

Uplift Project

National Referral Hospital

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NATIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL UPLIFT PROJECT – (BRAs, Medical and Nursing Equipment)

Introduction

The “Up Lift Project” has been an ongoing project in assisting less fortunate mothers in developing countries within the Pacific islands through the distribution of maternity and mastectomy bras.

The initiation of distributing bras to both maternity and mastectomy bras for National Referral Hospital came about when the ladies around Honiara together with the Project Up Lift came up with the plan.

Up lift Project Women Networking Group (Solomon Islands)

There was meeting organized with Director of Nursing (DoN) for National Referral Hospital (NRH) Sr. Mary Wakio and Assistance Director of Nursing (ADoN)–Clinical, Sr. Dulcie Darcy, Helen Sinclair (Adviser), Rebecca from Ramsi (HKL) and Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Women, Youth and Family Affairs Ms. Ethel Sigamanu to discuss the issue.

Arrival of the Cargoes

Towards the end of September a telephone conversation with Sr. Alison Sio and Nancy from Red Cross confirmed the arrival of the 21 cartons of bras. Items and equipment distributed to NRH includes 10 Cartons of Maternity bras and 2 cartons of Mastectomy bras, medical equipment such as cord clamps, gowns, BP machines, Intravenous lines [giving sets], disposable urinals, thermometers, baby clothes and many more items and equipment suitable for hospital use.

The nursing staff really appreciated the donation of medical equipment because they now had the right tools to do work with. Sometimes our old equipment had parts missing or were broken.

National Referral Hospital Distribution

Table 1 – Distribution of Bras as per departments

Date	Department	Total Bras distributed
20/9/2011	Post Natal ward	80 bras
22/9/2011	Gynae ward	60 bras
23/9/2011	Birthing	80 bras
26/9/2011	Antenatal ward	80 bras
26/9/2011	Pap Smear Clinic	60 bras
27/9/2011	Birthing -2 nd distribution	40 bras
29/9/2011	Post Natal ward	40 bras
10/10/11	Reserved for distribution on a needs basis	90 bras

Note:

Birthing – new mothers giving birth every day

The distribution of the nursing bras was a highlight of the activities that ever happens in the National Referral Hospital because of the availability of the bras that cannot be bought in the shops. The mothers were filled with excitement because the bras were comfortable to wear. The Nursing bras were equally distributed to the Obstetric and Gynecological Departments including other BBA mothers who have delivered before arrival into the hospital. Each mother was allowed to get 3 bras each according to her breast size. Total number of bras donated to NRH was 530 bras, of which 440 was distributed to patients, 40 distributed to guardians and 20 bras [large size] were given to Nurse manager Pap smear Clinic to distribute to any mothers that might fit them.

The smiling faces from the mothers shows how much they appreciated such assistance.

On behalf of the National Referral Hospital I wish to sincerely thank 'Project UpLift' for identifying and working hard to meet the great needs for Solomon Island mothers who are unable to afford bras of their own.

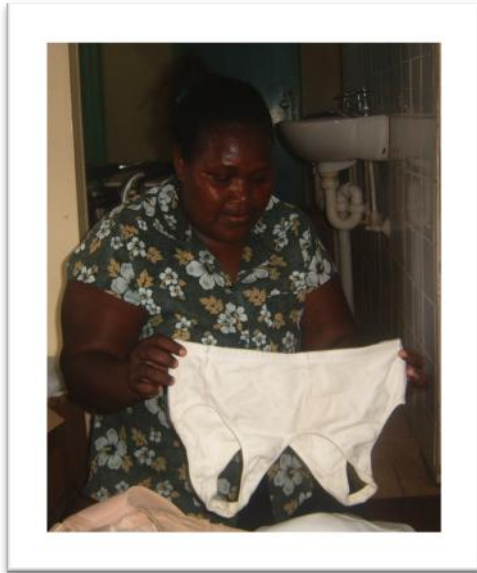
Grateful if such assistance continues again sometimes in the near future.

Cheers

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2 mothers who had mastectomy.



Postnatal Ward- Post natal mothers



Ante natal Ward – Antenatal mothers



Special Care Nursery Ward – Post natal mothers.

