

Ajman to Spend Dh431m on Hospitals and Services

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AJMAN // The emirate will spend Dh431 million (US\$117m) this year on improving health services by building new hospitals and health centres including a world class maternity hospital, a senior health official said today.

The Dh200m hospital specialising in gynaecology and obstetrics will have about 140 beds including a maternity ward, said Hamad al Shamsi, the head of the Ajman health district and director of Sheikh Khalifa Hospital.

“We have tried to make it to international standards.

“It will be opened 24 hours a day with three operation rooms and an intensive care room for children,” he said.

A new general hospital is also being built in Masafat with up to 100 beds and a 24-hour accident and emergency centre. Mr Shamsi said four more health centres were planned in the emirate, while a specialist dental hospital with 12 clinics was due to be completed this year. Sheikh Khalifa Hospital, the biggest in the emirate, will be expanded this year with the addition of 160 beds, bringing the total to 550, and an increase in the number of doctors from 70 to 94, including an additional 18 Emirati doctors. The number of nurses will increase from 220 to 248, including six Emiratis.

“We have also introduced new sections in the hospital such as a brain surgery section, nerves and kidney surgery sections, and will soon open the mental health clinic,” Mr Shamsi said. Officials this month submitted a draft proposal to the Ministry of Health for a diabetes centre costing Dh20m.

A project for providing improved services in preventive medicine, motherhood, childhood and school health is also planned for completion next September at a cost of Dh50m.