

Bo Children's Hospital continues to grow

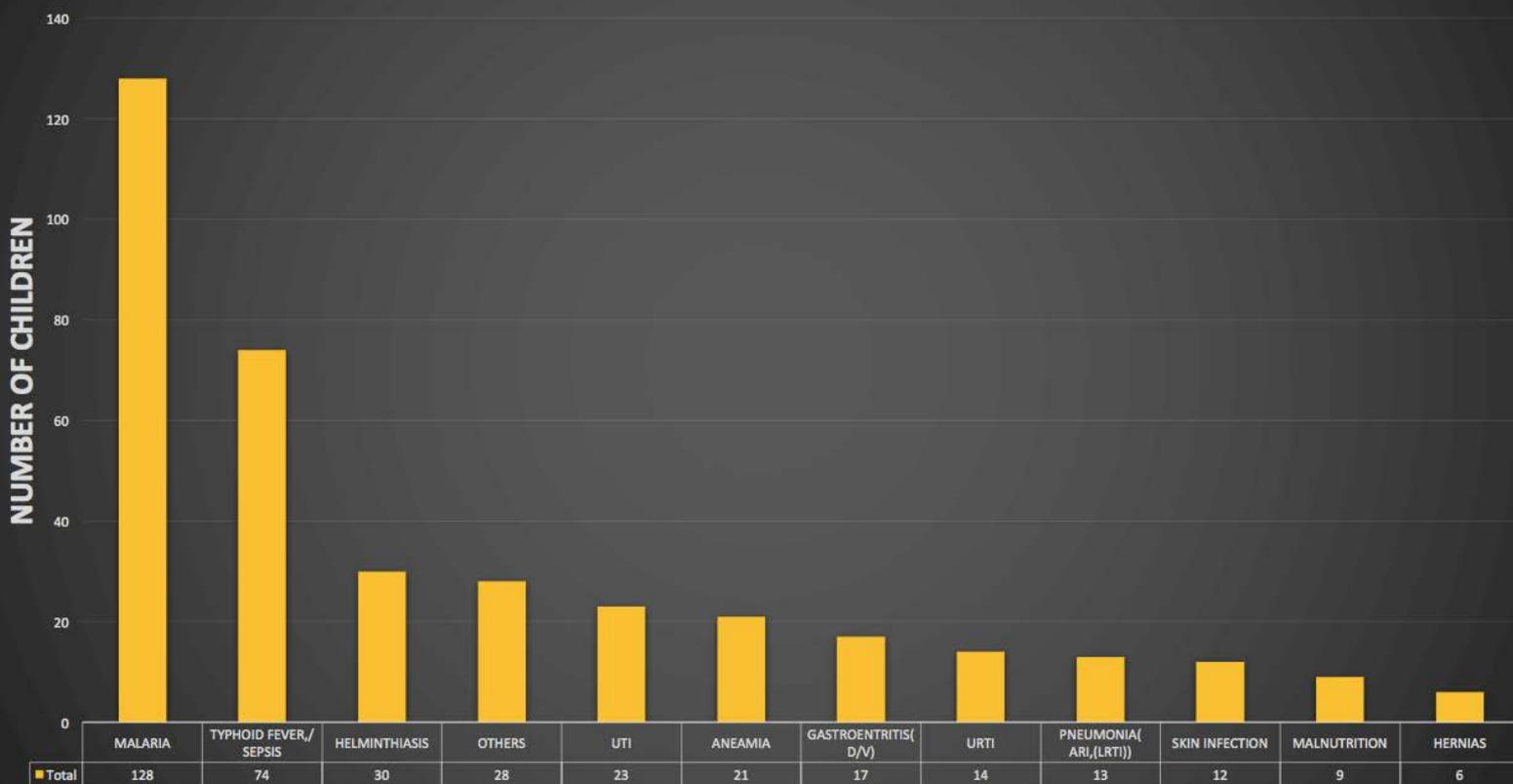


THANK YOU

We are enriched by the heart warming stories emerging from Bo Children's Hospital. So many children have a better choice in life because of the good healthcare and medical support received at the hospital. This is made possible because of your wonderful contributions and ongoing support. On behalf of all the children that have been treated and those to come, we say a heartfelt THANK YOU.

375 CHILDREN TREATED IN JANUARY 2019

Diagnoses in January 2019



Every month, hundreds of children are treated at Bo Children's Hospital. In January, similarly to most months, Malaria was the most common diagnosis.

TWINS SUCCESS STORY

Twins Maada and Juldeh were brought to the hospital by their mother because they were not thriving. Mother was young and a single parent. The twins weighed only 1.4 kg and 1.5 kg at birth.

In western countries such babies would spend weeks in intensive care units but in the absence of such a unit the mother was advised to follow the Kangaroo care method of caring for low birthweight babies. In this method the babies are carried skin to skin on the mothers breast, wrapped firmly against her breast for warmth and feed on demand.

The twins put on weight and subsequently joined a free therapeutic feeding program at the hospital. Now 6 months old they are doing well.



ABOVE: Twins Maada and Juldeh pictured above

FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL GETS AID AND CRUTCHES



A four year old girl, Sallay Kamara presented to the hospital with a sore that had deteriorated into osteomyelitis resulting in an infection in her femoral bone.

Sallay has since been visiting the hospital on a regular basis to change the dressing.

Sallay has also been given assistance with devices to aid her walking.

LEFT: Picture shows Sallay with her new crutches

HEAD NURSE ADOPTS BABY

The Head Nurse of Bo Children Hospital, Martha H Sandi has been going through a hard period (post Ebola).

Despite her financial difficulties and hardship, Martha adopted an 11 month old baby named Blessings who was abandoned by two blind parents at Bo Children Hospital. The baby was admitted to the hospital suffering from malnutrition and poor hygiene. After being cared for by BCH she was able to go home with Martha.



ABOVE: Martha holding Blessings with her other children

MUCH NEEDED GEL ARRIVES FOR THE ULTRASOUND MACHINE



BCH was very fortunate to have a visiting doctor from the USA deliver much needed gel for the ultrasound machine. Gel is very hard to obtain in Sierra Leone and BCH has been collaborating with chemists in the UK to make their own gel from local resources.

It is envisaged in the future that the BCH will also be able to assist with prenatal measurements.

MEDICAL BOOKS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT BCH

One World Link in the United Kingdom has arranged for medical books to be downloaded online to assist in medical research at Bo Children's Hospital.

BOBBIN HEAD CYCLE CLASSIC

24 March 2019

For several years now, the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic has supported Bo Children's Hospital amongst many other incredible organisations.

The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic includes four scenic rides through Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Bobbin Head, West Head and Akuna Bay. The event is not a race but a community bicycle ride for bike enthusiasts and recreational riders. This year we have the 104km, 80km, 57km and 27km rides for all types of cyclists.

To sign up to ride, go to:

<http://www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.org.au/register.php>



YOU MAY NOT KNOW

As reported in a previous newsletter, half of the population of Sierra Leone is below the international poverty line. The Government is addressing this issue and is substantially increasing the minimum wages for nurses and doctors.

Bo Children's Hospital is no exception. This will have an impact on our current budget and we may have to reduce our staff to cover the cost of these increases.

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