

March 2023 Newsletter

Dear Yotkom supporters and partners,

We are excited to report that our health facility recently had an inspection by the Ugandan Medical Board and has been recommended to be classified as a **PNFP (Private Non for Profit) HOSPITAL**, the highest level of health service facility classification in Uganda.

The inspectors were impressed with our quality of care and the wide range of medical, surgical, orthopaedic, maternity, paediatric and palliative care services we provide to the community in Northern Uganda.

Yotkom is continuing to strive to build constructive partnerships with the Department of Health and other organisations such as USAID and the UN Refugee Agency. (<https://www.unhcr.org/en-au/>)

UNHCR administer the nearby Palabek settlement which has a population of over 55,000 South Sudanese refugees, many of whom access health care at our hospital.

Yotkom is also seeking to collaborate with health institutions such as: Gulu University (<https://gu.ac.ug/>) and The George Institute for Global Health in Sydney (<https://www.georgeinstitute.org/>) to undertake significant health research in this region of the world. We believe the information and insights gathered will guide the delivery of better quality and more affordable health care in Africa.



We express our thanks to those who give regularly toward the sustainability of the **Yotkom Hospital**.

While patients contribute financially to their care, one third of the monthly expenses needed to sustain our medical work and deliver much needed health services come from monthly donor contributions.

Thank you also to those who donated to recently shared needs including:

- **Digital X Ray conversion** (due for installation in the next month)
- **Purchase of 50 Orthopaedic implants for leg fractures** (now on order)

- **Development of a microbiology laboratory** (work to start next month when our Australian team will be in Uganda)

Kind regards,

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