Children’s Resource Center
Khentii Aimag, Bor-Undur Soum
Hospital

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   Children’s Resource Center

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8. **Total Budget: (Full Budget Details on Separate Excel Spreadsheet)**
   Project Budget Overall: $796.43

9. **Contributions:**
   FOM: $496.43
   Hospital: $300.00

10. **Project Brief:**
    The purpose of this project is to provide a service that allows the community, from doctors to nurses and parents, to have access to a variety of health information designed towards children's health as well as a small recreational area. The health information will include reading materials, educational posters, demonstrations, trainings, presentations and a few games. We want the community to become more educated so that more preventative health practices can be established. Also, we want to give the children a place to learn and enjoy their hospital stay at the same time.
    The hospital decided that they would like to renovate one of their open spaces on the second floor into the new Children's Resource Center. Our plan is to install a wall with transparent windows, new wood flooring, a side table, a set of chairs, a white board and a few recreational activities. Once all is done, we will
stock the table with health information in the form of books, brochures and pamphlets. We will also post up a few educational posters as a tutorial for hand washing, teeth brushing and a nutritional guideline towards healthy eating. The hospital already has a preliminary supply of some these materials due to contributions from both WHO and World Vision. Over time, we will continue to gather more materials from World Vision and other organizations. The hospital would also like this center to become a general area where the children who are both visiting or are patients themselves, with supervision, to have access to reading materials and possibly a few recreational games.

Through this project, we will have the opportunity to organize events for the staff and public to increase knowledge and understanding of health issues at hand. Additionally, we would be able to train fellow nurses and other staff members on how to present different health topics to the community. These will include subjects such as proper sanitation, oral hygiene, nutrition, pre-natal health and child safety.

**Background:**

Bor-Undur hospital is the only facility in Bor-Undur where community members, herders who live in the countryside and people from smaller populated soums can come for their health services. Bor-Undur is the second most populated community in Khentii with approximately 10,000 residents. Unfortunately being a soum, Bor-Undur does not have a Health Department on site. The nearest health department is located in Ondorkhan, 190km distance from our community. Typically, it is the health department's responsibility to organize community health awareness activities, or to serve as a source for information gathering. It is a place where people can research, plan, implement programs and events, or simply collect information on health topics of their interest.

Currently the hospital does not have an area designated towards the children's educational needs in their facility. Although there is a new conference room on the second floor, it is mainly used for the hospital staff and adult educational purposes. Both the staff and patients have expressed a need for an area specifically for the children's health. This center will encourage more trainings, presentations and demonstrations, resulting in increased health knowledge.

**Project Vision:**

Our vision is to offer a service to the community where parents, their children, soon to be and new mother's, can have access to learning materials designed towards the children's overall well being. This will include preventative health information as well as being able to expand their knowledge on different health concerns of their interest. Ultimately, becoming a more proactive hospital rather than reactive when it comes to the community's children's health.

**11. Beneficiaries:**

We project that approximately 50% of all admitted patients will utilize and directly benefit from our new resource center, 20% of this group will consist of new mothers, another 25% will be mothers in general, 20% fathers and 35% children. We also predict that 15 non-patient community members, including teachers and kindergarten staff members, will use the center each month either by
attending an event or reading the informational material available. We plan to do this by hosting at least two demonstrations or presentations per month. This will improve their knowledge and teaching skills on preventative health practices, which will indirectly benefit the children on different health issues. As a result, 20% of the community will have an overall increased knowledge on various health issues.

Furthermore, 25-30 doctors and nurses will participate in continuous educational trainings towards children's health per quarter. As a result, 80% of the staff will have an increase of updated medical practices, policies and equipment to further insure the hospital's quality.

12. Progress and Outcomes:

Over the next year, we will monitor this project by recording the number of people coming in and out of the center using a daily sign-in sheet. On the sheet, we will gather information such as: name, date, time in/out and the reason for their visit. This will help us to indicate the centers usage and the information being inquired about. This information will give doctors and nurses an idea of the community's health interests and concerns. This system will increase our awareness of people's interests, which will then allow us to organize different trainings, presentations and demonstrations focused solely on the information we have gathered.

This project will be evaluated exclusively on the community's participation and involvement in the center. The community's interest in learning and educating themselves about different health issues concerning their children will be our indicator. The total number of visitors and events hosted each month in the center will help us determine the success of this project.

13. Sustainability:

This project will be sustained through its continuous usage of the room. Creating events such as hand-washing demonstrations, oral hygiene trainings, proper nutrition and diet presentations will help maintain the center's value. To our knowledge, new developments and improved health practices are found every year. This requires updated trainings and awareness not only for the children's health but for the medical staff as well. Over time, the new center will try to provide these updated materials. This will continue to help improve better practices for the community and hospital staff because as the center grows, so will their knowledge.

14. Mission’s Support:

We believe that this project will support FOM’s mission in every category. By supplying and making health materials accessible to the public, the hospital will be promoting health education for both the community and the hospital staff. With the hospital’s help supplying these resources, it will also support the community’s development and outreach by means of preventative health practices as well as general knowledge towards their children’s overall well-being.
15. Bor-Undur’s Hospital has not received any funds from FOM before. Also, this will be the first time the organization has applied for this specific grant.

16. Previous Project:
   Just this past year, in 2012, a previous Peace Corps volunteer had a grant approved by the U.S. Department of State to renovate an area in the hospital for a new conference room. This room was designed mainly for the Doctors and nurses to have an area where they could host weekly meetings and trainings. They have also been using this room as a library for medical books and documents for the staff’s use. Before the room was built, they would hold all of their events in the director's office that could barely hold all the employees comfortably. Now, they are able to have meetings, small conferences, presentations and lectures with ease.

17. Other Resources:
   With FOM funding 62% of the total project's budget, the hospital has agreed to contribute the rest of the 38% in order to help make this project succeed. In addition, the company that we are planning to purchase the new walls and flooring from have generously offered to install the materials without cost.