

ABEKA

The project is based in Abeka, in the Democratic Republic of Congo and is supported by Manchester and Warrington area meeting, and Cambridgeshire area meeting.

An earlier QPSW Relief grant meant that clean water was delivered to the hospital and the community in 2016. Basins, toilets and showers were installed in the hospital for the first time.

This current funding provides hospital equipment and training, which is improving health care in the area so that patients no longer have to make difficult journeys on unmade roads to better-equipped hospitals some distance away.

Before this current grant was awarded, the hospital's equipment was so basic that there was no hope of the hospital qualifying for government funding. Thankfully the new equipment has raised its status and it is now registered with the Congolese Department of Health, so is eligible for funding from the department for staff salaries. However there have been delays in the hospital receiving any money and negotiations are continuing.

The project is entering its final year of funding from the Relief grant and this had originally been intended to further consolidate the hospital's position. It will now be used to help with the coronavirus pandemic which is putting the health services in the region under increased strain.

