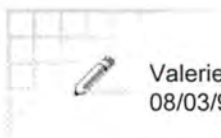


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Please pass to Melanne:

I received some information on the Pristina hospital from USAID's DART in the field. The Center for Disease Control epidemiologist who is on the team advised that, while there is more to be done, there have been dramatic improvements to the hospital on a daily basis, hence the situation has likely changed substantially since your contact was there. DFID, the British equivalent to USAID, has taken the lead in supporting the hospital and is working very closely with ethnic-Albanian counterparts to run it. Apparently they are doing a good job. The maternity center in particular is doing very well, delivering 30 babies per day. While there are electrical outages in the hospital, as there are throughout Kosovo at this time, the hospital does have a back-up generator that supports the hospital's emergency operations and babies are not being delivered by candle light. The water supply is affected when the electricity goes out, though I am still waiting for confirmation that the hospital has hot water.

The electrical outages and consequently water supply problems are issues that are not unique to the hospital, and they are being addressed as part of the overall international effort to fully restore these services. I have asked USAID/DART for more information on the status of efforts to fully restore these services, overall and in the context of Pristina.