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IMOG Bobonaro District Ambulance Utilisation Report December 2009

- Total vehicle mileage (as at 16/12/09) 225,535 km
- Total travelled in Timor Leste (since June 2006) 59,723 km
- km travelled in 2009 (16/12/08 to 16/12/09) 29,900 km
- km travelled in 2008 (16/12/07 to 16/12/08) 24,309 km
- km travelled July 2007 to December 2007 (24/6/07 to 16/12/07) 5,514 km

Table 1: Rotary IMOG Ambulance Use 2009 – Number of patients

Month	Total Patients
December 2008	56
January 2009	75
February 2009	42
March 2009	79
April 2009	51
May 2009	57
June 2009	48
July 2009	49
August 2009	82
September 2009 [1]	7
October 2009 [1]	22
November 2009	78
Annual TOTAL	646
[1] Ambulance was off the road for 6 & ½ weeks during September / October 2009	

Table 2: Rotary IMOG Ambulance use 2009 - Categorised by illness / service type

Illness / Injury / Health Issue	Percentage of Total Patients
Women in labour	23%
Other obstetric care / emergencies	10%
Fever / Malaria	9%
Diarrhoea / Vomiting	9%
Injuries caused by accidents / trauma	11%
Asthma	3%
Other illness	35%

Notes and other things not shown in the statistics

- 'Other obstetric care / emergencies' are predominately post-partum problems and miscarriages.
- 'Other' category includes a lot of suspected tuberculosis cases, chest pains, seizures and pneumonia.



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- Approximately 7% of patients were children. It is likely that this number is so low as sick children are typically more quickly and easily transported to hospital on motorbikes.
- Distances travelled – during 2009 the ambulance travelled 30,000km. Whilst in Australia this would not be considered a lot of distance, in Timor this is a lot of driving! Many roads which the ambulance is travelling on have an average speed of no more than 10-20 kph. Some 40km journeys can take 3 hours. Many roads are extremely poor!
- Sometimes more than 1 patient takes opportunity to travel to referral hospital. This is not shown in the statistics as only the main patient is recorded.
- Reasons for trips are not always 100% accurate. Illnesses and reasons for trips recorded here are done so by ambulance driver only, not a trained medical professional. The categories of illness used here are deliberately broad.
- Not all trips are recorded. Sometimes drivers (other than the IMOG employed driver) use the vehicle and forget to record trips.
- Ambulance was off the road for 6 & ½ weeks during September / October 2009 for repairs.
- Bobonaro District has two other ambulances, only one of which is a 4WD. Statistics for these ambulances are not included here.