



Bulamu has achieved new levels of patient care, and launched joint venture activities with Mbarara Hospital and Medical School

We are proud of the progress we are making, and want to share the news AND the credit with our many donors and supporters—**YOU** have made it possible for the following to happen:

REFURBISHMENT OF THE CERVICAL CANCER CENTER AT MBARARA HOSPITAL



Doctors Bottino and Mayanja discussing the remodeled cervical cancer clinic.

Since early January, the former space has been transformed by local labor into an upgraded clinical setting to screen and treat cervical cancer. By February 1,620 women were screened, and those requiring cryotherapy scheduled to undergo treatment. Another 82 women underwent treatment for a different cancer. The clinic is expected to treat about 1,000 women per month once all the equipment is installed and training is complete. The photos were taken on a Sunday when no patients were present.

Bulamu provided the funding to replace the filters of the LEEP system that allows abnormal tissue to be removed from the cervix, purchased and delivered a supply of CO₂ and other cryotherapy supplies, and installed a new computer system that you can see in the photo above. Bulamu Co-Founder Gerald Atwine and Dr. Joe Bottino report that the new facility “sparkles” with fresh plaster and paint, floor covering and replaced window panes.

MBARARA CONDUCTS ITS FIRST ONE-DAY MEDICAL CAMP JANUARY 27, 2017



Under the guidance and direction of “Dr. Joe” (pictured above in dark blue scrubs), Mbarara medical professionals, medical students, Peace Corps volunteers and highly skilled and experienced nursing personnel treated a total of

308 patients during a one-day camp that focused on screening for cervical cancer (223) and treating other medical issues (85) raised by patients. The camp was located in Katete, several miles from Mbarara.

Katete is very rural but does have a nursing school. Unfortunately, its regional government clinic was limited in space which made it difficult to effectively operate with the large crowd that was attracted to the event. We include three photos taken at the camp to give you a flavor of the positive attitude of both the patients and the caregivers.

Bulamu helped finance the cost of the medical camp. Although a number of improvements will be made, the actual cost per patient treated was competitive with the earliest camps that Bulamu conducted. The Mbarara team plans to conduct a three-day joint medical camp with the Ugandan Cancer Institute in May, again focusing on screening and treating cervical cancer, so this activity will clearly increase the number of women being screened and treated by Bulamu and its partners.

In time, we hope to relate these activities to actual patient outcomes and increased longevity. As you know, cervical cancer is the number one cause of death among women in Uganda. It is a tragedy that prevention and treatment are so simple when compared to most other forms of cancer. Western women populations have a small fraction of the cervical cancer deaths experienced by East African women.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS

To see more photos of the Katete medical camp [CLICK HERE](#)