

# Health Ministry to supply new equipment to 85 hospitals

The Ministry of Health has announced it will from January 6 to February 28, 2014, install medical equipment in all 85 district hospitals across the country.

A statement signed by the Public Relations Officer of the Ministry, Tony Goodman indicated the exercise “forms part of efforts by government to replace obsolete equipment and retool all hospitals across the country.”

The Ministry is doing this under the National Medical Equipment Replacement Project.

Facilities to be benefited under this project are; rehabilitation and construction works, equipment replacement, maintenance and training for end users for more than 150 hospitals of the National Health Network, among them 2 Teaching Hospitals, 7 Regional Hospitals, more than 125 District Hospitals, 14 Health Centers and 8 Mobile Clinics.

Type of Equipment are radiology, MRI equipment, computerized tomography, digital mammography equipment, equipment for surgical services, emergency, intensive care, dentistry, ophthalmology, mobile clinics, ambulances, workshop vans and 4x4 vehicles.

Regions which are to benefit under this phase of distribution are; Greater Accra, Central, Western, Ashanti, Eastern and Brong Ahafo regions. About 50 hospitals have already received equipment supplies under the programme.

This project was initiated by the government; an agreement for the supply of medical equipment for the National Medical Equipment Replacement Project has been signed by the Belstar Development, LLC a Florida Limited Liability Company “Belstar” and the Republic of Ghana represented by the Ministry of Health of Ghana.

The agreement provides that Belstar replaces all obsolete equipment and provide others that will match the challenges of modern technology in most of the hospitals and clinics.

The Ministry said it is hopeful that “with the installation of the new equipment, the nation will be overcoming some of its health challenges.”

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