

## **P 39. KANGAROO BABY IN TROTRO AN-KODITRA PROGRAM**

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**Objective:** To identify the characteristics of infants included in the Trotro An-Koditra program at Befelatanana Maternity **Methodology:** Descriptive and analytic study of about 1450 preterm and low birth weight

**Results:** During the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2007 1450 babies born at Befelatanana Maternity were admitted to Trotro An-Koditra Unit. 638 are boys (44%) and 812 are girls (56%) Their average age at the admission: 8.5 days Average gestation age of the infants: 34 weeks 5 days Weight: 1600gr They had gained a weight of 10-15g per day. The mortality rate during the hospitalization is 5.6% (35% in the intensive neonatal care) Trotro An-Koditra position most of the time **Conclusion:** The implementation of the Trotro An-Koditra as a national health policy in Madagascar has made possible the improvement of the assistance to preterm and low birth weight babies