

GGML and Rafiki Surgical Mission donate two Ambulances to Geita District Council



Geita District Commissioner Hon. Wilson Shimo (center) cutting the ribbon while GGML Managing Director Terry Strong (right) looks on during the handover ceremony at Nzera area in Geita.

Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) and Rafiki Surgical Mission from Australia donated two ambulances to Geita District Council in Geita Region in a bid to establish relationships with the government and surrounding communities.

On 19th October, during the handover ceremony in Nzera area in Geita, GGML Managing Director Terry Strong stated that the two ambulances were donated in collaboration with the Rafiki Surgical Mission because they are critically required in saving the lives of many patients at Geita District Council in Geita.

“The Geita District Council asked for two ambulances from GGML to assist the population in the area who had to travel long distances when referred to Geita Referral Hospital, which is located far from Nzera and other places within the Geita District Council.” Since 2000, GGML and Rafiki Surgical Mission have maintained a close connection through Cleft Lip and Palate surgery, with over 1700 patients benefiting from the Mission.

Mr. Terry went on to say that over the previous 20 years of its existence in Geita, GGML had invested immensely on health infrastructure and medical equipment supplies. The support includes the construction of Geita Referral Hospital, over ten health facilities in Geita Town, the upgrade of Kasota health center and the completion of many other health facilities in Geita.



Geita District Commissioner Hon. Wilson Shimo addresses the audience while GGML Managing Director Terry Strong (center) and GGML Senior Manager in charge of Health, Safety, Environment and Training Dr. Kiva Mvungi listens attentively during the handover ceremony at Nzera area in Geita.

On behalf of the government, Geita District Commissioner Hon Wilson Shimo acknowledged GGML's assistance in saving the lives of residents in Geita District Council, adding that the assistance will help to lower death rates in his area. He urged other stakeholders in Geita District Council to collaborate with the government to address Geita's health concerns.

“GGML has been an excellent partner in supporting many health projects in the Geita region and throughout Tanzania. GGML provided a brand-new microscope last year to support the fight against tuberculosis in Geita Mining regions,” he said.

GGML has been collaborating with the government, primarily the Geita District and Town Councils, to assist many sustainable community projects in the Geita region since its inception. The Company is also one of the main corporates supporting national programs through Public-Private Partnerships, such as the Kilimanjaro Challenge against HIV/AIDS, which has evolved to become one of Tanzania's largest private-sector-led HIV/AIDS initiatives.