

April 2010 news

March has been a very busy month at Bwindi Community Hospital. The month saw the arrival of our 130th member of staff, Ngozi Godfrey an enrolled comprehensive nurse, who has joined our surgical team.

The full maternity ward

The midwives have been the busiest. The maternity ward was always full and it was common to see women pacing the corridor and verandas in labour and the sounds of clapping and singing would emerge from the ward to indicate the birth of a child.

The night of Wednesday 24th March was a memorable one for staff on the maternity ward. Six women gave birth in the same night including a member of staff of the Hospital. Christine Natakunda works here as a midwife and she chose to have her baby delivered by her colleagues at Bwindi Community Hospital. She gave birth by a Caesarean section to a bouncing baby girl. Both Christine and her baby are doing well and have now gone home as Christine continues with her maternity leave.



Beautiful! Christine admires her baby from the maternity ward.

By 30th, 100 babies had been delivered in the month and both maternity ward and the mother's waiting hostel, where pregnant mothers come to wait for their term of delivery were full.

Malaria situation improves in March

The prolonged rains at the end of 2009 saw a rise in the number of malaria cases seen at the hospital especially with children. The children's ward was crowded most parts of January and February.

Brenda, a nurse working in the children's ward recalls to very frequently laying down mattresses on the floor to accommodate the extra number of patients when the 25 beds were full. January recorded the highest number of admissions at 176 children and the majority of the cases were malaria.

Although the crowding reduced a bit this month, the ward was full most parts of the March. Malaria slipped down slightly but pneumonia unfortunately went up.

The ward admitted 112 children with various conditions in the month of March.



A girl carries her brother at the children's ward