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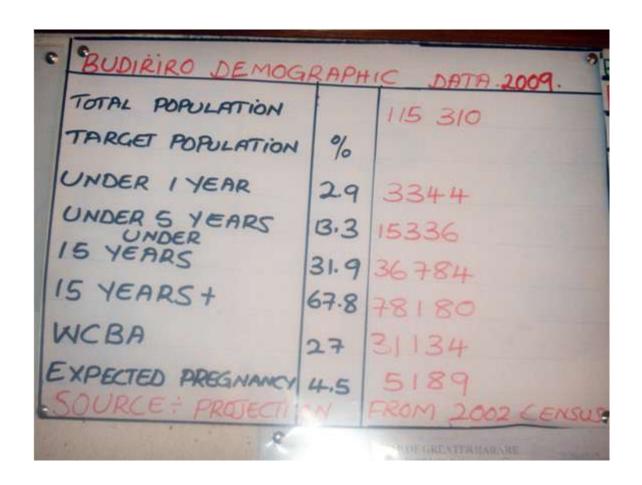
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Budiriro Polyclinic, Harare South

Budiriro residential area, in which the clinic is situated has an approximate population of 115 310.



The clinic serves beyond its boundaries as some patients come from neighbouring high density suburbs.



A water tank for Budiriro polyclinic that is used when there are water shortages. Zimbabwe has been facing severe water shortages for many years.



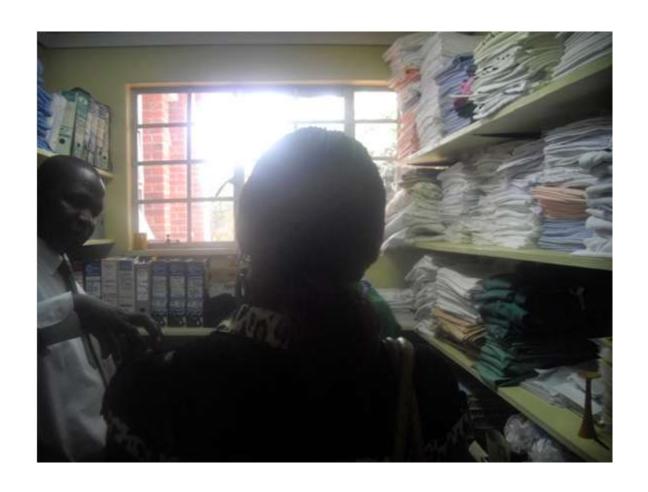
Delice Gwaze (GFMER) taking notes in the postnatal ward during a guided tour with Budiriro matron Mrs Matselele.



The cup board is fully stored with medication. Zimbabwe has been facing drug shortages for a long time but after international intervention from organisations like UNICEF, Germany federal government, WHO, Global fund and others has managed to re stock medication again.



Storage room



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Dr Chonzi is showing us the stock readily available for cholera treatment in case of another cholera outbreak.



Cholera detection point

All patients with cholera symptoms first pass by this detection point before getting treatment at the clinic.



Budiriro clinic

The wheel chair pictured above is the only one serving the whole clinic.



Budiriro clinic

The doctor is checking high blood pressure and it is the only machine serving maternity ward, postnatal and the rest of the units at the polyclinic.



Mufakose, in which the clinic is situated, is one of the oldest with a large population in the low income bracket. It is also surrounded by 3 other high density suburbs. Residents of these 3 suburbs also come to Mufakose for medical care.



The board shows the fees charged at the clinic and these are all in United States dollars.



The picture shows dilapidated equipment at Mufakose polyclinic.



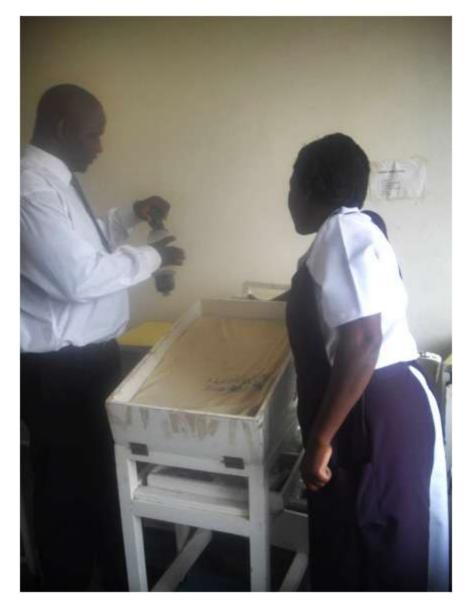
Mufakose Polyclinic

The clinic has no sterilising equipment, the picture shows the nursing sister in charge standing besides two buckets used for sterilising instruments.



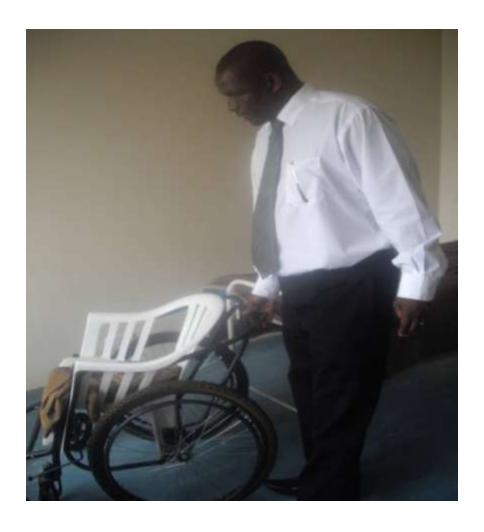
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In the picture is Dr Chonzi showing us instruments in the emergency trolley and also checking if there are enough to use in case of an emergency.



Mufakose Polyclinic

In the above picture is Dr Chonzi showing us how bad the resuscitation machine is, he is holding an oxygen mask which is too big and not suitable for the newborn babies.



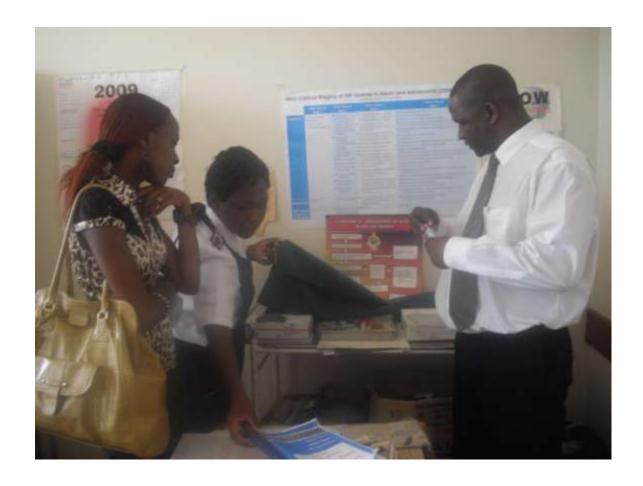
Dr Chonzi is showing us an improvised wheelchair serving the whole clinic at Mufakose polyclinic.



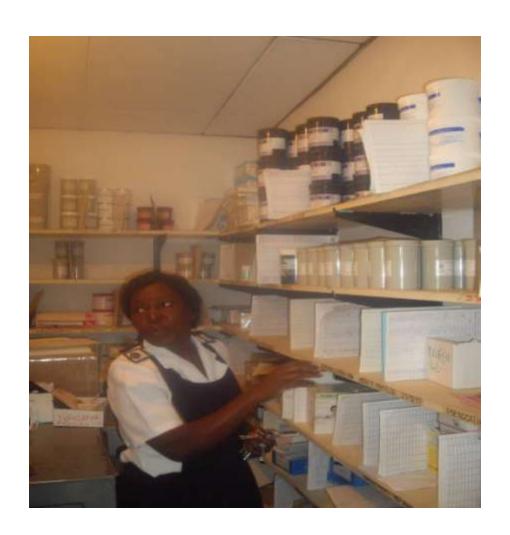
In the picture is an incubator that is not functioning but has been improvised to work by using a blanket and a heater.







The picture above shows the nursing sister in charge cross-checking with her record book if all the equipment needed for emergency is in the emergency trolley and Dr Chonzi is checking if the equipment is working properly.



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