

Hôpital de la SIM Galmi

Long Term Doctors - Maternity ward

Hôpital de la SIM Galmi has a 40 bed maternity unit currently run by 1 obstetric doctor, 7 midwives, 12 midwife aids and an evangelist. In addition to the 40 inpatient beds, there are 5 birthing beds, a post-operative recovery room, 2 neonatal resuscitation trolleys and 2 incubators for premature babies.

Our desire is to provide compassionate care to women and their babies, valuing them as Jesus Christ does. We hope to have the opportunity to share God's love with each woman as she receives physical and spiritual care at Hôpital de la SIM Galmi.

On average, 550 women per month receive midwife led outpatient antenatal care. We average over 160 admissions per month, and 100 births per month. The midwives manage the majority of the vaginal births, including breech birth and Ventouse delivery, but we receive many referrals in labour for eclampsia, placenta praevia, placental abruption, labour dystocia, retained aftercoming head, uterine rupture, retained second twin, etc which require obstetric intervention. We manage a lot of high risk obstetric cases in this low resource setting.

Women and their babies have access to ultrasound, basic biochemical and haematological investigations, safe blood transfusion, external cephalic version, assisted delivery, oxygen, phototherapy, a four bed increased surveillance room, and post partum contraception.

Apart from Caesarean Section, surgical procedures offered by our Maternity team include laparotomy, destructive delivery, hysterectomy, adnexectomy, tubal ligation, dilatation and curettage, examination under anaesthesia, and pelvic abscess drainage. Women with choriocarcinoma or persistent molar pregnancy have access to chemotherapy.

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that He has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known. This SIM International mission is our own. As medical missionaries, we share the love and good news of Christ with our patients and staff. We hope to model compassionate care to our local staff by praying with patients and creating a safe environment for a woman to birth, rejoice, grieve and learn. We care about the spiritual wellbeing of both staff and patients.

Our hope is to have more long term doctors on the Maternity team who, compelled by God's great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, will join us as

- We cross barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, expressing His love and compassion among those who live and die without Him
- We make disciples who will trust and obey Jesus, and become part of Christ-centered churches

- We work together with churches to fulfil God's mission across cultures locally and globally
- We facilitate the participation in cross-cultural ministry of those whom God is calling.