

> **DAR ES SALAAM**

## **Patients from Zanzibar to benefit from subsidised open heart surgery in India**

The Lions Club of Dar es Salaam (Host) in collaboration with Regency Medical Centre and the Zanzibar Ministry of Health has sent a group of 11 heart patients, all from Zanzibar, for subsidised open heart surgery treatment at Escorts Heart Hospital located in New Delhi, India.

The group of patients and their escorts left the country on Tuesday aboard Emirates Airline flight. Dr Ali Amour accompanied them from Zanzibar, according to a statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The treatment of the patients, whose youngest is aged 9 months, is expected to last for three weeks. Escorts Heart Hospital is one of the world's renowned cardiac centres of excellence, which has offered very subsidised rates of heart surgery to Tanzania Heart Babies under Lions banner.

The total cost of Heart Surgery package irrespective of complications and duration of stay would be \$2,000 and extra valve or stent will be charged extra. The upkeep of the patient and mother for the three weeks period will be \$700. **(The Citizen Reporter)**