

EWB-LVP Mattru Hospital Project Update

November 1, 2017

The Sanitation I team has been hard at work preparing the design for the new toilet facilities at Mattru Hospital. They submitted the plan to EWB National and it was very well received. The Health and Safety Plan and the final design were then submitted. The UBC-Sierra Leone and the Mattru Hospital signed the implementation agreement so we are just waiting for final approval from EWB.



In-country, Ahmed Fullah and Matt Asher conducted a test to see how quickly soil can absorb water for the cesspit. Ahmed has also begun buying cement, sand, and stone. He's been checking with suppliers for all the fixtures, piping, and other construction materials.

We've also been working with the Hospital staff on the surgical suite, which is one of the potential projects at the hospital. LVP compiled a list of questions and the Hospital staff provided their thoughts on locations, requirements, etc. We'll use that feedback to guide the Travel Team in their data gathering effort while at the hospital. Chris Blechschmidt will be heading up that effort.

The Travel Team consists of Joe Abu, Joan Schork, Herb Klotz, Chris Blechschmidt, Jose Silverio, and Tom Portland. They will be joined by Chris' wife Allison and daughter Emilia. They will meet November 3rd to discuss schedule and travel plans.



The plan right now is for the team to leave for Sierra Leone On January 4th and return to the USA on January 22nd. It will be a very busy trip with construction of the new toilet facility taking the full two weeks. The team will also be visiting Centennial Secondary School to check on how things are going and to complete the formal closeout procedure. They will be meeting with the Healey Foundation, Freetown Hospital, and other organizations that may help us in our work at Mattru Hospital.