La Croix du Sud Hospital is a leading private Hospital in Rwanda that provides world-class healthcare care services. Founded right after the liberation of the country in 1994, it commenced as a clinic specializing in gynaecology-obstetric which has remained as the backbone of the hospital.

‘KWA NYIRINKWAYA’ is the popularly known and spoken name in reference to the hospital which coined by the locals after the Founder and CEO, Dr. Jean Chrysostome Nyirinkwaya. As a gynaecologist he started the hospital from a small private clinic in Kigali upon return to his motherland.

Dr. Jean Chrysostome Nyirinkwaya, the Founder and CEO of La Croix du Sud Hospital

The high demand of medical services offered at the small clinic forced Dr. Nyirinkwaya to upgrade to Polyclinic La Croix du Sud. In 1998, it shifted to a new larger location, broadening its services like starting surgical operations and by then was performing more than 1,000 deliveries per year.

In 2009, La Croix du Sud took another major step forward when it completed its own modern building and moved to new premises in Remera, Gasabo District, officially became a hospital.

“Since 1995, we chose to customize every aspect of our service,” according to Dr. Nyirinkwaya, who emphasises excellence in offering the best services as the top priority at his hospital.

The hospital has a vision to become one of the best health institutions in Rwanda and in the region by strengthening both preventive and curative medical care services. This will be achieved by offering quality medical care with good service delivery to patients or excellent customer care while employing modern medical technology and professionalism.

La Croix du Sud Hospital has adopted five guiding principles in order to achieve excellence in health care services which are: Integrity, Respect, Determination to offer the best quality services, Empathy towards patients and Reinforcing teamwork spirit.

Status, Response and Growth

La Croix du Sud Polyclinic in Gisenyi town.

To respond to the growing needs for medical care among the population in Rwanda, La Croix du Sud Hospital has kept up the promise of expanding and increasing its capacity in existing services, introducing new services and has established a second branch in Gisenyi, Rubavu District in the Western Province.

The growing number of people seeking medical services from Western Rwanda and the Eastern parts of the Neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo prompted La Croix du Sud hospital to open La Croix du Sud Polyclinic in Gisenyi town.

The capacity of the hospital has increased over the years, today there is a team of 34 medical doctors in different specialties including 8 Gynaecologist Obstetricians, 4 Internists, 1 General Surgeon, 1 Urologist, 6 Paediatricians, 1 Anaesthesiologist Intensivist, 1 Radiologist, 8 General Doctors, 1 Gastroenterologist, 2 Dental Surgeons and 1 Orthodontics.

The Medical team at the hospital

In other disciplines there are 5 Anesthetists 65 Nurses, 30 Nurse Assistants, 14 Lab Technicians and 2 Physiotherapists. These are equally supported by other staff in administration, finance, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), restaurant, cleaning and security among others.

The inpatient capacity at the main hospital in Kigali has also grown and now has 104 beds (including emergency beds), sometimes this changes depending on number of inpatients. The hospital serves approximately 350 Out Patient per day.

La Croix du Sud Polyclinic in Gisenyi is also growing and currently has the capacity of at least 40 beds.

Preventive Medicine and the Future

La Croix du Sud Hospital has a vision to continue enhancing health care in all

avenues and going beyond curative medicine to preventive medicine where different services are already on offer like screening of cervical cancer and breast cancer, prostate as well as general screening.

Vaccinations have also been enhanced, children can be vaccinated TB, Polio, PENTA, PNEUMOCOCCAL, ROTAVIRUS, MEASLE, RUBELLA and TETANOS. For adults, they can be Vaccinated cervical cancer (Cervarix), Hepatitis B, Tetanos (serum antitetanos and vaccine).

The hospital has big plans to continue its expansion policy and this time has already started construction of a larger modern complex that will ensure the extension of the current capacity by increasing wards, consultation offices, theaters and many more services that are currently not available.



- **Services provided at the main hospital in Kigali**

Gynecology-obstetric

Internal medicine

Pediatrics & neonatology

ICU

ORL/ENT

Surgery (General surgery, Plastic surgery and mini invasive surgery)

Dermatology

General medicine

Dentistry & Orthodontics

Oral & Maxillo Facial

Physiotherapy

Emergency service

Family planning

Prevention Medicine

Hospitalization

Laboratory

Imagery(X-Ray, U.S)

Pharmacy

Urology

Catering

- **Services provided in Gisenyi**

Gynecology-obstetric

Internal medicine

Pediatrics & neonatology

Surgery (General surgery, Plastic surgery and mini invasive surgery)

General medicine

Physiotherapy

Emergency Service

Family Planning

Preventive Medicine

Hospitalization

Laboratory

Imaging (Ultrasound)