

**A DAY AT THE AMOR CLINIC: A STORY BY
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My name is Marion, I am The lead nurse at The AMOR Lifeline Malawi Kasese clinic. Besides that, I am also a wife and a mother of 2. My day at the clinic starts with a prayer with the other staff, and a brief update on any incidences.

I allocate nurses and patient attendants to various services. Today on 22nd February, I am covering at the maternity wing and Antenatal clinic. Since there is no patient in active labor, I have sent the pregnant mothers on the Antenatal registry list for immunization and HIV counseling and testing and then conduct health education on birth preparedness and other topics of relevance.

On consultation, I conduct an examination and offer specific counseling and as the need arises give medicine, then she is done for the day and given a date of next appointment. All the documentation is put in a register as well as the mother's health passport. A health passport is a little book that goes back with the mother and

contains her medical history and previous and current prescriptions. The antenatal clinic is open until 1:15pm and since by this time am starving I take a quick lunch break and come back to finish the rest of the group. Today two mothers have tested HIV positive, I have immediately referred them to the ART clinic.



Marion briefing a Miss Tasha de Vasconcelos on some programs that are being implemented in the clinic.

As am going through the antenatal register analyzing the day's data, a Patient Attendant has just come to report that a woman having convulsions in the maternity ward. I immediately administered an intramuscular injection of diazepam and assigned the Patient Attendant to check vital signs while I commence an intravenous infusion. The woman's blood pressure is normal, the convulsions have stopped but she has a fever. It could be malaria;

I have put her quinine and immediately refer her as an emergency to the District Hospital which is about 10km from the Lifeline Malawi Health Centre. I dropped everything and jumped in the ambulance with her, back in the ward from the referral centre I compiled a report for the day, checked supplies and handed over to the nurse on duty for the night. Its 5.00pm, time to go home to rest my aching feet. It's a challenge to go back to data analysis because am so tired and am afraid to give the wrong data. For your information, The AMOR/Lifeline maternity has deliver 1364 babies since it opened in 2008.