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Season Greetings

From all of us at the BHF

BHF-and SRC-Assisted Mahwalala HIV/AIDS Clinic Officially Inaugurated In Swaziland

BHF Project Officer Rob Dotta visited Swaziland December 3 to 7 to attend the official opening of a BHF- and Swiss Red Cross-assisted HIV/AIDS clinic and to explore further cooperation possibilities regarding improvement of health care facilities for comprehensive and sustainable HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

The official inauguration of the Swazi Red Cross-owned Mahwalala Clinic and HIV Care Centre took place on December 6 on the outskirts of the Swazi capital Mbabane. Despite bad weather, the colorful ceremony



Unveiling of plaques by senior official from Ministry of Health and Social Welfare



Speech by Rob Dotta at Inauguration Ceremony

was attended by several hundred people including senior representatives from the Swazi government, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Swiss and Swazi Red Cross officials as well as local representatives and community leaders. The various inauguration speeches emphasized the importance of this leading centre in the country's struggle with HIV/AIDS and highlighted the positive and much felt impact the centre already has had on the local community. An unveiled plaque at the entrance to the Clinic gives tribute to the essential support which the BHF was able to provide thanks to contributions from the private sector.

The BHF: Recipient of the 2006 European Generic Medicines Association Award

While in Mbabane, Dotta had several meetings with senior representatives from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS as well as the Swiss



Picture of Malwalala Clinic

and Swazi Red Cross to discuss the dramatic health situation in the country and to explore further cooperation.

Dotta also visited another BHF-assisted HIV/AIDS clinic in Sigombeni and made several home visits to



Patient being treated at Mahwalala Clinic

patients of the two clinics jointly with Swiss and Swazi Red Cross officials.

BHF Staff News

BHF staffers Roberto Dotta and Solange Guye are being promoted to Project Manager as of January 1, in recognition of their excellent work and management experience. We offer them our heartiest congratulations! In Afghanistan, the BHF's representative in Kabul, Jacqueline Baroukzai, has extended her term of work with the BHF in order to finish the pharmaceutical plant project there.

Support For The BHF

To our BHF Friends,

Another fulfilling year is drawing to a close, and as exemplified in this newsletter's main headline, we have achieved some real and literally concrete results. None of this could have been possible without the support of our donors over the past year, for which we are truly grateful.

As a new year begins, may I ask you to consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation to the BHF so that we can carry forward our work. You may send a check to the following address: BHF, 7-9 Chemin de Balxert, 1219 Chatelaine (GE), Switzerland, or you may make an electronic donation at the following banking coordinates: Bank: UBS SA; SWIFT CODE (BIC): UBSWCHZH80A; IBAN: CH63 0024 0240 2448 3360V; For credit to the Business Humanitarian Forum. Your generosity is greatly needed and will be gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely,

John Maresca

President of the Executive Committee