

GENERAL HOSPITAL IN LAASCAANOD AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



Report on Urgent Funding Needs and Proposed Solutions

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Context and Background

The Laascaanod region, having recently experienced a conflict that erupted following the killing of popular community members in December 2022, leading to demonstrations and escalating violence, has been left grappling with severe challenges. In response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis, this report presents a comprehensive assessment of the General Hospital in Laascaanod and the surrounding communities, shedding light on their critical needs and proposing urgent solutions.

1.2 Purpose of the Report

This report serves as an appeal for immediate funding to address the pressing needs identified during our assessment. It aims to provide a detailed account of the situation, with a focus on data-driven findings and highlighted recommendations for action.

2. KEY HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 Summary of Critical Needs

The Laascaanod region is facing an overwhelming crisis marked by critical shortages of medical supplies, damaged hospital infrastructure, psychological trauma among healthcare staff, disruption of education, environmental hazards, and more. These challenges require immediate attention and support.

2.2 Urgency of the Situation

The urgency of the situation cannot be overstated. Lives are at stake, and the well-being of communities and their access to essential services hang in the balance. Immediate action is imperative to alleviate their suffering and promote recovery.

3. SITUATION OVERVIEW

3.1 Conflict in Laascaanod Region

The conflict in the Laascaanod region has been marked by relentless violence, including missile attacks, sniper fire targeting medical staff, and an unending stream of casualties. This has taken a toll on both the hospital and the community.

3.2 Impact on General Hospital and Communities

The General Hospital in Laascaanod, despite facing tremendous adversity, has remained a beacon of hope for the region. However, its infrastructure has been severely damaged, and medical supplies are critically low. Additionally, the conflict has had a profound impact on women, children, and the environment.

4. ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Our assessment sought to gather comprehensive data and information on the challenges faced by the General Hospital in Laascaanod and the surrounding communities. Key objectives included understanding the extent of medical supply shortages, assessing infrastructure damage, evaluating psychological trauma among staff, examining the state of education, and identifying environmental hazards.

5. METHODOLOGY OF THE ASSESSMENT

To ensure accuracy and reliability, our assessment relied on a well-structured methodology that included on-site visits, interviews with key stakeholders, and data collection from various sources. This rigorous approach allowed us to obtain a holistic view of the situation.

6. COVERED AREAS

The geographical scope of our assessment included the General Hospital in Laascaanod and the neighboring communities affected by the conflict. This comprehensive approach enabled us to gain insights into the broader impact of the crisis.

7. ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

7.1 Medical Support

- Critical Shortages: Blood, X-ray Machines, Operating Tables, Beds
- Current Bed Capacity: 150 out of 400

7.2 Infrastructure Rehabilitation

- Damaged Areas: Solar Power Systems, Surgical Rooms, Blood Banks, X-ray Machines

7.3 Mental Health Services

- Psychological Trauma Among Hospital Staff

7.4 Education Revival

- Gol Khaatumo Primary School Damage
- Student Population Affected: 700

7.5 Water and Sanitation

- Main Water System Destruction
- Environmental Hazards: Explosives, Live Bullets, Waste

7.6 Environmental Stewardship

- Air Pollution from Military Vehicles

7.7 Community Engagement

- Importance of Community Involvement

7.8 Fundraising Efforts

- Financial Support Needed

8. RECOMMENDATIONS (Highlighted)

8.1 Medical Support

- Procure Blood Supplies
- Acquire Digital X-ray Machines
- Restore Operating Tables
- Increase Bed Capacity

8.2 Infrastructure Rehabilitation

- Repair Solar Power Systems
- Renovate Surgical Rooms
- Reestablish Blood Banks
- Restore X-ray Machines

8.3 Mental Health Services

- Establish Psychological Support Programs
- Provide Counseling Services for Staff

8.4 Education Revival

- Reconstruct Gol Khaatumo Primary School
- Supply Educational Resources

8.5 Water and Sanitation Solutions

- Restore the Main Water System
- Conduct Hazardous Material Cleanup

8.6 Environmental Stewardship

- Implement Measures to Reduce Air Pollution

8.7 Community Engagement

- Involve Community in Decision-Making

8.8 Fundraising Efforts

- Launch a Fundraising Campaign

9. ANNEX

i. Photographs of Hospital and Communities

- Click [here](#) to access photos of lasanod hospital
- Click [here](#) to access photos of Lasanod school
- Click [here](#) to access photos of Lasanod village

ii. **Map of the Assessment Area**



iii. **Lascaanood satellite map**

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