To ensure that maintenance becomes an integrated and sustained part of health management, a maintenance committee must be formed to plan, define, and organize the programme.

The committee should be responsible for the organization and management of all activities. This will also include delegation of responsibilities and definition of available resources. Such resources, apart from financial funding, will include private donations, community support, and other official organizations.

How to form a maintenance committee:

The number of people to be selected for a maintenance committee will depend on the size of the health institution and the kind of people to be chosen might also be different. However, the diagram on the left shows a typical example of selection.
"FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE"

- long term members
- administration
- scheduled meetings
- prepare agendas
- make minutes
- planning
- action
- follow-up

The maintenance committee is formed when all its members have been appointed or selected.

People selected for the maintenance committee must be secured as members for at least one year. It is, however, important that some members stay for more than one year to ensure that there is continuity and the whole committee is not changed at the same time. This continuity is particularly important if the chairperson is changed. The first thing the committee should do is to decide when, where and how often it should meet. Once a month will probably be enough—with additional meetings if any emergency arises.

An agenda should be prepared and distributed among the members at least one week before every meeting.

For record, minutes of the meetings must be prepared after each meeting where decisions are taken or plans made. The chairman can before the meeting appoint one of the members to take minutes.
ADMINISTRATION

To make a maintenance programme in a health institution function, requires proper administration whether it is small or big.

Administration in form of paperwork and a lot of forms to be filled should be minimized as much as possible. However, a few forms are still required to make the necessary planning and administration in the following main areas:

- Registration
- Objectives
- Quarterly planning/follow-up

Below is a diagram showing formats, which can be used by the administration to organize the maintenance program from the phase of registration to budget follow-up and evaluation.
DRAWING A GROUND PLAN

- entrance, roads, and walkways
- parking area
- border of the compound/fence
- larger trees and bushes

For later identification, the buildings should be given letters e.g. A, B, C etc. and under the drawing, or attached, the number and function of the rooms for each building should be indicated. An example is given to the left.

After finishing the drawing with registration of buildings and rooms, you have a tool, which, apart from fast identification, now also makes it easier for you to plan and carry out maintenance work.

You can for instance make sketches on a copy of the ground plan if you are planning to construct a new building, make an extension or if you just want to make a drainage system away from the buildings. The last is shown as an example below.

Before starting any planning for maintenance it is advised to make a drawing of the health institution grounds showing all the buildings and other facilities. By doing so you will get a very good impression of the health institution.

The finished drawing will depend on who is making it, but the following data must be shown on the ground plan:

- buildings
- water tower/storage tank
- septic tank
REGISTRATION
WHEN WAS THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED AND HOW?

While making the ground plan drawing we identified the buildings and rooms by giving them letters and numbers.

In order to get a clear picture of the building design and construction as well as to develop a filing system for the physical facilities it is important to collect additional information such as the building's year of construction and materials used. This exercise is normally done only once. Additional registration will only be required by extension of a building or new construction.

The following three forms are to be used for the registration:

- Format A1 - registration internal
- Format A2 - registration external
- Format A3 - registration compound

Internal: For the internal registration, one form must be filled for each room and should contain information as shown on the next page, A1.

External: To do the external registration only one format is required for each building, A2

Compound: Only one format is needed to collect the data required for the compound, namely A3
### Registration of Physical Facilities

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**Registration: Building Internal**

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**Maintenance Section - Format A1**

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**EXAMPLE**

- Maintenance section - Format A1

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INSPECTION AND PRIORITY:

Now we know that inspections must be made regularly and on quarterly basis. We also know that we must make additional inspections before and after rainy seasons and storms. In this manner a lot of information can be collected about damaged structures that will have to be repaired. Now comes the question:

**In which order do we do the repairs?**

To find out we will need to prioritize the work to be done; according to how important we consider it. However, in order to meet fundamental needs of a health institution as well as securing the basic building structures there are some issues that always should be given special attention and a high priority as a rule of thumb.

- Access to water
- Sewerage and hygiene
- Water proof roofs
- Healthy foundations

When planning preventive maintenance, the following must always be prioritized.

1. Dry foundations and walls: – avoid erosion - drain water away from the buildings
2. Waterproof roofs: Make slope – drain water away, cut hanging branches
INSPECTION FORMATS:

The quarterly routine inspections are carried out in three headings and by using the following formats.

**BUILDING INTERNAL**  format A4  
**BUILDING EXTERNAL**  format A5  
**COMPOUND**  format A6  

Each of the three formats has a heading at the top-end that is very important to fill-out correctly for each quarter.
To reduce the volume of paperwork and make an easier understanding the formats are made simple and should only contain short descriptions of work to be done together with a given priority of either HIGH or LOW. Make sure to list your priorities wisely and by following the previously given instructions.

For identification and later references it is very important that you fill in the correct identification letters given for buildings, followed by the room number if it is for building’s internal.

**Minor maintenance repair to be done:**
The building structure, which is damaged and need repair should be filled in this column with, if possible, only one word.

**Short description of work to be done:**
The description in this column must equally be as short and precise as possible. However, more rows can be used if required.

**Priority:**
High or low priority should be given for the repair, according to how urgent and damaged the structure is.
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**Inspection: Building Internal**

**Region:** West

**District:** Akwida West

**Institution:** Soman Health C.

**Building Year:** 1997

**Prepared By:** Mr. Jackson

**Quarter:**

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**Maintenance Section - Form A2**
Before planning and budgeting for the first quarter it is advised to look on the biggest and most urgent repairs you would like to have done over the year.

The first inspection in the year will give you an idea of the condition of the institution in general, and from these findings you should make the following main objectives for the year:

- **OBJECTIVES FOR REHABILITATION**
  format B1

- **OBJECTIVES FOR MAINTENANCE**
  format B2

Format B1 for rehabilitation objectives must contain information for bigger and more costly repair works, which in most cases will need to be carried out by a contractor. The format should on request be handed over to the Reg. Estate Officer, since the information is valuable when planning for rehabilitation and a later evaluation.

Format B2 for maintenance objectives are filled to give an overall picture of minor repairs of importance to be completed before the end of the year.

**WORKPLANS AND EVALUATION**

By giving priority, the main objectives can now be put in a yearly planning and incorporated into quarterly work plans. The information is mostly for internal use and should be used as a guideline for the maintenance committee when making evaluation of the quarterly work plans.
## OBJECTIVES FOR REHABILITATION

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**Main Objectives for the Year:**

- New windows: (1) B112, (2) B117, (3) B119, (4) B125
- New doors: 6, 711 in main buildings
- New sewerage system - building 3 and 4
- New roof, walls and installations for main supply
- Renovation of kitchen and 5 toilets
- New water tank (roof) and booster pump
- New corridor in assembly hall

## OBJECTIVES FOR MAINTENANCE REPAIRS

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**Main Objectives for the Year:**

- Repair of walkways
- New fence around the compound
- Repair of cracks in 2. Gates
- Planting of trees and flowers
- Repair of ditches and gutters
- Repair of windows and doors
- Repair of chairs and tables
- Repair of locks and keys
- Adjust and repair W.C. - toilets

*Maintenance section - Format B 2*
COST AND RESOURCES

An important issue when planning and making budgets for maintenance repair is the cost involved and resources available. Without a proper and well-planned budget the work plans cannot be put into action, or if tried after all, the resources might be exhausted at an early stage resulting in work being stopped.

Fortunately, maintenance repair do not normally require a big contractors with a team of skilled personnel to carry out the work as major repair of this kind is to be considered as rehabilitation and not maintenance. However, on a smaller scale all the issues are the same and should be dealt with carefully when planning.

**Material costs.** For most preventive maintenance jobs, costing involves only the costs of the materials as the maintenance person on the institution can execute the work himself.

**Materials + labour.** In some situations of more regular maintenance repairs you might sometimes need help from a skilled labourer e.g. an electrician, carpenter or plumber and accordingly include this extra cost.

**Materials + transport + contractor.** In rare cases you might even need a contractor for a short period. For instance in an emergency situation where a storm have pulled up trees and wind blown off parts of pitched roofs leaving the inside rooms none functional. You will have to add the expense for the contractor for material costs and transport.

Finally it is very important you keep records on all completed jobs as the records of past and similar works can be guidelines and help estimating costs of new maintenance jobs.
The last step before repair work can start will be to find out:

- how much money do we have?
- how much will the repair cost?

In order to administer the maintenance funds available and make budget for planned activities we need to use 3 forms that must be filled and kept up to date quarterly. The formats are:

- maint. funds – balance sheet
  format C1
- planning & budget - minor repairs
  format C2
- unforeseen expenditures
  format C3

C1 is the format where we keep records of all available maintenance funds and the total balance at the end of the quarter after expenditures have been deducted.

C2. This format is used for planning of minor repairs. Make sure that you don’t plan to spend all the maintenance funds here as nothing then will be left for unforeseen and emergency repairs. The format has to be filled out in two steps. First step when making the planning and estimate for minor repairs, secondly after the actual cost is known after works has been completed.

The total cost of materials + labour is transferred to format C1 as expenditures.

C3. As mentioned, you will need to reserve an amount for unforeseen expenditures. As for C2 this format will also have to be filled in two times. When you make the cost estimate, and after you know the actual cost, which is then transferred to C1 as expenditures.
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MAINTENANCE FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET

TOTAL ALLOCATED FUNDS THIS YEAR: £20,000

1st QUARTER ALLOCATION: £6,000

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BUDGET & RESOURCE PLANNING

The maintenance committee decides what work should be done on the basis of the activities listed in the plan and budget formats (C2) – making sure that they do not spend more than what is budgeted for.

It is not useful to plan activities if all the resources needed are not available or cannot be obtained when required. It is very important that the committee looks at exactly what resources are needed before deciding that the work is to be started.

For example, if for one reason or another, it is not possible to get all the cement that is needed for a job, then another activity should be chosen – an activity where ALL the resources can be obtained.

Work that is “disqualified” in this way – because of lack of resources should be done on the basis of priority – the job with the lowest priority should be “disqualified” first.

When planning work, it is important to know where, and when, materials and other resources can be obtained. If there is a 4-month delivery time for cement, then all the jobs, which involve using cement should be planned from when it can be delivered – unless the institution has some in stock or can obtain it from another supplier.

In general it is advised that larger health institutions build-up and maintain a smaller stock of the most commonly used materials, provided that the storage facilities are well secured.
ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES

The maintenance committee of the institution will be responsible for most of the work to be done – both planning, execution and evaluation. However, as the committee cannot do all jobs themselves, it's important that a system is built-up to delegate the work. In general we categorize work as follows:

- daily routines
- weekly and monthly routines
- planned minor repairs
- contractor jobs.

The daily, weekly and monthly routines is considered as preventive maintenance as it is all small jobs which are done even when nothing is broken. It is done to avoid damage.

The maintenance person in the institution can normally carry out this kind of jobs.

However, sometimes for the planned minor repairs, which the maintenance committee has to plan for quarterly, it can become necessary to have some help from outside such as artisans. If helpers are also needed, the committee should try to organize community participation and support. The jobs in the committee should be delegated and one person must be appointed to coordinate and supervise the work.

If funds and resources allows, bigger repairs can be started with the help of a contractor. In this case it is advised that the committee contact either the District head office or the Regional Estate manager for technical support and advise in setting-up a contract and for supervision.
COST AND RESOURCE EVALUATION

An overall assessment of the maintenance programme must be made once a year which also should include the work done by the committee as well as the total resources used at the end of the 12 month period.

The work of the committee can be evaluated by getting each member of the committee to make a report to the chairperson on what they have done within their area of responsibility. The chairperson will use the reports – together with the regular status reports throughout the year- to make an annual evaluation report covering all the aspects of the maintenance work.

Evaluation could include the following:

- Performance of the maint. committee
- Major constrains and achievements.
- Co-operation between the committee, local community, district assembly work groups and others involved.
- Communication to district and regional officials.
- Meetings and follow-up from regional estate managers and other officials.
- Were the work planned actually done?
- Was there a surplus or deficit in the planned maintenance budget?
- Were the resources adequate?
- Response from District and Region?
- Level of assistance provided?

A resource evaluation should be based on a comparison of the planned and actual amounts of resources used. This should only be done on those activities where the resources used were greater than the budgeted. In this way experience will be gained that can be used when making the next quarterly maintenance plan. In other words, if the total actual cost of a maintenance activity on format C2 shows greater cost than budgeted for, then it should be examined to find out why and how it actually happened.
REPORTING PROCEDURES

There are three levels of reporting:

1. From sub-district to District
2. From District to Region
3. From Region to Headquarters

Reports must include:

1. **From sub-district to District**
   - Minutes of maintenance committee meetings
   - Maintenance budgets and plans
   - Building inspection reports
   - Progress on capital development

2. **From District to Region**
   - Minutes of maintenance meetings
   - Building inspection reports
   - Quarterly/annual maintenance plans and budgets
   - Critical areas of concern for maintenance

3. **From Region to Headquarters**
   - Aggregate of district reports
   - Critical areas of concern for headquarters
   - Update project profiles at the national level
   - Minutes of meeting held
   - Building inspection reports.

Reporting responsibilities are further indicated in the maintenance manuals.

At all levels, feedback reporting is necessary to complete and sustain the reporting cycle.
CHECKLIST: INTERNAL BUILDING

FLOORS
- materials: concrete, terrazzo, tiles, linoleum - other
- general condition
- cracks and holes
- rot/infestation
- joints
- floor wall junction
- stability
- surface finish
- damp/water penetration

WALLS
- materials: bricks, concrete, concrete blocks - other
- construction
- general condition
- surface finish
- stability
- damp/water penetration
- condition of floor/wall junction
- condition of wall/ceiling/roof junction
- joints to doors and windows
- rot/infestation
- cracks and holes

CEILINGS
- materials: timber, plywood, plaster, sheeting – other
- construction
- general condition/sign of leaks
- ceiling members/support
- surface finish
- stability
- damp/water/dust penetration
- condition of wall/ceiling/roof junction
- fastening and joints
- rot/infestation
- cracks/holes
- fittings
SANITATION AND SEWERAGE
- cracks and holes in wash basins
- condition of toilet bowls and seats
- support of wash basins and cisterns
- flushing effect in toilet cisterns
- condition of water taps
- wall mounted fittings
- shower heads/water pipes/fastening and joints
- joints from water pipe to floor, walls and ceilings
- gullies and water traps
- correct slope on floors in wet rooms
- drainage effect of disposed water and sewerage

DOORS AND WINDOWS
- materials: wood/metal
- construction
- operational condition
- surface treatment/finish
- water/wind/dust penetration
- joints and stability
- door locks
- hinges
- storm hooks and door stoppers
- rot/infestation
- cracks/holes
- breakage
- ironmongery/fitting
- mosquito net
- security locks/fitting

FURNITURE
- description: chairs, tables, beds, desks, shelves, cupboards etc.
- material: wood/metal - other
- operational condition
- joints - stable/not stable
- breakage
- surface treatment and finish
CHECKLIST: BUILDING EXTERNAL

ROOFS
- material: concrete/cgi-sheets/asbestos/clay tiles/slate/that's – other
- construction: flat/pitched/slope
- general condition
- specific damage, if any
- surface finish
- roof support
- fastening system
- stability
- damp/water penetration
- condition of wall/roof junction
- access to roof
- rot/infestation
- cracks and holes
- unwanted growth of vegetation
- hanging branches from trees
- water run-off and gutters

WALLS
- material: brick/concrete/concrete blocks/stone – other
- construction
- anchoring of roof structure to wall
- general condition
- joint to foundation
- cracks and holes
- stability
- surface and finish
- damp/water penetration
- condition of wall/ceiling/roof junction
- bonding and joints
- finish of wall openings for doors and windows
- slope away under windows
- rot or fungi attack in wall/plaster
CHECKLIST: BUILDING EXTERNAL

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

- water source: town supply, bore hole well – other
- water storage: ground/roof tanks and tower if any
- booster pumps
- water pipes and joints
- tap stands and washbasins
- drain pipes from roofs
- waste pipes for water
- gullies/drains
- manholes
- inspection chambers
- septic tanks
- soak-away pits
- pit latrines/water closets

Diagram of a water supply system
A GENERAL NOTE ON MAINTENANCE

- Construction and maintenance goes hand in hand in ensuring that users have a pleasant environment and good working conditions. Where construction stops, maintenance takes over and continues right through the lifespan of the building.
- Maintenance contributes towards extending the lifespan and usefulness of a facility through regular care.
- The extent of repairs can be minimized by treating them before they become large and difficult to repair.
- Take care of your building and it will in return take care of you.
- There are mainly two kinds of maintenance.

Corrective maintenance
- Dealing with small repairs detected early
- Unplanned or emergency repairs
- Neglected problems which can lead to large and expensive repairs

Preventive maintenance
- Maintenance carried out as a routine in order to avoid a problem, depending on the component. These routines can be at the following frequencies.
- Daily
- Weekly
- Component specific
The following pages offers a system for such routines.