

The first improvements in the Traditional Psychiatric Home... at the old site between 2003 and 2005

- 40 iron beds, bedside cupboards and Macintosh covered mattresses, have replaced the broken bamboo beds with grass mattresses.
- The toilets and bathroom –made of palm leaves and bamboo sticks – have been replaced by 3 blocks; each block having 2 pit latrines and bathrooms made of mud bricks and cement.
- 12 dustbins were placed in iron holders. Garbage is now collected and burned instead of being carelessly dropped everywhere.
- A recordkeeping system has been set up for the primary health care and mental health department.
- Income generating projects have been set up and are currently running; cattle rearing and a basic provision shop.
- The pharmacy storage facilities as well as the stock have been improved.
- Laboratory and treatment room now have the necessary equipment (microscope, sterilization materials, dressing material etc.)
- Treatment of psychiatric patients using a combination of traditional and modern medication.
- Mosquito nets are in use to decrease the high prevalence of malaria.
- A water project has been set up with 2 tanks and 4 stand taps and catchments protection. The primary school is included and has its own stand tap.
- A temporary education/community room (grass and bamboo) has been built and is used for occupational therapy, health education and leisure activities.
- In May 2005 BIHC received the authority to start vaccinating the children.
- Patient activities have been set up; football, volleyball, handball, table tennis, and embroidery (learning how to embroider the traditional dresses).
- In November typewriters and sewing machines will arrive from the Netherlands to extend the occupational therapy.
- The veranda, black boards, flooring and toilets of the primary school in the quarter have been improved.
- A piece of land has been prepared to use as a medicinal garden and trees have been replanted as wind protection.