



Executive Committee of International Health Partners US

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Construction Details

- The building will be made of 22 pound interlocking bricks. The bricks are made of red soil and 10% cement and are very hard. The inside walls will be finished with white cement and the outside walls will be sealed with an acrylic sealer.
- The foundation is one meter deep that was determined by soil analysis.
- The Birthing Center is 15810 square feet.. An estimation of \$35-40 a square foot for construction that includes everything from footings, foundation, interior walls and roofing.
- The Birthing Center without the OR or Neonatal is estimated to cost \$553,350.

Construction

- We train our own workers for construction under supervision.
- Sometimes teams from the United States come to assist in the construction under the supervision of our contractor. We welcome them, especially, carpenters and plumbers, but almost anyone can assist.

Personnel

- Sele Shabani is our contractor, Albert Kaali is our local architect. Dr. Dennis Lofstrom does all preliminary planning of the buildings to ensure patient flow and buildings which meet medical needs.
- Pama Architects is our local architectural firm.
- A member of the executive committee is always at the site.

IHP TZ and JEMA (IHP-JEMA)

IHP-TZ has joined with JEMA (another local NGO non-governmental organization) for the building of the children's hospital. They are invaluable in assisting with local and national regulations. The chair of JEMA is Dr. Jesse Kitundu, a local Tanzanian pediatrician who is esteemed throughout the country. Dr. Kitundu will be the doctor in-charge of the hospital. The members of IHP-JEMA will also be in charge of fundraising in Tanzania. Additionally new rules forbid foreigners from owning land, so partnering with JEMA is the answer. Both IHP US and the IHP-TZ boards whole heartedly approved it, and we are delighted to join together for the Children's Hospital.

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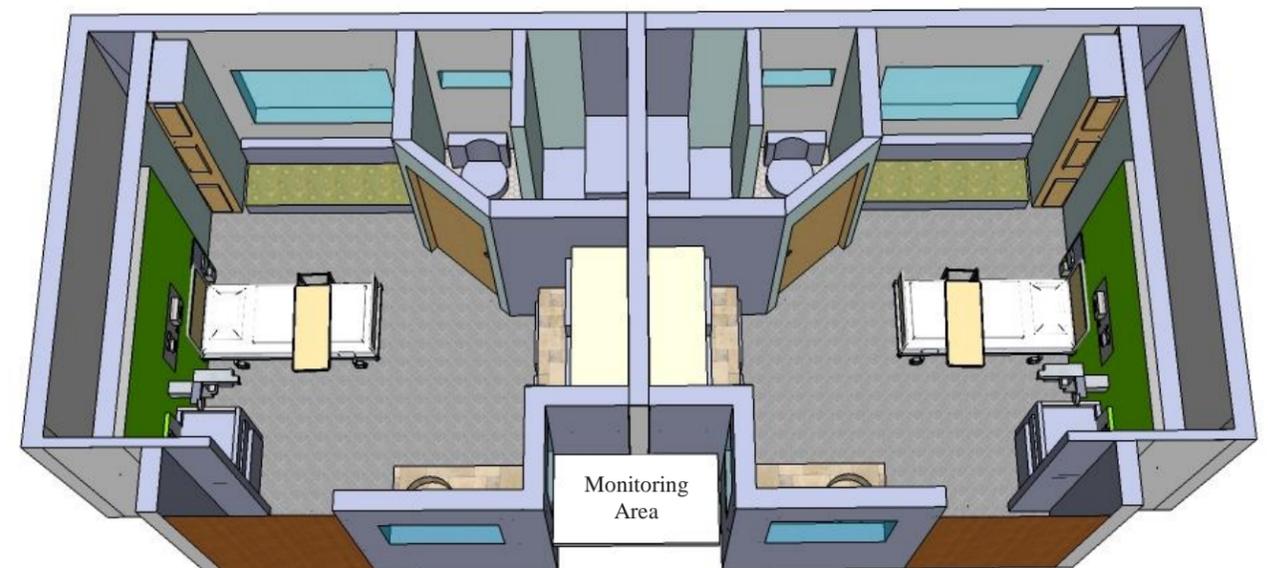
Birthing Center

The birthing center consists of 14 private birthing rooms. The neonatal center for children born prematurely or with difficulties will be connected with it as will a surgical center for women who need a cesarean section because of delivery difficulties. The neonatal center and surgical suite are detailed in another pamphlet.

Most births are not seen by the father since women labor in a room all together and do not want a strange man in the room This birthing center will allow privacy for the couple to share the wonder of the birth.

Each room contains a bathroom with a seated shower so women can have warm water running over the abdomen to decrease the discomfort during labor.

The room also contains a resuscitation area so that if the baby does not breathe immediately, steps can be taken to stimulate respiration. This should decrease the infant mortality rate after birth significantly.



Oxygen, suction and air at mother's bed and at resuscitation table.



IHP-US is a nonprofit international organization dedicated to creating partnerships between Tanzania and the world in order to improve healthcare.

Why do we need this project at this time?

A woman dies once every hour in Tanzania. The maternal mortality is extremely high.

We intend to build a state of art birthing center in order to bring the mortality rate down.

It will be staffed by doctors, nurses and midwives.

It will be built so birth can be given in privacy with all the facilities available to help the mother and baby.

This unit is needed now. If we don't build it, who will?

How will it be financed?

IHP-JEMA owns the land, so there is no cost for land. In fact the 45 acres we own has a lot of room for this building.

The estimated cost of the Birthing Center is: \$ 553,350 or \$35-40 a square foot.

We depend on **donors** to provide the money to build the Birthing Center. Sometimes several churches or organizations go together to fundraise for the building. Occasionally one person will provide enough money for the building. Once an entire town adopted a building.

We will call the Birthing Center any name the donors provide.

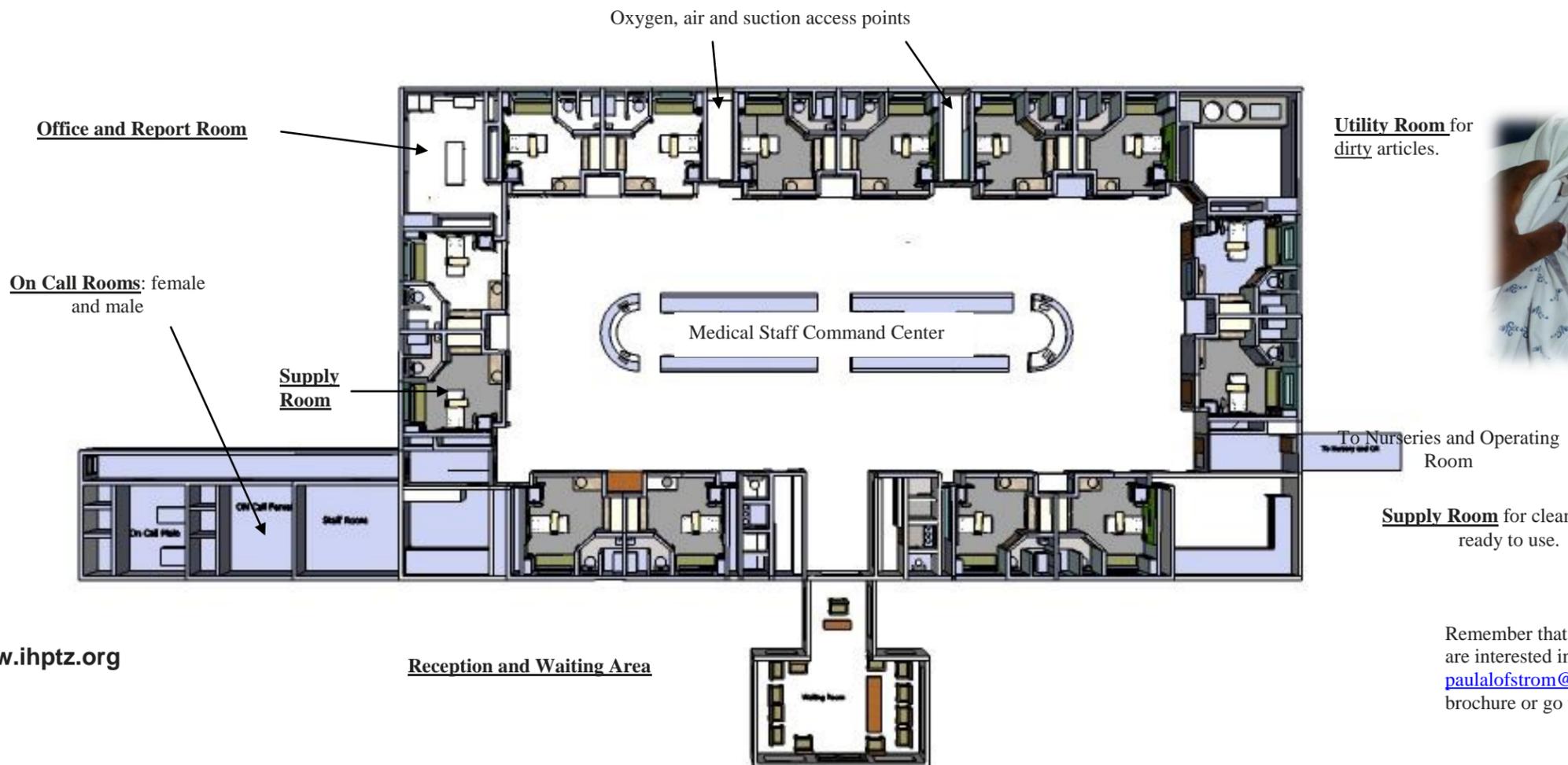
For your information, we audit all our accounts every year both in the US and Tanzania and all the audits are clean and accurate. Copies are available upon request. We feel donors should always be assured that we are doing what we say we do and using your gifts as you would want them to be used.

What can I do?

- Tell the story of the need for the pediatric hospital to friends, organizations and other people.
- Make a *designated* donation for the building...once or monthly. To do this, mail a check to our US address. This is then placed in a special account so that your donation is only used for this building. Remember, we are building 20 buildings for the hospital.
- Pray for this project.
- Encourage family and friends to donate.
- Find other organizations or churches that would be interested in hearing the story. Dr. Dennis and Paula Lofstrom travel all over the United States and Canada and would be happy to show up and talk about the project. You can contact them at paulalofstrom@ihptz.org. Your emails will be answered promptly.



Staff Room: BR and Changing Room



See Another Brochure

Check out our website at www.ihptz.org

Remember that there are 20 other buildings. If you are interested in another building, email us at paulalofstrom@ihptz.org for a copy of another brochure or go to our website for details.