals, supplemented by local Rotary Groups, Inner Wheel, churches and other organisations, work started in 2011, and is now over 90% complete – aiming to finish before the rainy season in April. You can read more about the project, and other activities that *Ethiopia Link* engages in - check our intranet page via the Betsi Cadwaladr site.



Thanks to all those that have contributed to this project – now almost complete! We may need to replace some elements of the plumbing within the hospital in the next few months when the water starts to flow. So the work goes on, and the fund-raising will continue for this and other projects..... we'll keep you posted .



Water: The water tower will allow 24 hour provision of water to the wards, theatres and staff residences, something that has not been possible since the hospital was built in 1984. Until now, water was carried in from a standpipe in the grounds, and was available for an hour each day.

Sewage: The renewal and unblocking of the sewage system, and the emptying of solidified septic tanks and filter beds will allow toilets, sinks and drains in the hospital block to be used, and avoid flooding of the ground floor with sewage during the rainy season.



Teaching and training in Hossana

Hossana, February A three day course for 40 health officers, and 8 masters students was held in Hossana hospital, combining lectures and a variety of practical sessions both in the classroom and in the wards. Topics covered included obstetric emergencies, infection control, paediatric emergencies, and trauma management. Below, Gudrun Rieck encourages students to use a pelvis and baby model to demonstrate management of shoulder dystocia and use of forceps. Reducing maternal mortality is one of the key Millennium Development Goals



Into the pit!

Ato Yeshanew, the enthusiastic new sanitarian in Hossana demonstrates the no-touch lid of the placenta pit funded by *Ethiopia Link*. Prior to this an open pit was used, which attracted vultures and dogs, and was a serious health hazard. The ventilated placenta pit was designed by Ato Yeshanew himself.



All washed up....

It's big, it's German and it's probably 30 years old ... and it's just stopped working. Simon Williams repairs one of the ancient and noisy Miele washing machines in the laundry at Hossana hospital – having spent the whole week of the visit inspecting, mending, advising and training maintenance staff at the hospital.

Bin bags and elbow grease!



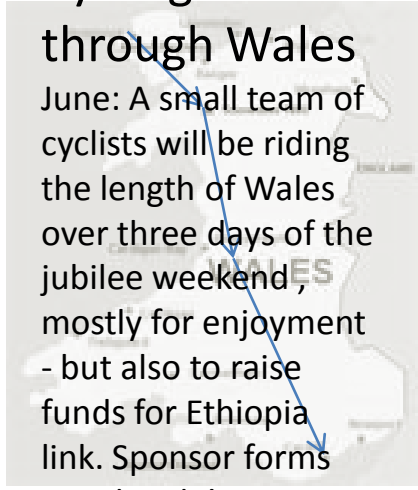
Dressed in fashionable red bin-bags, double-gloved and brimming with determination, Annie Myers and Chris Jeffrey demonstrate the **Glan Clwyd** method of deep-cleaning mattresses on the wards in Hossana. Infection control remains a major challenge in the hospital, but with the anticipated arrival of water on the wards in Hossana in the next few months, proper cleaning of the wards will become more feasible



Should you wish to become involved with Ethiopia Link Group, visit the intranet webpage, contact the group via ext 4808 at Glan Clwyd hospital or email Duncan.cameron@wales.nhs.uk Link Group meetings are held every two months. Fund-raising events coming up include the Annual Spring Ball, a 3 day cycle ride the length of Wales, and the Chester half marathon.

Cycling down through Wales

June: A small team of cyclists will be riding the length of Wales over three days of the jubilee weekend, mostly for enjoyment - but also to raise funds for Ethiopia link. Sponsor forms out shortly!



Pennies from Heaven!

Hossana *really* needs your support. You can donate the pennies off the end of your monthly wage slip jointly to Ethiopia Link and also St Kentigern hospice. So far 700 members of BCUHB central staff have signed up so far. Visit **Ethiopia link** on the intranet to learn more and find the sign-up form

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