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Ocean Paradise Resort, Zanzibar

RE: NEW MATERNITY HOSPITAL OPENS IN PWANIMCHANGANI ZANZIBAR

Since the Ocean Paradise Resort was opened in 2004 the owners, having visited a village numerous times during the construction of the Resort were interested in giving back to the community, especially the village closest to where the Resort is situated, Pwanimchangani.

The residents of Pwanimchangani are predominantly Muslim and therefore the first project was to build a mosque in the village. This was followed by a school and thereafter a joint project to build a dispensary for the residents.

The Resort works closely with the “Sheha” (The Village Elder) to try and improve the lives of the local Zanzibari’s in the village. The aim of the Management of the Resort was to ensure that guests visiting our beautiful Island have the opportunity to see Zanzibar culture from perspective and introduced free tours to the village as part of our program. Stemming from this, the Management, having spoken to the “Sheha” identified possible ways in which we could raise money for projects that would benefit the local community.

The Pwanimchangani Dispensary is the only health clinic available to accommodate just under 6000 residents from the villages of Pwanimchangani and Khandvi. Although there are basic facilities and support for pregnant woman available at the dispensary, many woman are forced to travel long distances to hospitals that specializes in maternal care to deliver their babies. Added to the distance they travel whilst they are in labour, is the cost incurred by them for transport to these hospitals which is relatively expensive. Many women still deliver their babies at home without any medical support.

Taking this into consideration, The Ocean Paradise Community Project, in conjunction with the village of Pwanimchangani built a maternal clinic that opened on 23 December 2013 by the Ministry of Health, Ocean Paradise Resort Board of Directors and the Sheha. The official opening followed by traditional festivities. The Hospital will assist pregnant woman from the villages of Khandvi and Pwanimchangani.

Back at Ocean Paradise Resort the Resort’s new full spa opened which is a great addition to this luxury 4 Star Resort. The Spa consists of two single treatment rooms, two double treatment rooms, sauna, steam room, two Jacuzzis, a beauty product shop, fitness centre and salon. The spa is now being housed together with the 160 seater conference room in the same building.

Ocean Paradise Resort offers East African Resident specials throughout the year and invite all East African Residents and expatriates who have a valid resident or work permit to contact the Reservations Team to book your holiday - +255 774 440 990/1/2/3/4/5 or reservations@oceanparadisezanzibar.com

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