



WHO Somalia
Baidoa Hospital assessment report
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The security situation is fragile and international staff are allowed to leave the camp in armoured vehicles only.

Assessment results

Baidoa is a key regional hospital serving the regions of Bay, Bakol and Gedo in South Central Somalia. The situation is said to have improved after the handover of the management of the hospital to COOPI and renovation work being carried out by UNOPS.



Due to the influx of IDPs from other parts of the country, there is an increase in the number of both in-patient and out-patient admissions from all regions.

Health services

Indicator	January	February	March	April	May	June ¹	Source verification
Ward admission	267	163	137	213	269	176	OPD register
Assisted delivery	75	80	65	76	47	80	Pediatric and maternity ward register
Obstetric complication	15	30	60	4	21	50	Obstetric register
Antenatal consultation	715	630	472	320	269	406	Obstetric register
Maternal mortality from complications	1	30	1	4	0	1	Obstetric register
Prenatal mortality	1	0	0	1	2	1	Obstetric register
Casualty	286	182	165	169	111	117	Casualty register
OPD	1559	721	825	1523	2445	1782	OPD register
Operations	72	56	43	32	18	22	OT register
Total	3031	1892	1768	2342	3182	2635	

¹ Data as of 20 June 2009. At the end of June, all international staff were no longer able to access the hospital owing to a worsening of the security situation which negatively affected reporting of hospital data.

Cases of diabetes mellitus (DM) amount to about 10% (there is no insulin available in the market, with the exception of Mogadishu where insulin can cost as much as \$25 per bottle). Cases of malignancy amount to another 10% encompassing all types of cancers, especially oral, stomach, osteosarcoma and bone. Diagnosis and management remain a challenge due to the lack of histo-pathology, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Activities conducted by WHO during mission

- On-the-job training for nursing staff on post-operation follow-up and refractory wound dressing for in-patients
- On-the-job training for the OPD nurses on methods of examination
- On-the-job training for both surgeons and gynecologists on case diagnosis, criteria of malignancy and clinical symptoms, signs and diagnosis of metastases and tumour spread via lymphatic and blood spread, criteria of inoperability in malignancy and decision-making
- On-the-job training on basic surgical handcraft
- On-the-job training on emergency surgical and obstetric procedures



Phase one of the Baidoa Hospital renovation is complete and apart from the lack of piped water supply, wards are operational with the accepted level of infection control measures (though wound care still remains a challenge).

Recommendations for future assistance

Provide the hospital with:

- Supply of UNFPA kits
- Surgical kit for the operating theatre
- Regular on-the-job training on surgical and obstetric care as security situation permits
- Training on aseptic and hygienic measures
- Second phase of renovation of the hospital as security situation permits
- Discussion with WASH partners including UNICEF for improving water supply



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Urgent financial requirements for Baidoa Hospital

Supplies and equipment	Managed by COOPI/UNOPS
Incentives for health workers	Managed by COOPI/UNOPS
Infection control supplies	\$100 000
Capacity-building of health workers	\$100 000
Renovation of emergency room	\$135 000