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A Ten-Year Vision for EMAS Canada and Gutu Mission Hospital Partnership

THE OPPORTUNITY

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EMAS Canada has been invited by the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe (RCZ) to assist in upgrading services and facilities at **Gutu Mission Hospital** (GMH). GMH is part of the national rural health network and is the designated referral hospital for about 220,000 people. As the hub of Gutu District's health services, it is the first point of referral for 29 satellite clinics and health centers.

Gutu Mission Hospital's leadership role in the district health delivery program includes:

- Provision of clinical services to reduce morbidity at the district level and is the gateway filtering more difficult problems for tertiary care.
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) and supervision of district health staff, to improve staff wellbeing, and the quality of service delivery.
- Research and health information management for resource allocation and technical efficiency.

However, three factors limit GMH from reaching its full potential as the district referral center:

1. Unserviceable equipment and inadequate facilities reduce overall efficiency and scope of service delivery.
2. Staff shortage and lack of teaching materials hinder district-wide CME through the school of nursing.
3. Dated processes and systems impede health information management.

EMAS Canada envisions a ten-year partnership that will:

1. Invest in CME for staff at Gutu Mission Hospital.
2. Address the need for appropriate facilities.
3. Identify and engage partners to improve data collection and research.

THE STRATEGY

EMAS Canada would leverage its strengths in three ways:

1. Education

- Provide opportunities for staff training through in-service courses, and programs to upgrade skills and broaden clinical experience. EMAS' teaching teams have experience in DR Congo, Uganda, and China.
- Institute programs for CME for all district health workers based on experience in Uganda, China, and Cuba

2. Medical Aid

- Provide facilities and equipment for service delivery such as a maternity/pediatric unit. EMAS has experience working with **Engineering Ministries International** for medical aid and infrastructure development in Haiti.

3. Service

- Deploy multiple teaching and service providing teams in most medical specialties including dentistry.

