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Crumbling facilities hamper retention of EHA physicians



Many of EHA's locations are in dire need of upgraded or additional staff housing of one type or another. Accommodations are needed for doctors, nurses, or other professionals. Married doctors often live in small homes, student nurses live in dormitories, and single doctors live in units like studio apartments. EHA provides housing for the staff on the hospital grounds because in most cases the settings demand it. Satisfactory housing in the towns and small cities where EHA's hospitals are located simply doesn't exist.

The rationale for housing staff on the grounds has multiple layers:

SUITABILITY

Often there is a lack of affordable and appropriate housing in rural areas

SAFETY

Sometimes areas near EHA hospitals are dangerous, so staff live inside campus walls

ACCESSIBILITY

Living on the hospital grounds makes staff available to provide care 24/7



Burrows Memorial Christian Hospital (BMCH) in Assam needs additional housing for single doctors. The current accommodations are crumbling and nearly unlivable. The two-unit proposed structures are modest, but will provide comfortable quarters for years to come. Each unit will house one person, and features a living room/bedroom combination, a tiny kitchen, a bathroom, and a small front porch/veranda.

These buildings are small. Each space, akin to a motel room, will be approximately 17 x 15, just over 250 sq ft. The construction cost for these two-unit buildings is \$15,000.

Providing a reasonably comfortable place to live for men and women serving as doctors at this busy healthcare facility in rural northeast India can help retain them in their positions.



Staff housing in many EHA locations is crumbling like this ramshackle shed at BMCH.



Artist's rendering of the fresh, new housing units planned—

Just \$15,000 each!

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