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Small and vulnerable



A neonatologist with the Muhimbili National Hospital, Prof Augustine Masawe (right) and the US Health Secretary, Mr Tommy Thompson (third left), look at a premature baby when the US official visited the hospital yesterday. Left is Charge d'Affaires of the American Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Mr Michael Owen. Story on page 3.

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Muhimbili repairs to take two years

By Mercy Randa

The rehabilitation of the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) will cost US\$30 million and is expected to be completed within the next two years.

This was said by the MNH Chief Executive Officer, Dr David Tregoning, while briefing the US Secretary for Health and Human Services, Mr Tommy Thompson, who visited the hospital yesterday.

"We do not only aim at improving the buildings but also services and management," Dr Tregoning said.

Mr Thompson visited the modern out-patient building and the central pathology laboratory.

The new out patient building will between 1,000 and 1,300 beds.

He also visited the Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) and Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) clinics.

Dr Thompson is the highest ranking US government official to visit Tanzania since President George W. Bush was re-elected.